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## New England Revolution Training Report: October 16, 2018

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Please [click here](#) to access interview footage from Monday's media availability previewing this Thursday's away match against Real Salt Lake (NBC Sports Boston – 9:00 p.m. ET), including quotes and footage from:

- [Head Coach Brad Friedel](#)
- [Forward Teal Bunbury](#)
- [Midfielder Scott Caldwell](#)
- [Defender Michael Mancienne](#)

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

#### ***On the overall mentality heading into the final two games:***

**Coach Friedel:** “To win the games – that’s the primary objective. We’re still in the season and we still want to finish as high up on the table as we can. We want to get maximum points out of the next two games. I don’t think any time, as a pro, when you go out onto the field, whether it’s a friendly or a league game or a cup final, you’re going to want to go out to try to lose. It’s going to be important for the players to keep concentrating, keep focused, and work really hard to get maximum points out of the last two games.”

#### ***On whether there will be any change to the approach for the final two games:***

**Coach Friedel:** “Approach them the exact same. We’re going to start training today and people will fight for their places to get in the team on Thursday night and we’ll see if some new faces emerge, and if they do, that’s down to the work they put in, in the days of training – not to do with anything in where we are in the league position.”

#### ***On facing Real Salt Lake on Thursday:***

**Coach Friedel:** “They’re a very good team, especially when you play at their place. A little bit of altitude, a little bit of a journey, but we’re going to have two good days of training here then we’ll get on a plane tomorrow night and we’ll train on Wednesday. Again, I think it’s about us – I’ve said it all season long. I think we’re capable of beating anybody in the league and it’s a matter of concentrating, staying focused, playing as a group, and hopefully we can get a result on Thursday night.”

#### ***On the club breaking ground on the new Revolution Training Center:***

**Coach Friedel:** “In the press conference after the game, that was part of the exciting news I was referring to. It’s an incredible step forward for the club. For Jonathan [Kraft], Robert [Kraft], Brian [Bilello] and Mike Burns, they worked really hard behind the scenes to get this done. It’s a tremendous facility and it puts

the club in a huge step in the right direction. Again, it gives us another stepping stone to try to progress and train the group as we want to and to achieve the heights we want to get to.”

***On the potential of attracting talent with a new training facility:***

**Coach Friedel:** “It helps all around. When you try to sign big players from around the world, they’re used to seeing facilities of that nature. Obviously, what’s most important is what you have inside. It’s an incredible step in the right direction for the club. We’re very thankful, as a staff, and I know all the players are, that the Krafts have done this and we’ll get incredible use from it and hopefully we can repay them with winning things.”

**[New England Revolution Forward Teal Bunbury](#)**

***On Saturday’s win over Orlando City:***

**Bunbury:** “I think whenever you win, it’s huge. It’s tough – third year in a row not making the playoffs and you train all year to put yourself in a good opportunity to make it to the playoffs, so it’s tough for all of the guys. I’d be lying if I said it didn’t affect me or the rest of the players. We know it affected the fans as well, because we did put a lot of work in, but we let too many points slip away from us, and I think it was a good response from us to showcase to the fans what we have. Coach [Friedel] stressed before the game that, hey, this is essentially the start of next season for us, so let’s kind of start on the right foot’, and I was pleased with everybody’s performance.”

***On winning in front of the fans at home:***

**Bunbury:** “I hope they enjoyed that. I hope they were able to have fun. They’ve been supporting us all year long, and it’s been a pretty tough year and I was just pleased and happy that we were able to get three points, get a win at home in front of them. We’ll have one more home game and hopefully we can do that again.”

***On the team’s overall mentality moving forward:***

**Bunbury:** “I think it’s trying to build and trying to continue to get wins, because that always makes everything easier to handle. [Coach Friedel] kind of stressed about tryouts, essentially for players next year and contracts and things like that. I think every player all year long is training and playing like that, so it’s going to be another opportunity against Real Salt Lake and then our last home game so that players can showcase themselves to the coaching staff, to the fans and also to each other [to show] that we deserve to be here, and that we can look forward to next year.”

***On Isaac Angking making his home debut:***

**Bunbury:** “He’s had a tough year, personally, but playing-wise, he’s a talented kid and a great person. He’s great in the locker room, but he has a lot of potential, a lot of skills and he brings a lot to the team. I was happy for him and I know the rest of the guys were really happy for him to get his home debut in front of his family, friends, and fans, so that was a great moment for him.”

