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New England Revolution Training Report: September 26, 2018

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Please [click here](#) to access interview footage from Tuesday's media availability previewing this Saturday's away match against Toronto FC (NBC Sports Boston – 7:30 p.m. ET), including quotes and footage from:

- [Head Coach Brad Friedel](#)
- [Forward Teal Bunbury](#)
- [Midfielder Scott Caldwell](#)
- [Defender Andrew Farrell](#)
- [Goalkeeper Brad Knighton](#)

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[New England Revolution Head Coach Brad Friedel](#)

On last Saturday's match against Chicago and the MLS Cup Playoff race:

Coach Friedel: "Obviously disappointed with the result. Not disappointed with the performance. We had 72 percent of the ball, and after looking at the stats, [we had] 500-plus passes to their low-200s [passes] or something of that nature. Lots and lots of opportunities. A really good second-half performance. We gave away two silly goals, so that's that game. A bit surprised in the result, the Philly one [against Sporting Kansas City], but I still stand by what I said. I don't think it's going to be as smooth sailing for them the rest of the season. And Montreal, it's in our grasp. We have the game in hand on them and we play them at home on the last game of the season. We will need a little bit of help in one or two of the games with D.C., but it's still all there to play for. We have a massively important game on Saturday."

On how clean and mistake-free the team needs to be down the stretch:

Coach Friedel: "It doesn't necessarily need to be clean, we just need to win. Sometimes you get results where we don't play the best, and sometimes you don't get results when you do deserve it like the [LA] Galaxy game, for instance. You never know what can transpire, but I stand by we're in every single game that we play. I'll say it again – it's like a broken record – other than the second-half performance in Montreal, we're in every single game that we play. Very competitive group. We're going to be fighting until the end and there's absolutely no reason why we can't win out the rest of the season, but we have to take it one game at a time and the next one is Toronto."

On Antonio Delamea serving a one-game yellow card suspension this weekend:

Coach Friedel: "Toni [Antonio Delamea] is out, which is a miss. I thought Toni played very well on the weekend, but Jalil [Anibaba] is ready to go. Jalil has been excellent all season for us, and he'll play alongside Michael [Mancienne], so there's no issue there."

On Guillermo Hauché's debut against Chicago:

Coach Friedel: "I think in the first 10-15 minutes, he had more touches in the team's attacking third than we had in the first half. He's a very, very good player in the opponent's attacking half of the field. He knows how to unlock defenses and we're just going to try to get him up to match speed as quickly as possible. He'll no doubt be able to help us going forward."

On Saturday's matchup with Toronto FC:

Coach Friedel: "I think it's going to be an exciting one. We need to win. They need to win. They're in a little bit more of a desperate situation than we are. Both teams are going to want to attack. Again, no secrets – they're going to want to pass, we're going to want to press, and I think there's going to be a lot of chances. Hopefully, we can do our defensive work very, very good and resolutely. Hopefully, we can get off to a good start like we did at home against them."

New England Revolution Midfielder Scott Caldwell

On the adjustments made in training ahead of Toronto:

Caldwell: "No matter what we do in training, it has to result in three points this weekend in the game. We'll definitely look at what Toronto has done in their past games, especially in their home ones, and look to take advantage of what they give us – create more, score more, and concede less."

On avoiding mistakes this weekend:

Caldwell: "We'll have to work together as a team. It's going to take a collective effort like always, and we'll have to keep it a clean sheet."

On Guillermo Hauché's debut:

Caldwell: "Ever since he stepped on the training field, I've thought he's done a really nice job. I thought he did an excellent job when he came in, brought an energy that we might have lacked a little bit in the first half. He did a great job and now we just have to keep moving on to next week."

On the confidence of the back line:

Caldwell: "We've had rotations throughout the whole season in every position really, and we'll have guys step up. Jalil [Anibaba] will be great if called upon, and we just collectively have to do better than we did last weekend."

On the importance of this weekend's match:

Caldwell: "We need to get a win and three points. If we don't, then we're just going to keep shooting ourselves in the foot and make it even more difficult to make the jump into the playoffs."

New England Revolution Forward Teal Bunbury

On the team's mentality going forward:

Bunbury: "The biggest thing is that we have to focus on what we can control. Obviously, we're going to want to look at other results and how D.C. does, how Montreal does, but ultimately, we have to go out there and our mindset is to try to win every game, starting with Toronto on the weekend. All we want is three points. Our mindset will be to stay focused, get ready with the game plan and execute no matter what. If we've got to grind out a win – if we're up or down a goal – we just have to stay locked in."

On learning from past results:

Bunbury: "We try to learn from each of our games – games that we've won, tied, lost, games that we should've won. I think the biggest thing is staying positive. It's a long season. There are ups and downs, and we kind of hit a rough patch, but I think we're on a positive note right now. We're getting some good results – granted, we wanted three points at home [against Chicago], but I believe we're trending in the right way. With five games remaining, it's going to be tough. It's not going to be easy, but this is what we train all year for, have a preseason for, and want to play for."

