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New England Revolution Training Report: April 25, 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 home match against Sporting Kansas City (NBC Sports Boston – 7:30 p.m. ET), including quotes and footage from:

- [Head Coach Brad Friedel](#)
- [Midfielder Scott Caldwell](#)
- [Defender Andrew Farrell](#)
- [Goalkeeper Matt Turner](#)

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

On if he expects another entertaining game against Sporting Kansas City:

Coach Friedel: "I think most of our games are going to be entertaining with the tempo of soccer that we're trying to play. Some teams I guess will come and try to sit back when they come to our place, but I think most teams will always try to win on the road and we're going to try to win both home and away. Gregg [Berhalter]'s done an excellent job with the way Columbus plays. We knew it was going to be open at times. You try to defend the best you can, but the object of the game is to score goals and we tried to do just that. We could have won it, they could have won it, and I thought overall it was entertaining for anyone to watch."

On the challenges presented by Sporting Kansas City:

Coach Friedel: "They send their outside backs forward, maybe not as high as Columbus did, but they leave gaps in the back in that manner as well, just like Columbus. So when you do that, and we like to do that as well, you create overloads, which helps you create chances. I don't think they change the way they play for many people, nor should they. Pete Vermes is another coach who's done an excellent job over the years with this Sporting Kansas City team. They've made some new additions this year to their team, so have we, and again it's going to be two teams that are going to try to score as many goals as possible, try to frustrate the opposition. Hopefully, we can get back to winning ways at home."

On if he has been happy with the balance of goal scorers through seven games:

Coach Friedel: "Yeah, it has been scattered around. I'd like to get one or two more on set pieces, if truth be told. But, we are a well-balanced team and we can build up, and we can also cause a lot of problems on the counter attack. We obviously have a lot of work to do. We're still a team in its infancy, but we like a lot of the early signs. But, every game is very difficult and this one is going to be no different."

On if he expects a response from the team after losing the most recent home match to Dallas:

Coach Friedel: "Yeah, I hope so. We watched the [Dallas] game many, many times and we didn't play bad at all. We created 21 chances, which is a lot of chances in a game. When you don't score a goal, I think people will look at the zero, but we created enough chances to score goals in that game. Sometimes

the final ball, the final shot didn't go our way, it did against Montreal, and hopefully it will against Sporting Kansas City."

On Teal Bunbury's performance this season:

Coach Friedel: "[Teal] is industrious, but he's not only industrious. I think a lot of players around the world get pigeonholed into only being one thing, because they played a certain way in certain systems and we see a lot very good attributes in Teal as a number nine. Yes, his work rate is absolutely one of them, but if you look at the goal that he scored against Columbus, his run was very, very good. He went to the far post, checked back into the near post. That's something you work on in the training ground and that is not just because he's an industrial player. That is a very clever run and he knows the timing and he's starting to get a very good relationship with the likes of Diego [Fagundez] and Cristian Penilla and if Juan [Agudelo] plays or if Kelyn [Rowe] was in the game, etc., etc. So, there's a lot of good attributes that Teal Bunbury has."

On the status of Kelyn Rowe:

Coach Friedel: "[Kelyn's] progressing really well, as you can see him out there behind us. He's doing a pretty hard dose of fitness today and we'll see what the reaction is. Hopefully, there's no swelling afterwards, but he's miles ahead of the injury he had last year at this point in time, and it really will just be touch and go for this weekend. And if not this weekend then hopefully the following weekend, but he's not too long now."

[New England Revolution Midfielder Scott Caldwell](#)

On his takeaways from last weekend's draw in Columbus:

Caldwell: "I thought at times we weren't at our best, but then we were able to respond so well and I think that's been talked about a lot. The ability to respond to plays on the field is huge and we have to do it in both ways. So, when we go down, but also when we go up, we have to keep that pressure and that positive play and respond in that way as well."

On developing resiliency as a group:

Caldwell: "I think it's gone back to preseason and just our competitive trainings in general. The way we work hard, the way we know that everyone is going to battle for each other gives us that belief that we can come back from anything."

