



## New England Revolution Training Report: Oct. 11, 2017

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Please visit the MLS Soundbytes Page to access [interview footage and training b-roll](#) from media availability on Tuesday previewing this Sunday's home match against New York City FC (NBC Sports Boston – 5:00 p.m. ET), including quotes and footage from:

- [Interim Head Coach Tom Soehn](#)
- [Midfielder Diego Fagundez](#)
- [Goalkeeper Brad Knighton](#)
- [Midfielder Kelyn Rowe](#)

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### [New England Revolution Interim Head Coach Tom Soehn](#)

#### ***On the team's objectives for the final two regular season games:***

**Coach Soehn:** "It's still important that we stay professional about our business. We've probably [had] one of the best home performances record-wise that we've had ever, so we want to continue that and make it as hard as we can for New York City. We have that and then we also haven't won the road, and that's something that we aspire to get when we get to Montreal. We still have a lot to play for and the guys, to their credit during this break, they've worked really hard and they've kept together. I expect nothing less than them coming out and giving us their all."

#### ***On if the last two games present an opportunity for more players to get minutes:***

**Coach Soehn:** "We're going to build that in as we go. Obviously, the guys who stayed through the last couple of weeks have been working really hard. Some guys are going to get a chance."

#### ***On bringing players who have been on international duty back into the mix:***

**Coach Soehn:** "I'm going to be real careful [with] them. A lot of those guys come on long flights and have been spending time far away, so we're going to work with most of the guys that have been here and ease them back in little by little."

#### ***On preparing for New York City FC:***

**Coach Soehn:** "Obviously, David [Villa] is a special player, but they're a good team, so we have to look at what their strengths are and make sure we're doing a good job of understanding what that is and take that away. Then also, look at their vulnerabilities. We'll come up with a game plan and have the guys ready to go on Sunday."

### [New England Revolution Midfielder Diego Fagundez](#)

***On the team's objectives for the final two regular season games:***

**Fagundez:** "We still have to be working hard in practices. When it comes to the game, we still need to do our job. Not just my job, everybody's job is on the line right now. We're all trying to play for spots for next year and doing everything we can to make sure that we give our crowd a last win at home. Everybody is ready. Everybody wants it. We just want Sunday to get here already."

***On potentially setting a club record for the most home wins in a season:***

**Fagundez:** "It's going to be awesome, especially just getting the three points at home. We've been solid at home and it's been our fort. We just need to keep doing that. It's the last [home] game, so we have to enjoy it as much as possible and make sure everybody is happy when they leave out of here, but of course, we're still thinking of what's coming next. Hopefully, next year, [we make] it further than what we did this year. We still need to give it our best and do everything we can to make sure we get three [points]."

***On getting motivated for the game despite being eliminated from playoff contention:***

**Fagundez:** "We all have to enjoy it, have some fun, and make sure that we communicate with each other. Go out there and actually play – play free, play like you've never played before. For me, every game is like that, so I try to do everything I can to make sure the fans enjoy every game, but of course trying to get points and trying to score goals and do everything I can to help my team."

***On playing spoiler to New York City FC as they compete for playoff position:***

**Fagundez:** "We're not in the playoffs, but we can still spoil some teams. We just have to keep doing what we've been doing and try to get points."

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

***On what the team has to play for over the final two games:***

**Knighton:** "There's still a lot to play for. Obviously, guys are playing for contracts for next season and playing for their jobs. We're not sure about who's going to come in here and be the manager next year, but the thing that we can control is that we win on Sunday and we post one of the best records in MLS at home. That's a big goal for us and obviously, when we go to Montreal next weekend to get that first road win. There's plenty to play for and if guys don't realize that, you're in the wrong profession."

***On the home support from fans this season:***

**Knighton:** "I think it's fantastic. Obviously, the results haven't gone our way on the road, but our home support and our home fan base have been tremendous this year. We have played some unbelievable stuff at times here at home. It's been exciting for the fans, I think, to come out to the games knowing that they're going to get an exciting game from us on the field. Hopefully, that continues on Sunday and we can send the fans home happy one last time."

***On potentially playing spoiler for New York City FC:***

**Knighton:** "Yeah, of course. Any time you have a conference opponent and a team that's in the playoffs and you're out of the playoffs, there's going to be things to play for. I think looking back at the last couple of weeks, D.C. is trying to knock New York out as well, I think there are teams that are chomping at the bit to knock these teams off and disrupt the seeding, because obviously, home-field advantage in the playoffs is huge. If we can play a part in that, we'll look to do that."

***On preparing for New York City FC:***

**Knighton:** "Obviously, David Villa is a fantastic player and you've got to watch and notice where he is at all times. He's not one of the leading goal scorers in the league for nothing, and he contributes with assists as well. You've got to be aware of where he is at all times on the field and that will go into our game planning for this weekend."

**[New England Revolution Midfielder Kelyn Rowe](#)**

***On the team's objectives for the final two regular season games:***

**Rowe:** "Unfortunately, we know this position a little too well. It's about fighting for your job, fighting for pride, fighting for the best home record in the league. And then, the last game of the year, it's about fighting to get that little bit of pride with the first away win."

***On looking to give the supporters a proper sendoff in the final home game:***

**Rowe:** "We talked about it earlier today and throughout the week last week as well, that no matter the result [last] Saturday with Red Bull [playing Vancouver], we wanted to make sure we give our fans the right sendoff, because they deserve it. Even through the rough times that we've had this year and previous years, they've been great about coming out and supporting in every way they can. Not just at home, but you see in the New York games, the Montreal games, the bus rides. We want to give them the best sendoff we can."

***On potentially returning from his knee injury before the end of the season:***

**Rowe:** "My goal is to be back as soon as possible. I can't sit on the bench any longer or just sit in the stands, because it's hard for me as a player. I'm just taking it one step at a time and obviously, we're being cautious now that there is no mathematical chance for us to be in the playoffs. We don't want to push it too much, but me, mentally, I want to go as fast as I can. Hopefully, I get on the field before the season ends."

***On how he has felt returning to training:***

**Rowe:** "It's hard sitting out a long period of time. Because it was my knee, I couldn't really do much, so I lost a little bit of fitness. But the staff here – [Head Athletic Trainer] Evan Allen and [Assistant Athletic Trainer] Phil Madore – have been great about getting me back little by little, getting in the pool and doing as much running as I can. I'm working back from some fitness, but it feels good."

***On how he felt in his first full training session back with the team:***

**Rowe:** "The guys saw it – I was buzzing around like it was no one's business. I was the happiest kid. I was a kid at Disneyland [or on] Christmas morning. I woke up and I was here 30 minutes earlier than I needed to be, because I was like, 'Guys, I get to play today.' I get to play the real soccer ball with my soccer friends. It was good."

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