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## New England Revolution Training Report: October 3, 2018

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Please [click here](#) to access interview footage from Tuesday's media availability previewing this Saturday's away match against Atlanta United FC (Univision / Twitter.com – 3:30 p.m. ET), including quotes and footage from:

- [Head Coach Brad Friedel](#)
- [Midfielder Kelyn Rowe](#)
- [Defender Andrew Farrell](#)
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### [New England Revolution Head Coach Brad Friedel](#)

#### ***On approaching the season's final four games and trying to stay alive in the playoff hunt:***

**Coach Friedel:** "First thing, we have to look at the first half performance against Toronto, because a lot of it is going to be similar with playing Atlanta. I thought in the first half, watching it again sort of with a lot less emotion involved, it was fairly solid. A couple of things could be better, of course, but I never felt threatened or in jeopardy in any way, shape, or form. Second half, completely different – we were a completely different team mentality-wise. That can't happen against Atlanta, or any team for that matter. We have to go out and try to get the four wins. We're going to have to try to keep clean sheets. Maybe that was a decent thing to have happened in a strange way, that we now know we can't take anything for granted with regards to the level of work that you have to put in, because that's what defending is. It's a mentality, a concentration, and an effort scenario."

#### ***On if there's a particular facet of Atlanta's game the team will key in on:***

**Coach Friedel:** "Their transition game is very good. They have excellent players, but their main player is [Miguel] Almirón. He gets the ball in the open field. He creates most of their activity going forward. And I know [Josef] Martínez has the goals and he's a very good finisher, indeed, but a lot of their game is geared toward Almirón getting the ball in the open field and getting forward. So, that's something that we're going to have to try to look to stop."

#### ***On the importance of having patience against a team with so many weapons:***

**Coach Friedel:** "I think it's important that Atlanta should know we have some weapons as well. I don't think you can go in – and I don't think patience is the word to it – I think the intensity is a good word. I think having belief, having determination with what we're doing, and having bravery with and without the ball – I think those are more important than patience. I think the game is going to be an exciting one, and hopefully we do the right things defensively to be able to get on top."

### [New England Revolution Midfielder Kelyn Rowe](#)

***On what the team's mindset is entering the final four matches:***

**Rowe:** "That it's the end of the season and we can't keep doing this. We need to sort things out even though we've been doing this all year. We need to cancel out all these mistakes and move forward, so we know what we need to do in these next four games. We need to win. It's pretty obvious and we're looking to do so. We're going to train through the week and get ready for Atlanta, and move on after that."

***On starting at left back last Saturday:***

**Rowe:** "I think I settled in decently, just because I have done that type of role in previous years, but it's a little bit different in the sense of getting forward a lot more. I'm still a little hesitant in that I need to be a little more confident in myself. We looked at the video tape from the last game, and I'm guessing we're going to look at it again throughout the week, because I do need to have that little more confidence, that little more knowledge of how to play back there."

***On the team's approach to the final four matches:***

**Rowe:** "Everything's a must-win. You're going to have guys fighting on the practice field to get that final spot, because this is the big time. This is what every big player wants. It's down to crunch time, and can you pull it out? So for us, it's about one game at a time. We say it a lot, it's a must-win game. Hopefully we can come out and get a W."

***On Atlanta United FC:***

**Rowe:** "They're going to be, obviously, a very attacking team. They're doing very well this year. They're very good at home in front of their crowd, but if you can stop their attacking two, three, just from getting a head of steam – make them go backwards, frustrate them a little bit – they're not as good of a team and I think we can take advantage of them with our attacking threats going forward. But again, that comes down to us doing the work defensively for the whole 90 minutes, because at any time they've shown that they can have moments and finish those moments with the amount of goals that they have. We have to be smart, we have to be compact, and we have to have a mindset to defend first. We'll find goals, we've known that, so we have to be able to defend as a whole unit."

**[New England Revolution Defender Andrew Farrell](#)**

***On the last match against Toronto and the mindset moving forward:***

**Farrell:** "I thought in the first half – looking back at the past game – in the first half we showed well. I think we obviously did enough in the first half, if we had replicated that in the second half we would have walked away with three points, but obviously the second half [we] let it down. We watched the tape and there are a lot of things that are uncharacteristic of this team this year, and so that's the frustrating part. But we have everything to play for. Every game now is a must-win, so that's what the mentality has been, but obviously now every time we don't get full points, it makes it a shorter fuse that we need to hit on. So we have to go to Atlanta, they're a top team and obviously they lost this past weekend, but they're a team that we need to get three points from."

***On the team's balance after Scott Caldwell left the Toronto match with an ankle injury:***

**Farrell:** "Guys are going to have to step up and play that same role. Scotty [Caldwell] is a guy who is a big part of this team and it's a hard role to fill, but we've got guys who can step up and do that. Like I said, obviously it's frustrating just how the second half ended. It wasn't good enough from everybody, so we're frustrated about that."

***On Atlanta United FC:***

**Farrell:** "Obviously, you know the names that they have, the players that they have. You know we played them tough here at home, and I think we have equal weapons, so I think we can attack them well and create opportunities. It's more just can we hold up and can we shore up that backline and not allow them chances. It's going to be a tough task. They've got a great team, but obviously if we focus on ourselves – it's kind of similar to that LAFC game. They've got big names, big players, but if we can step up and do well, I think we can take the three points. Obviously we didn't in LA, but now we have a chance to."

## [New England Revolution Defender Michael Mancienne](#)

### ***On moving on from the loss at Toronto:***

**Mancienne:** “We’ve just got to learn from the mistakes of the game and brush it off, and make sure that doesn’t happen again. We know we’ve got four cup finals coming up now, and even though we did lose, there’s still a chance. Like I said, we’ve just got to brush it off, go into the game with a positive mindset and do the best that we can do and hopefully get the result.”

### ***On experienced players helping younger players adjust to late-season pressure:***

**Mancienne:** “It’s an experience thing. Obviously, you need the most experienced players out there guiding the young ones, because it is emotional, and sometimes you can play more with your heart than your head. That’s not always the best result, but I think with a balance, you need emotion to play in the game, because you know how big the game is and how much it means to you, so you’ll try 110 percent harder – not saying that no one tries hard anyway, but you’ll try even harder, do you know what I mean? But you have to balance that out and be clever with what you’re doing, as well, at the same time. You’ve got to think about what you’re doing on the pitch. But yeah, you need experienced players to obviously help guide maybe younger players or players that haven’t been in the situation where winning is crucial.”

### ***On if he is looking forward to playing a high-stakes game in Atlanta:***

**Mancienne:** “Of course. The big games are always the best games to play in. As a footballer, any footballer will tell you the big games are the games that everyone wants to play in anyway and look forward to the most. I’m really looking forward to this game. Hopefully we can go there and get a result. We surprised everyone by going to New York and getting a big result there, so I’m sure we can do it again.”

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