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## New England Revolution Training Report: May 30, 2017

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Please visit the [MLS Soundbytes Page](#) to access interview footage and training b-roll previewing this Wednesday's away match against New York City FC, including quotes and footage from:

- **Head Coach Jay Heaps**
- **Forward Juan Agudelo**
- **Midfielder Kelyn Rowe**

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### **New England Revolution Head Coach Jay Heaps**

#### ***On internalizing Saturday's loss and moving forward to Wednesday night's match vs. NYCFC:***

**Coach Heaps:** "You've got to have short memories, take what you can from Saturday night and take some positives, obviously, but it felt like the flow of the game, we could've been a little bit better in [it]. But then again, [we have to] turn around and play a completely different NYCFC team."

#### ***On getting Andrew Farrell and Benjamin Angoua back from red card suspensions:***

**Coach Heaps:** "It's always good to have options. Obviously, we brought everyone and now we have a little bit more flexibility with what we need to do on Wednesday."

#### ***On Juan Agudelo making his return from injury on Saturday:***

**Coach Heaps:** "I think, obviously, [his impact] showed right away. He brings a spark. He works really hard to get open and create options for players. We just need to keep bringing him along. There's a little bit of gaining some comfort for him getting back in the group, but at the same time, it was a good 30 minutes for him."

#### ***On both teams rotating their squads with a quick turnaround:***

**Coach Heaps:** "[New York City FC is a] really good team. I think they're an excellent team and we have to go battle with our game plan, but be mindful of some of their key players and the overall changes that they may make that we can't predict. It's really important that we prepare our game for what tendencies they have, but not exactly knowing their lineup from day one."

#### ***On preparing for the field dimensions at Yankee Stadium:***

**Coach Heaps:** "You just have to know. I think we've obviously had guys play on it. There's some experience that goes with it, but at the same time, your mindset going into it – you have to know and be prepared for it. How you approach the game has to be the same in that [when it's] time to play, you've got to play. Take advantage of the time and space that you can get."

## **New England Revolution Forward Juan Agudelo**

### ***On returning from injury and playing 30 minutes on Saturday:***

**Agudelo:** "It was exciting for me. Didn't know how much you needed that part of your [upper] body to play soccer, but I was able to get through it. Excited for what's to come because now, mentally, I know I'm able to play a game and looking forward to this next game against NYCFC."

### ***On where he stands physically:***

**Agudelo:** "I feel pretty good. With this type of injury, I was able to keep my fitness up and just continue doing things that I would do in training. So, game fit. I was able to play about 30 or 35 minutes [against Red Bulls], so we'll see what's to come on Wednesday."

### ***On processing Saturday's result and preparing for Wednesday's match:***

**Agudelo:** "We just have to understand our mistakes that we made, things that we could've done better. The best thing about it is that the next game to improve on that and to not think about that the entire week is coming up really soon. Everyone is looking forward to get back and erase that memory of going up a goal and losing. Hopefully, [we'll be] coming out with three points this Wednesday."

### ***On the key to better performances on the road:***

**Agudelo:** "Sustaining the lead. Being able to still play the football that us New England Revolution players play while we have the lead. That's the important key in this next game."

## **New England Revolution Midfielder Kelyn Rowe**

### ***On moving forward to Wednesday's match against New York City FC:***

**Rowe:** "I thought, beginning of the first half and after they scored the goal in the second half, I thought we played pretty well. We created chances, we were moving the ball pretty well, and you take that as okay, well we're doing well with that. How do we fix it? Going in, it's going to be a short rest for both teams since they played last night. It's going to be a hard-fought battle on Wednesday."

### ***On sustaining good starts to games:***

**Rowe:** "I think it's a road mentality. We get up a lot. It's about keeping the play. We have to be able to, after we score, keep playing the same way instead of just dropping back and letting teams come after us. You saw it in Seattle the last 15 minutes, we saw it here in New York. We kind of just sat back and kind of let them attack us a little bit. That's something you don't want to do, especially with the amount of power we have going forward and keeping the ball and the ability that we have the guys that we have. For us, it's about just keeping the play rather than just dropping off and letting teams attack us."

### ***On having Juan Agudelo, Andrew Farrell, and Benjamin Angoua back in the squad:***

**Rowe:** "It wasn't great to not have [Andrew] Farrell, to not have Benny [Angoua]. The fact that we get those guys back and we get Juan [Agudelo] a little bit of game time after his injury in New York, now we get him back in hopefully full strength come Wednesday. To have those guys kind of come in and boost us a little bit is huge."

### ***On if the field dimensions at Yankee Stadium factor into the game:***

**Rowe:** "I don't think it does anymore, just because we've been playing on it for a couple of years now. For us, it's just another hard away trip. It's one of those fields that they've made their home and we got to go in and perform."

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