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New England Revolution Training Report: May 3, 2017

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Please see below to **access video, training b-roll, and transcripts** previewing this Saturday's away match against Columbus Crew SC from post-training media availability on Tuesday, May 2, including quotes and footage from:

- **Head Coach Jay Heaps**
- **Forward Juan Agudelo**
- **Midfielder Scott Caldwell**
- **Defender Antonio Delamea**

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New England Revolution Head Coach Jay Heaps

On how the team must regroup after the draw in Seattle:

Coach Heaps: "Assessment of what we could have done better, assessment of what we did well, and use it. I think for us, that's the most important thing right now. I think there are things that we can correct and there's areas of the game I thought were really good, that we were so thrilled with, but at the same time, areas on the field where we know we can all get a little bit better."

On what lessons can be learned from the game:

Coach Heaps: "I think in the moment, being able to correct things on the fly, understanding that there are game situations, and there are also things that are happening in the game that continue to be a problem for a course of the last 30 minutes of the game. Can we make little subtle changes, especially with an advantage in terms of goals, having a two-goal lead and then a three-goal lead, can you make those adjustments without conceding? Unfortunately, we didn't."

On the attacking team's play against Seattle:

Coach Heaps: "We were dangerous. The movement we had was good. I would have liked us to extend some of our possessions. We didn't do a great job of that, because they were throwing so many numbers forward, we were defending. At the same time, whenever we were able to get our three or four guys attacking, it was dangerous. The movement was really good. There was crispness to our game. The interchange was excellent between Lee [Nguyen] and Juan [Agudelo] and Diego [Fagundez], and then Kelyn [Rowe] joined in and Scotty [Caldwell] joined in. I thought Daigo [Kobayashi] was excellent on the night. [Xavier] Kouassi did a good job of really springing our attack, and that is what we talked about going into that game."

On what Juan Agudelo can bring when he is in his current impressive form:

Coach Heaps: "First, he's been consistent. His performances have been thorough, meaning 90 minutes or however long he's in the game. They are consistent throughout. His touches are increasing. For me, the most important thing is he's versatile, but also being consistent where he's playing. Sometimes it's a little bit of a different role where he's got to come back or defend or he's higher up the field holding the ball. We've asked him to do a couple of different things and he's done each of those really well. He's been consistent across all facets of his game."

On if Chris Tierney is approaching full health:

Coach Heaps: "We hope so. [Tuesday was] a good full day for him and we're excited to have more guys back."

On facing Columbus Crew SC on the road on Saturday:

Coach Heaps: "Columbus is, for me, a really good team. They have such a style about them and they can adapt and do different things. We know we're going to have to be prepared and want to play our game when we can, but try to figure out what they're going to do as well."

New England Revolution Forward Juan Agudelo

On regrouping from last Saturday's match in Seattle:

Agudelo: "I think it was a good lesson that we learned. Tough way to learn it, because we were up 3-0, but it's a good lesson that we learned. Take a couple of positive things that we've done and understand that in this league, with the skill that other teams have, we still have to play soccer to finish out the games."

On the attacking group's performance at Seattle:

Agudelo: "I believe that our mobility was excellent in that game. There was a lot of movement from Diego [Fagundez], from Lee [Nguyen], and from Daigo [Kobayashi] and Scotty [Caldwell]. We just had them on their heels whenever they lost the ball. It's tough to go up against us when we're like that, when we're on like that. I credit the teammates for creating assists and everything."

On finding a consistent form over the last eight months:

Agudelo: "On a personal level, I feel good fitness-wise. I feel healthy. I was very happy to be able to get some shots off in an away game. I think my teammates did a great job. I think Kelyn [Rowe] basically scored the goal [with his cross in the 26th minute] and I think Diego [Fagundez] basically scored the goal [with his pass in the 54th minute]. I was just able to be at the right spot at the right time. Again, I have to finish the chances and I was able to finish them to help out my team. Hopefully, going forward, I can keep doing that."

On the feeling of scoring goals on the road:

Agudelo: "I just knew how big it was. A game where the stadium is tough to play at and we have had our struggles in away games. It would've been great to come out with three points, but then again, positively thinking, it's just the way the game went. Coming out with a tie in Seattle is not bad."