***On facing Real Salt Lake on Thursday:***

**Bunbury:** “They’re going to push. For them, it’s playoff implications, and for us, we’re going there to win the game. For us, obviously, we’re out of the playoffs, but we still want to win, we still want to play good football, and that’s going to be our mindset.”

***On the club breaking ground on the new Revolution Training Center:***

**Bunbury:** “This is huge for the program – I can’t stress that enough. Not just for all the players and the first team, but the Academy. It’s something that has been needed for a long time, and I’m really proud that I’m here and a part of that. I know the rest of the guys in the locker room are really proud, happy and grateful to the Krafts, to [Brian] Bilello, to [Mike] Burns to everybody who’s kind of put that together. It’s going to be a special place, and I’m really excited to get going and start training there.”

**[New England Revolution Midfielder Scott Caldwell](#)**

***On the importance of Saturday's victory:***

**Caldwell:** "With the disappointing news, we knew we put ourselves in that situation. Coach [Friedel] brought up a good point before [the game]. Everyone has to be prepared now to turn our attention to next year, so getting a win and hopefully getting a few more to end the season will give us some confidence to end the season – kind of bring the team together collectively and really look forward to the next year, building in the offseason, and continuing to get prepared and get better."

***On getting three points in front of the fans:***

**Caldwell:** "We hadn't been getting results at home – a lot of ties in recent games – and I hope that it gives them a little bit of confidence in us and makes them excited for things to come. All we can do is continue to play hard and try to win more for them and it was good to get that win this weekend."

***On finishing Saturday with a clean sheet:***

**Caldwell:** "Our backline was excellent dealing with [Orlando's] forwards and on the breaks, so I think they took care of most of it. We were able to keep them locked into our attacking half a lot of the game, and I think that everyone collectively did a very nice job, defensively."

***On Isaac Angking making his home debut:***

**Caldwell:** "Isaac [Angking] is great. He's a tremendous player, he works hard every day and I thought he did very well on the night. He brought us some energy late in the game and he made a nice play – almost could have had an assist and just did well overall."

***On facing Real Salt Lake this Thursday:***

**Caldwell:** "They're a very good team. They're sitting on the line, I believe, and they need to get a win, but so do we. We want to end the season strong. It's going to take another collective team effort on the road and we're prepared to go out and try to get a win."

***On the club breaking ground on the new Revolution Training Center:***

**Caldwell:** "It's very exciting news. Hopefully, sometime next year we'll be able to move into the training facility and have the new training ground. It's very exciting to see that step that the club is taking and they've done a great job and we're all just looking forward to it."

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

***On the group's primary objectives in the season's final two games:***

**Mancienne:** "To pick up points [and] to win both games. I think it's really important for the team, especially going into next season. Next season starts now. You want to pick up the wins and go into next season off the back of two wins. That's a great boost for morale in the team, and that'll get us going."

***On the team's overall mindset going into the last two weeks:***

**Mancienne:** "I think we're going into the games how we would if we still had a chance to go to the playoffs. I think we've just got to win, go in with the same mental preparation and try to get the points. It's going to be important for us, as a team, to grow for next season."

***On earning the clean sheet at home:***

**Mancienne:** "It does wonders for the team. It does wonders for the changing room. Everyone's kind of relaxed today because, obviously, we won comfortably, but it just shows you what we can do. We need to take that into next season. We need to be positive and play in that same kind of way for next season. We need to bring that forward. The next two games are so important for us, because we need to carry that on and show that we can do that."

***On playing at a higher elevation against Real Salt Lake:***

**Mancienne:** "The only experience I've had is probably in preseason, training in Austria, playing at elevation. Apart from that, never during the season. It's going to be a new experience for me and I'm looking forward to it."

***On the club breaking ground on the new Revolution Training Center:***

**Mancienne:** “It’s massive. It shows that the club’s going in the right direction and exciting times are ahead. [The Krafts] obviously believe in the club, which is good for us. We’ve got to do well and reciprocate what they’re doing for us by giving us a new training ground. We’ve got to do well for them next season. It’s really exciting times.”

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