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New England Revolution Training Report: April 18, 2018

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

- [Head Coach Brad Friedel](#)
- [Forward Juan Agudelo](#)
- [Forward Teal Bunbury](#)
- [Midfielder Diego Fagundez](#)

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

On his takeaways from Saturday's loss to FC Dallas:

Coach Friedel: "After watching the game, especially in the second half against Dallas, we played pretty well. We outshot them 15-5 in the second half, overall in the game had 63 percent of the ball, we had numerous chances, and some of the chances, after I watched them again, were even better than I thought they were when we were watching the game. FC Dallas was resolute. They are a good team. They haven't been beaten yet, but I did think that we were worthy of winning the game. On the penalty decision [in the 92nd minute], it was a penalty, and we're going to get some of those, and we're not [going to get others]. Everybody makes mistakes in that manner, and I know [PRO General Manager] Howard Webb very, very well, and he's a very, very good referee and very good at his job. I know he'll get to grips with all the VAR as we go forward. But a lot more pleased with what I saw after I watched the game many times and taking the emotion out of it. We're going to have another exciting one against Columbus."

On playing Columbus and his relationship with Crew SC Head Coach Gregg Berhalter:

Coach Friedel: "Gregg's [Berhalter] done a really good job with Columbus since he took over. They have a distinct style of play and the word entertaining is going to come to mind [when we play on Saturday]. We like to get the ball down and play, they like to get the ball down and play. We both like the physical side of the game and we also like the technical quality. We're going to their stadium, my old club, as well. It'll be nice to go there and coach against them, and I think it'll be a fun evening for everyone to watch."

On how often he returns to Columbus:

Coach Friedel: "My mom still lives in Ohio, so I've been down to Columbus many times. My mom was born and raised there, so we have some family roots."

On Matt Turner's development:

Coach Friedel: "When you start later on in your development, because he did start late, you have to learn some other scenarios that happen – when to speed the game up, when to slow it down, things of that nature, and he's adapted really well to it all. He's got such a level head. He's like a sponge for learning. Shot-stopping is something that he can do, and he's now starting to really learn how to dictate

the pace of a game. His ability to come out for crosses, as well. We're just really pleased with him so far. We are in a luxury position, because we have three really good goalkeepers. I've said it many times – he has to stay on top of his game to keep the number one jersey, because Brad [Knighton] and Cody [Cropper] are excellent."

New England Revolution Forward Juan Agudelo

On his takeaways from last Saturday's match against Dallas:

Agudelo: "Understanding that we still have a lot of work to do. Playing against 11 men, finally, and we weren't able to come up with a win and we're not happy about it. We understand that there's a lot of things we need to work on, but the good thing is that we're actually looking at those things to make us better, so it's good."

On rectifying issues from that match in training this week:

Agudelo: "[We're] just understanding the things that we were doing when we were winning games, and to keep on doing that, and to not forget the positive things that came out of the first three games. Just try to move on and not get into bad habits, most importantly."

On Matt Turner's performance this season:

Agudelo: "I think he's [Matt Turner] been great. I've always talked to him personally and I told him to stay patient and you'll get your shot. Everyone knew his quality in training and everyone was always pushing for him to get the shot. This year, he's taken advantage of that and I'm really happy for him. And to me – people might think I'm getting ahead of myself – but to me he's a national team player just [by] the way that he trains and some of the saves that he's making in goal."

On how the team is preparing for Saturday's match against Columbus:

Agudelo: "Get into the way that we used to play and get those bad habits out of us and to work hard."

On using the away win against Houston on March 31 as a springboard for success on the road:

Agudelo: "Coming up on another away game and knowing that we're able to win away, it's a huge confidence boost. Just to understand the effort it took to win that game and to do the same thing this weekend is what we're going to look to do."

New England Revolution Forward Teal Bunbury

On the mindset coming off a loss at home against Dallas:

Bunbury: "The mindset is to learn from our mistakes in that game. It's disappointing whenever you lose, especially at home, but we have another game. That's the beauty of this game, is you have more and more opportunities to get better and kind of redeem yourself. We have a tough opponent coming up in Columbus away from home, so our full focus is going there and getting three points."

On his takeaways from the Dallas game:

Bunbury: "This start has been pretty decent for us, but I think there were a few things that Dallas was able to exploit and we kind of resorted back to some old, bad tendencies. I think [we'll rebound] if we just tweak those things and just keep our focus up. It's a mindset and a mentality, and there's always ups and downs in a season. This is just a little setback and it's a great chance for us to make amends to it."

On using the away win against Houston on March 31 as a springboard for success on the road:

Bunbury: "It's huge. Like we always say, it's the mindset of each player being a collective group and sticking together. A frustrating loss [against Dallas], but we were able to go to Houston and get three points, so we know we can win on the road. It's going to come down to little details. Making sure that we're fully locked in for the full 90 minutes, and we'll be able to get three points."

On what he expects in the upcoming matchup with Columbus Crew SC:

Bunbury: "Battling. They're a team that likes to fight for every ball, second balls. They have key guys that can exploit you on the attacking end. They like to play out of the back a lot, so I think those are things that

we're going to have to be aware of. We're going to instill our high pressure on them and look to counter and look to keep the ball."

New England Revolution Midfielder Diego Fagundez

On his takeaways from last Saturday's match against FC Dallas:

Fagundez: "I don't know if there were a lot of takeaways, but I thought we did a couple good things in the game. We were getting our chances, we just were unlucky on one of them. But again, we just have to keep moving forward, look that one behind, and the next game is against Columbus so now we just have to keep going."

On capitalizing on scoring chances:

Fagundez: "The only chances that we had, I think we need to finish those. When we don't have a lot of chances we need to somehow create them — if it's either going wide, getting crosses in, trying to put things in the box. I think in the second half for 10 minutes we had them pinned in where we thought we were going to get one and we were just unlucky and we couldn't get it. I think this week we're going to work on trying to get those opportunities and when we have our chances to try to bury them."

On Matt Turner's performance this season:

Fagundez: "Matt [Turner], since preseason, I think he's been doing well. I think everybody's been seeing it and that's why he's been playing in the game[s]. He kept us in the game [vs. Dallas on April 14] with a couple awesome saves, and he did a good job on those things. Now, as a forward, we need to try to help him out up there and make sure that there's not a lot of pressure on us. I think in the next game, whoever's up there, we're going to try to do our best to get a goal early, especially when we're away."

On facing Columbus Crew SC this weekend:

Fagundez: "I think Columbus is always a battle. It's been years and years now. For the past four years, I think, it's always playoffs and everything, so we know what they have and they know what we have. This year, it's a new year so we just have to go out there and play our game, do everything we can, and every time we have our chances and [are] able to make plays, we need to make them happen."

On the mentality leading into a challenging away match:

Fagundez: "I think that we're a new team and everybody knows that we play differently. I think the coaching staff definitely brought something new to the table and I think we're all adapting to it. When we're going on away games, we're going [there] to win. We're going to do [it] like it's a regular game, like it's another home game. We're just going to have to go out there, try to get three points, and give it our best."

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