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## **New England Revolution Training Report: October 24, 2018**

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Please [click here](#) to access interview footage from Tuesday's media availability previewing this Sunday's home match and season finale against the Montreal Impact (NBC Sports Boston – 4:30 p.m. ET), including quotes and footage from:

- [Head Coach Brad Friedel](#)
- [Forward Juan Agudelo](#)
- [Midfielder Zachary Herivaux](#)
- [Goalkeeper Brad Knighton](#)

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

#### ***On responding to Thursday's loss in Sunday's finale:***

**Coach Friedel:** "It's important for a lot of reasons. Montreal has a lot to play for, so I think it's only right that we give maximum effort to make sure that the final league standings are a true, accurate reading of what they should be. The second reason is players are still playing for their positions next year and playing for contracts next year. Performances, especially like that first half against Real Salt Lake, won't help their chances, so I think it's important that they have a good week of training. We started yesterday with a good day. The players' attitudes were very good and then we'll roll into today and go on. They have to be good all week and they have to be good on Sunday evening."

#### ***On Montreal's Ignacio Piatti:***

**Coach Friedel:** "Very good player. I also think the midfielder [Saphir] Taider is an excellent player. They have good players, like a lot of MLS teams, and it's up to us to be able to stop them, but then to play our own soccer, be brave and good on the ball, get forward, and get a lot of chances, like we have in almost every game this season."

#### ***On Andrew Farrell's progress:***

**Coach Friedel:** "He's now progressing his rehabilitation. We'll have to wait and see if he can be fit for the weekend. If he can, then great. If he can't, then you guys will find out on Sunday."

#### ***On Chris Tierney's progress:***

**Coach Friedel:** "Really good pro, Chris, so if anyone can come back stronger than they went into an ACL, it's him. Again, we'll just have to see how the recovery presents itself and what kind of fitness he's in come January."

#### ***On the importance of Zachary Herivaux receiving international minutes with Haiti:***

Coach Friedel: "Yeah, because he hasn't had a lot of minutes with us, but he's been training really well throughout the season. We gave him a start against Atlanta, and then he got some more minutes with Haiti, so we're looking at him to have a good week of training. We'll see if he can get himself into the team."

### [New England Revolution Forward Juan Agudelo](#)

#### ***On the importance on finishing out the season on a positive note:***

**Agudelo:** "Really important. I think the first game of the season is important and the last game of the season is important to kind of see what we're heading towards, and to finish off in a strong ending in front of a good crowd would be special."

#### ***On the role of the supporters in Sunday's match:***

**Agudelo:** "It's huge, because I'm not sure they even understand how much it means to us players when we're out there on the field and we hear them cheer our names and urge us on to win games, so we would need that next year and, if we win the last game of the season, it would give us a chance to have more fans."

#### ***On potentially spoiling Montreal's playoff chances:***

**Agudelo:** "It's definitely better than playing a team that has no reason to win the game, just to try to finish out the season strong. It's good that we're playing a team that has a chance to make the playoffs. They have a lot to fight for and of course we're going to try to spoil that because it's just going to make our franchise better."

#### ***On Zach Herivaux getting international minutes:***

**Agudelo:** "It's really important. It's actually extremely important because sometimes you need that break off of the club and you can play other games with a different style, mentality, friends, and teammates and then you come right back into your club, so it's kind of a refresher. Every time it's happened to me, it's been great."

### [New England Revolution Midfielder Zachary Herivaux](#)

#### ***On the importance of Haiti's win over Saint Lucia:***

**Herivaux:** "It was a very tough occasion for us, and there were tough conditions, but we were able to pull out the result and it was a big result for us going forward. We have two games in front of us and we have to take care of them, as well."

#### ***On becoming more confident after receiving minutes with Haiti:***

**Herivaux:** "The coach over there instills a lot of confidence in me and he trusts me in the midfield. I just want to go out there and perform for my teammates. Like I said, it was a tough performance for us with the weather and conditions of the field, but we were able to get the result so I'm happy about that."

#### ***On finishing up the season this Sunday:***

**Herivaux:** "Just excited to end the season on a good note for us, and hopefully we can get three points. We're out of the playoffs and that's unfortunate, but we have to still perform for the fans and for ourselves and for the club, and hopefully we can do that this weekend."

#### ***On trying to end the season with a win:***

**Herivaux:** "It's very important. Watching the game [at Real Salt Lake], we didn't have the best performance Thursday, and I know the team's capable of a lot more. We still have a lot of soccer in us, and we have to put it on display on Sunday."

#### ***On potentially spoiling Montreal's playoff chances:***

**Herivaux:** "You don't want to give them three points and just let them walk away with an easy win. They have something to play for, so we have something to play for with our fans. We've got to give a good performance and we know we can take all three points, so we have to do that."

## [New England Revolution Goalkeeper Brad Knighton](#)

### ***On the importance of finding a good result this weekend:***

**Knighton:** “It’s huge. Obviously, not the response we anticipated going into Salt Lake, but thank goodness we have another game in front of us this weekend and it’s in front of our home fans, so hopefully we can finish on a high note.”

### ***On Mark Segbers’ MLS debut:***

**Knighton:** “I thought it was great. When [Coach Friedel] made the lineup changes at halftime and Mark [Segbers] found out he was coming in – for him to come in, in that moment, for his first appearance with the club and the performance he put in was very good. You saw a lot of things that he’s capable of doing at this level and you saw a lot of bright spots, too, so hopefully he can continue his future here with that and move forward.”

### ***On Brad Friedel’s Hall of Fame induction:***

**Knighton:** “It’s great. Congratulations to Brad [Friedel] for his accomplishments and achievements and that’s a huge honor. For him to have that under his belt and to be acknowledged like that is something that I’m sure he appreciates very much. For us as a group, it’s nice to see when your coach gets recognized as a player. He brings a lot of the traits that he had as a player as a manager as well, so hopefully we can feed off of that and go into the weekend and finish on a high note.”

### ***On the challenges of facing Montreal this weekend:***

**Knighton:** “You look at their front couple of guys they have up there. [Ignacio] Piatti’s playing really well right now. They’ve done very well defensively the last couple of games, so it’s going to be a tough test for us. We know what we have to do and we’ve been good at home and we got a result last time here at home and hopefully we continue that going into Sunday.”

### ***On the importance of playing for the fans:***

**Knighton:** “The fan support for us has been tremendous this year. We’re looking to build off of that going into the weekend, and hopefully we can give the fans something to see and something to end on a high note looking forward to 2019.”

### ***On Taylor Twellman returning to help raise concussion awareness this Sunday:***

**Knighton:** “Taylor’s [Twellman] been a huge advocate for the club since he’s left and he started his foundation for concussion awareness. It’s definitely something that’s near and true to his heart because it ended his career that way, but anytime we can acknowledge Taylor [Twellman] and concussion awareness, we look to do so, being the club that he played for. For us, it’s great to be able to have [along with] Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Childhood Cancer Awareness Month [in September], so this is just another thing that we’re able to do to embrace our platform here so that we can spread the word.”

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