On Jalil Anibaba's performance against Columbus and overall this season:

Caldwell: "He [Jalil] was really, really, really good. I loved his celebrations after his blocks. I think that pumps everyone else up, too. Even if it's just coming naturally for him, it really helps everyone and he was incredible on both sides of the ball, really in key moments."

On the challenges presented by Sporting Kansas City:

Caldwell: "They bring a lot of the same things as Columbus in terms of sending their fullbacks high and wide and trying to play a lot. We'll have to deal with their pace and their good attack, but I think we'll be able to work on it this week and really do well with it."

On hosting the league leaders in Kansas City at home:

Caldwell: "Whenever you have a team coming into your house, it's definitely a time to step up and be ready to win. Coming off of our last two performances, we know we need to step up and improve, and we're looking forward to doing that against KC."

[New England Revolution Defender Andrew Farrell](#)

On how team builds off the result in Columbus:

Farrell: "We were excited to come away with some points in that game. It was a big game and a lot of chances for both teams. Obviously, coming back home, we always want to get three points at home. Especially [after] getting a result away, getting a tie, you always want to double down and get back to three points at home. So that's the important thing for us and looking forward to the game against KC."

On Saturday's matchup with Sporting Kansas City:

Farrell: "I think they've got a lot of good players – a lot of attacking players obviously and they had a lot of goals last game. One of the better attacking teams in the league, a very good possessive team, so it's going to be a good game. Between if we press and get some chances going forward and then they'll obviously get some chances because it's a good team, so they'll be able to open that up. But hopefully we can get a shutout and get three points. It's important to get these points early in the season."

On if the matchup against Sporting Kansas City provides an opportunity to make an early-season statement:

Farrell: "I think so. I think definitely since Brad [Friedel]'s come in, he thinks every game we've got to make a statement. Every game it's important to do our best. There's eyes watching us whether it's here in the country, overseas, everybody's [eyes]. We're an interesting team, we're a new team, a new coaching staff, a lot of new players, so a lot of people have their eyes on us, so we want to do the best we can, show well, and get three points."

On the team's resiliency when playing from behind:

Farrell: "I think from the beginning of preseason, we've gone down a lot of the preseason games and always manage to fight back and get a result. I think it's just we know we have the ability to score on anybody. We make mistakes here and there and we know that we have the players and the quality to get back into the game. Knowing that, we never put our heads down, we just keep fighting, keep going and trust the process, and keep going and keep fighting."

On how performances like Jalil Anibaba's on Saturday galvanizes the team:

Farrell: "We know we've gotten some results that we would like to change, but we had some good starts, so I think that the momentum and the vibe in the locker room, in the coaching staff, in the front office is good and all positive. So when guys have performances like that, it just gets the energy flowing throughout everybody. Obviously, when Matt [Turner]'s making saves everybody gets pumped up, Jalil [Anibaba]'s making blocks, [Cristian] Penilla's scoring the goals, Teal [Bunbury]'s scoring the goals, everybody's having good performances, it makes everybody play a little bit better."

[New England Revolution Goalkeeper Matt Turner](#)

On his takeaways from last weekend's draw in Columbus:

Turner: "I think we definitely put in a good performance defensively. They had a lot of chances and we were able to hold strong and come away with the point. And obviously, the biggest takeaway was our resiliency, fighting back twice away from home in a not-so-easy place to play."

On the team's resiliency when playing from behind:

Turner: "I think we've all just bought into the system and what we're trying to do here. You saw it from the first game of the preseason when we played against [New York] Red Bull in Florida. We came back from two-nil down and ended up winning the game four-three. We've got this never-say-die attitude that really helps us on Saturdays."

On Jalil Anibaba's performance this season:

Turner: "The man was on fire. It just felt like [Jalil] was getting in the way of everything. Definitely makes my job a little easier when he's blocking shots the way he is. It just kind of gets the team fired up as well, because it means a lot to him when he makes the block and you can see his emotion that he pours out. It gets everybody else fired up."

On Saturday's matchup with Sporting Kansas City:

Turner: "They've got a lot of really good players. They can be dangerous up front, they get their fullbacks really high, and they create a lot of chances. They've scored a lot of goals this year, so we're looking to stay strong defensively and we're at home so we expect to win."

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