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Please see below to **access video, training b-roll, and transcripts** previewing this Wednesday's home match against the San Jose Earthquakes from post-training media availability on Monday, April 17, including quotes and footage from:

- **Head Coach Jay Heaps**
- **Forward Juan Agudelo** (Video also available in Spanish)
- **Forward Kei Kamara**

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New England Revolution Head Coach Jay Heaps

On how the team bounces back after the Chicago match:

Coach Heaps: "Obviously, we're disappointed with the timing of the goals we gave up. Look, down a man, you still have to manage the big moments of the game. Up to the red card, we felt like we had a good game plan, felt like we were executing it well. We have to be able to react to that. There will be times when you get red cards, you don't want them to be as careless as that one was, but that said, we still have to have a better reaction and finish those moments. Look, it's a different game if it's 0-0 at halftime, or even 1-0 going in – you do one, you can't do both. We gave up one right at the end of the half and right at the start and [those are] two horrible times to give up a goal."

On turning the team's focus to San Jose on Wednesday:

Coach Heaps: "We had a session today to assess and regroup and talk about the game, but also start preparation for Wednesday. We knew it was going to be tough, guys are going to have to step up and we're going to have to make sure that some guys recover and then have some fresh legs with some guys that are ready to go."

On if the match against Chicago influences who is likely to play on Wednesday:

Coach Heaps: "There are one or two guys that we would have liked to have gotten out of the game, but we knew what we had to take to make some sacrifices at some point. We hoped that going into the game it was going to be closer and we could make some attacking subs, but our hand was kind of played for us a little bit in the defensive subs and how we had to sub in being down a man in Chicago."

On how the team has been able to make Gillette Stadium a difficult place for road teams to play:

Coach Heaps: "One game at a time. I think for us, our focus is Wednesday. We have to put together the mentality of making it difficult no matter what. I think the idea is that every time someone comes in here,

we want them to know that they just played us, that we gave them our best. When we've been able to do that, we've been really good at home."

On the San Jose Earthquakes:

Coach Heaps: "They are a good team. When you look at San Jose and you look at the pieces they've added and the pieces that are getting better – when I say getting better, I mean maturing – they have some young players that have grown into the game. They are, for me, a team that is well coached. Obviously, everyone knows [San Jose Head Coach] Dominic [Kinnear] and [San Jose Assistant Coach] Steve Ralston I know extremely well, so I know they'll be ready. Obviously, they're a team that we're going to have to take seriously."

New England Revolution Forward Juan Agudelo

On processing Saturday's loss while also getting prepared for two home matches this week:

Agudelo: "[We'll] process one or two things and that's it. Have a short-term memory and move on to the next game. I think the good teams in this league, when they have results like that, they get over it pretty quickly. So, [we're] moving on to this Wednesday night."

On if it is helpful to have the quick turnaround to the two-game week:

Agudelo: "Definitely, we showed heart in this past game against Chicago. It's really important to get our legs under us and get recovered for these very important two home games."

On looking for more scoring chances this week after going down a man early in Saturday's match:

Agudelo: "It definitely makes me more excited to go out there and possibly get more chances, give more chances, and create more chances. It wasn't a fun game for any of the attacking players. We defended a lot, so hopefully we can have a better game this Wednesday."

On the team looking to tie a club record with a seventh straight win at home on Wednesday:

Agudelo: "We've definitely tried to make this place our fort. We don't want any team to come in here and feel comfortable. We need to make them understand that if they come in here, it's going to be a battle and you're not going to come out with any points here. That's very important for us here and [we are] very excited for home games."

New England Revolution Forward Kei Kamara

On using Saturday's loss as motivation heading into this week:

Kamara: "Saturday was definitely one of those days. We don't want to dwell on it too much, so we've got to move on, look forward to Wednesday, look forward to San Jose. They're going to be a tough team, but we have to look forward to how we've been playing at home and hopefully that can be motivation for us."

On making Gillette Stadium a difficult place to play for opponents:

Kamara: "I think it's a mentality thing. It's a thing where a lot of teams are trying to do it at their home stadiums, so that's why it's really tough to get points away from home. We definitely have to continue to do that. Use the fans over here and use our surface over here to make it a disadvantage for all these teams that are coming by. For us, again, [it's a] mentality to really put ourselves in the right mindset for every home game."

On maintaining fresh legs with three matches in an eight-day span:

Kamara: "It's a bit different, definitely. Playing the game in the weather that it was in Chicago and being a man down, definitely, it's a quick turnaround. And when it's a quick turnaround, there's a lot of ice tubs and all these things. Everybody has got to kind of take care of their body in a certain way – massages and stuff. I think everybody is professional when it comes down to that, because playing three games in a week is never easy, but at the same time, that's where all the numbers – with the amount of players you have on the team – everybody gets to play a role."

On facing Earthquakes forward Chris Wondolowski on Wednesday night:

Kamara: "Wondo [Chris Wondolowski] is definitely a guy that I respect a lot. I've been around him in Houston and him being in San Jose, he's really a finisher. He's a goal scorer, he's somebody that leads his team really well and he's shown it over the years. When you have somebody like that, you really have to pay focus on him. It doesn't matter how he scores goals. He just wants to put balls in the back of the net. For us, we've been doing well. Respect the guy as he comes in, but at the same time, make him know that he's playing against a tough team."

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