On the importance of receiving contributions from a variety of players:

Bunbury: “I think it’s huge. Obviously, myself, Diego [Fagundez], Juan [Agudelo] or [Cristian] Penilla want to be scoring more, but to get goals all across the board, I think it’s important. I think it just showcases that we have a lot of quality, and anybody, really, on this team can make an impact, whether it is scoring, whether it’s working their tail off all game long, and it’s been important for us.”

On Guillermo Hauché’s first appearance:

Bunbury: “It was great for him, because he was only here for a short amount of time, and I feel like he came in and he was a spark. There are little things tactically that I think that just with time he’ll get used to, but his energy he brought, his ball movement – he seemed comfortable on the ball. I feel like his fitness is alright, so it’s another positive piece that is going to be helpful for us.”

On facing Toronto, a team that builds out of the back:

Bunbury: “I think it suits our style. They’re comfortable on the ball, but we enjoy being able to press teams. They’re going to be playing at home, so they’re going to feel even more comfortable and we just have to make sure that we’re taking our chances and we have to try to drive the game, because we need to go in there and get three points. We can’t be complacent. It’s going to be a really good matchup.”

[New England Revolution Defender Andrew Farrell](#)

On the team’s mentality ahead of facing Toronto:

Farrell: “I think we’re kind of still focusing on ourselves. Obviously, now every game is a must-win. Five games left, we’re going into a tough place in Toronto. I know they need to win. Everyone at the end of this stretch needs to get wins and get points, so we’re looking to get three at Toronto and see where we can go from there. We’ve just got to focus on the next game and score some more goals.”

On facing Toronto’s weapons on the attack:

Farrell: “They’ve got a great team. Jozy Altidore’s been playing well, [Jonathan] Osorio’s been scoring a lot of goals, [Sebastian] Giovinco’s always being Giovinco, and [Michael] Bradley is that force that they have in the midfield, so it’s going to be a tough task. They’ve got a lot of good players. We’ve matched up with them well in the past, so we’re looking forward to watching their tape from the earlier game, and hopefully come out with three points.”

On playing without Antonio Delamea this weekend:

Farrell: “Obviously, Toni [Antonio Delamea] is an important player for us and an important defender, but three guys have been rotating in when people have been out with yellow card accumulation, travel and what not. I think we have good depth at center back. All three of those guys are really good players for us. Jalil [Anibaba] will step in most likely and do a good job, like he has been all year, so we won’t skip a beat without Toni [Delamea]. Obviously, we’ll miss a player of that quality, but Jalil [Anibaba] can step up.”

On Guillermo Hauché’s debut:

Farrell: “I think he did well. I think he showed well. He came in and created some chances going forward. I think he’s still getting used to speaking with a lot of the guys on the field, and you know, [speaking] Spanish only, trying to get used to some of the teammates. But I think he did well, and he’s a great player on and off the field. He showed what he can do to help us, and hopefully he can help us get this push and get into the playoffs.”

On the importance of Saturday’s match:

Farrell: “No matter who we’re playing, I think with five games left in the season we have to get three points, no matter what. Toronto, they’re fighting as well, so it’s going to be a scrappy game. It always is against them, especially in this position. We’re both trying to get into the last two spots. It’s a very crucial game for us, and it’s a must win.”

[New England Revolution Goalkeeper Brad Knighton](#)

On going into the last few weeks of the regular season:

Knighton: “The mindset is still positive. Obviously, we felt like we dropped two points at home on the weekend, but we still believe that we’ve got a chance. We’ve got a game in hand on Montreal and we play them again at the end of the season, so everything sets us up for success at the end of the year, and we’re looking to continue that going into Toronto this weekend.”

On avoiding mistakes in the last five games:

Knighton: “It’s got to be clean. We need to do everything – everything’s under a microscope right now. Everything’s got to be done professionally, everything’s got to be done to the best it can be done, and hopefully no more mistakes happen. Those things do happen and they creep up. It’s just magnified a bit more at the end of the season when these points mean so much to us.”

On the benefit of having familiarity on the back line:

Knighton: “It’s huge. There’s competition at every spot, like the manager says, and Jalil [Anibaba] and Toni [Antonio Delamea] played unbelievably at LAFC when Michael [Mancienne] was back home with his baby. These guys can step in at any given notice and wait for their number to be called on, and I don’t expect us to skip a beat come Saturday.”

On facing Toronto’s attacking weapons:

Knighton: “For us, it’s take what we can going forward, but also acknowledging what they have in the attacking third. If we can keep an eye on [Sebastian] Giovinco, Jozy [Altidore], and [Jonathan] Osorio, we should be okay. It’s just a matter of thinking about the worst possible thing that could happen and not worrying so much about what we do in the attack – it’s how we react defensively and [being] sound defensively.”

On Guillermo Hauché’s debut:

Knighton: “I think he’s brought a spark. I think he’s brought a light to the team. You saw when he came on, he’s got a bit of a bite, that bit of aggressiveness, a bit of knack towards goal that we’re looking for. Obviously, his fitness isn’t up to where it needs to be and hopefully over these next couple of weeks he can get to the levels that we’re at. They’re working with him on the side, as well as within the game. He brings a spark, adds a spark off the bench if need be, and he’s [someone] that we’re looking to use going forward these last five games.”

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