On using lessons learned from Seattle against Columbus this weekend:

Agudelo: "Like we did in video this morning, we looked at some negative things, things that we could've fixed, and positive things – and there was a lot of positive things. If we can put it all together – I know I say that a lot – put the defense and offense together, we'd be a tough team to beat."

New England Revolution Midfielder Scott Caldwell

On how the team must regroup from the game at Seattle:

Caldwell: "We've got to get over it quickly if we want to work towards the next game, but at the same time, we have to look back on the game and see where we have to be better. We did that a lot today and throughout the week we'll work on the things we need to improve and get ready for Columbus."

On what the group learns from that game:

Caldwell: "There's plenty of them, but mainly, I guess, we have to be better defensively and can't allow the goals. To help us out defensively, we have to be able to give ourselves a breather and keep the ball in the attacking third, or at least find other ways to make it so we're not defending the whole time. Aside from those two, there's plenty of specifics, but we've really just got to defend better."

On how the team can improve on defending crosses:

Caldwell: "You've got to get close enough to prevent the cross as best you can. Even if it's just to slow them down and make the runs already happen in the box, then everyone will be static in the box and it will make it easier to defend. So there are different ways. You've got to mark tight. I think we could have picked out a guy across the roster where everyone could have done something better. There's plenty to work on and plenty to improve."

On the positives that can be taken from scoring three goals on the road:

Caldwell: "We did great when we attacked with three, four guys on the counterattack. We were creating chances. They were giving us space up there – Juan [Agudelo], Lee [Nguyen], and Diego [Fagundez] especially, but other guys helping out as well. I think we've got to realize that we can do that, but at times later in the game when we do have the lead, maybe keep the ball a little bit more. That's on all of us to go up and support them, be in good shape, good position to help everyone out."

On facing Columbus on the road on Saturday:

Caldwell: "It's another road game and they'll play similarly in the sense that they like to keep the ball and spread out. It will be a lot of the same challenges that we face in this game, some different ones as well, but we just have to make sure we learn what we need to improve and fix it."

New England Revolution Defender Antonio Delamea

On surrendering a three-goal lead in Seattle:

Delamea: "We know we made some big mistakes and where our weakness is. We need to build and fix these mistakes. Now, we have a new road game in Columbus. We know their strengths, so we have a whole week to prepare and we need to take every training [seriously]. We need to focus on improving every day and to fix these things we didn't do [at Seattle]."

On what the group can learn from Seattle's comeback:

Delamea: "I don't know exactly what went wrong, but in the last 15 minutes, it looks like we were out of energy. If you look on the possession, it was almost 80-20 for them, so I think that was the biggest problem. We couldn't hold the ball, so then we [defenders] can all rest by keeping the ball, and I think this was our biggest weakness in this game. We lost almost all energy defending. This kind of thing, we need to improve. We need to show more focus, more composure on holding the ball so we can rest. When we have the ball, then we can outplay the [opponent's] positioning like we were outplayed the last game. We have the whole week. We know what went wrong. We need to improve on many things."

On what positives the team can take from the first 75 minutes of the game:

Delamea: "As long as we have energy, we were good. We had Diego [Fagundez] up, Juan [Agudelo] and Lee [Nguyen], who did some great counterattacks. At the moment, you felt like we could win by more, but then this own goal, this unlucky goal, [it started], for us, to fall down. This was the breakthrough. I don't know exactly what happened, but for myself, I can say I was very lacking of energy and I know in this game we were most of the game defending. The most important [thing] in football is you need to play 90 minutes, not 75. This was a big lesson for us, I hope. This will never happen again."

On matching up with Columbus Crew SC and forward Ola Kamara:

Delamea: "We need to show more bravery. We need to be more sharp, , the whole team. We need to play more. We need to keep possession. If we keep possession, they will get tired. When we can push our defensive line higher, then it's also easier for us, because when you're under the pressure almost 90 minutes of the game, it's very exhausting for the whole team. We will be watching their [film] of highlights tomorrow. For now, today, we are just focusing on our mistakes from the last games and the things we need to improve in the future."

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