



## New England Revolution Training Report: March 7, 2018

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Please [click here](#) to access interview footage and training b-roll from Tuesday's media availability previewing the Revolution's home opener, Saturday, March 10 against the Colorado Rapids at Gillette Stadium (NBC Sports Boston – 1:30 p.m. ET), including quotes and footage from:

- [Head Coach Brad Friedel](#)
- [Defender Jalil Anibaba](#)
- [Midfielder Scott Caldwell](#)

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

#### ***On what to take from the match against Philadelphia:***

**Coach Friedel:** "Well, it was a bit of a shame, because about the 6-8 minutes before the sending off, we started taking control of the game. They had two chances off of counter attacks, off of our mistakes, but we were starting to have the bulk of possession and we had three really good chances to score. Juan [Agudelo] had a breakaway, Teal [Bunbury] had a chance off of a corner kick, and Juan had another good chance, and Diego [Fagundez] had a good chance, so it was actually four. So, I think if we would have stayed 11-v-11, we would have come out with a different result. I liked the attitude of the players and I have to commend the players that stayed on the field, playing with 10 men, worked really hard. And then in the second half, for the first 20-25 minutes, [we] limited them to three chances and we had another good chance with Teal. There were actually some positives to take out of the game. Very, very disappointing to have two sending off, that we won't have them for the game against Colorado, but we have a good squad, so we'll be able to cope with it."

#### ***On the adjustments needed to replace Antonio Delamea and Claude Dielna against Colorado:***

**Coach Friedel:** "That's up to us. We have Jalil [Anibaba] and we have Nico [Samayoa]. We also have Andrew Farrell who can play as a center back. We also have Brandon Bye who can play as a center back if need be. So, that'll be something that we'll discuss internally, but we have plenty of players that can cover."

#### ***On the benefit of having someone with leadership qualities like Jalil Anibaba:***

**Coach Friedel:** "Yes, and he's a very good leader. He's been instrumental in that department since he's come to the club. When he was on trial, even as a trialist, he started to become a leader, which is one of the reasons why we wanted to sign him. We have a lot of leaders in the locker room and that will be no issue at all come game time."

#### ***On looking forward to playing a match in front of the home fans for the first time:***

**Coach Friedel:** "Yeah, we're looking forward to it. We'd like to be coming back with three points from the Philadelphia game, but things didn't go our way. It'll be very nice to get in front of them and hopefully we can send them home with three points."

***On the challenges presented by Colorado:***

**Coach Friedel:** "There were two different teams, really, the first leg and the second leg [of the 2018 Scotiabank CONCACAF Champions League]. We watched both. The second leg, I thought they played very, very well in Toronto. So, they have a different system than ours, but they work very, very hard in that game. We're going to have to be at the top of our game to be able to beat them."

**[New England Revolution Defender Jalil Anibaba](#)**

***On preparing for the upcoming match with Antonio Delamea and Claude Dielna unavailable for selection:***

**Anibaba:** "Everybody has been working hard throughout the course of preseason in general. So, whoever's number is going to be called, the players will be ready. We'll be ready. It's just a matter of taking each week at a time and that's what we're doing."

***On the importance of organization when new players are in the starting lineup:***

**Anibaba:** "I think organization, communication, being on the same page is a standard. It's always important regardless of the lineup that is put out there. But, like I said, we're ready, we're confident, we're excited for this weekend."

***On looking forward to the possibility of making a home debut this weekend:***

**Anibaba:** "I'm excited. Since day one, I've felt comfortable here, I've felt welcomed here. It will be nice to step out in front of our home fans. Obviously, that's something we've been looking forward to and we've been working hard to make sure we bring home three points."

***On facing the Colorado Rapids:***

**Anibaba:** "Colorado is always a hardworking team. They're a talented group as well. They always have been. It's going to be a good match. They're going to come in here, they're going to work hard, they're going to fight, they're going to be competitive, as we expect. Like I said, anytime we're at home, we're confident and that's something we're going to try to ride on."

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

***On what to take from the match against Philadelphia:***

**Caldwell:** "I thought we responded better after halftime, falling down a guy. But there's definitely plenty we can learn from the game. We looked over the tape, and we're just really excited to get back home and get back on the winning track."

***On if there's a feeling of being able to show people what the team can do 11-v-11:***

**Caldwell:** "Yeah, definitely. Aside from being down a guy, we know that we can be a great team in this league and we're just excited to prove ourselves and that's really what it is. We want to show everyone what we're made of this year and how we can improve."

***On if there's a greater responsibility to be more defense-focused with new players in the starting lineup:***

**Caldwell:** "It's always part of the job for Wilfried [Zahibo] and I, or for whoever is in there, to help protect the backline. Like we've been saying all preseason, there's been a lot of competition amongst the team and guys are going to be ready to step in to whatever positions are needed. The depth is great and guys are going to be ready."

***On the importance of taking advantage of early home matches:***

**Caldwell:** "We really need to take advantage and start strong, continue our ways from last year at home and just get back to winning ways."

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