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New England Revolution Training Report: June 2, 2017

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

- **Head Coach Jay Heaps**
- **Midfielder Scott Caldwell**
- **Midfielder Diego Fagundez**
- **Defender Andrew Farrell**

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New England Revolution Head Coach Jay Heaps

On how the team stands physically heading into its third game in eight days:

Coach Heaps: "I think we're still assessing that right now. We're having the guys in today and we're going to see where everyone is. We have an idea of what we want to do on Saturday, but want to make sure a couple of guys came through. There [were] a couple of knocks, couple of things we have to make sure that guys are recovering well. At the same time, I think we have an idea of what we want to do."

On Xavier Kouassi's injury status:

Coach Heaps: "No update. He's getting all of the tests and everything done right now. Obviously, he laid it all out on the line. He couldn't walk at the end [of Wednesday's game]. It doesn't look great in terms of turnaround and being able to play on Saturday. We're just hoping it's not a long-term injury."

On the team getting an emotional lift from Wednesday's performance:

Coach Heaps: "It was good. I thought it showed some great resolve coming back twice. Each time that we went down, I felt like we responded the right way. We got better after the other team scored. Look, I thought the first 15, 20 minutes of that game we were really good. We dipped a little bit there at the end of the first half. I loved our response and I felt like, at the end of the game, we were just strong. It felt like with another 10 minutes, we may have had another goal."

On the squad rotation heading into Saturday's match against Toronto FC:

Coach Heaps: "There's going to be some tired guys and there's going to be guys that need to just find a way, will it, because we're going to have to use guys that have played 90 minutes in two consecutive games within a week. The schedule is difficult, but we don't make the schedule. We just tried to balance certain guys that we felt like needed it and, at the same time, guys that we know can go three games are going to have to go three games."

On Toronto FC's depth and their season to date:

Coach Heaps: "Excellent. Obviously, their record stands out. They're winning games on the road, they're dangerous at home – they're just pretty much a complete team. Some key additions, they've got their three pillars with their DPs, but they really went out and added key pieces. The players within the league that they added last year are really coming through in the Drew Moors and the players that are coming up like the [Eriq] Zavaletas, [Justin] Morrrows, [Steven] Beitashour – guys that were in the league, found a home, and are doing really well."

New England Revolution Midfielder Scott Caldwell

On preparing physically and mentally for a third game in eight days:

Caldwell: "The recovery portion is very, very important, as well as using our depth. Having the third game at the end of a week, especially being on the road, [we're] coming back home to our fans knowing that we really need to get the win. We're going to have to recover quickly mentally and physically and be able to use everyone on the roster."

On the boost of playing at home to close the three-match stretch:

Caldwell: "It's a huge mental thing for us to know that we have something to look forward to, coming home playing a game against a great team, so it's something we all look forward to."

On earning a point on Wednesday after going down a goal on two occasions:

Caldwell: "It's a huge difference when you compare ties. Coming back at the end is definitely a big mental boost, the knowing that we can do that on the road, we can do that when we need to. Everyone is in good spirits and we're looking forward to the game on the weekend."

On what he expects to see from Toronto FC on Saturday:

Caldwell: "The first thing I'll say is we are looking forward to the game, a team sitting on top of the table. [Toronto FC] have obviously done very well this year and they've shown their depth. It's something that we'll have to work with, but we're looking forward to the matchup and know that they bring a lot in the attack and they're solid defensively. So, we'll just have to prepare for that and get the result in front of the home fans."

On the importance of securing a good result leading into a bye week:

Caldwell: "No one wants to sit on a couple weeks after a loss, you'd rather go into the bye weekend on a win and it's something that it's in the back of our minds, and we know how important this game is and we'd like to have a few days off after coming off a win."

New England Revolution Midfielder Diego Fagundez

On preparing physically and mentally for a third game in eight days:

Fagundez: "An important part is recovery. All of these games that we've been playing, and especially we played two games in [four] days, it's tough. And now we have another one in a couple of days, so we just have to recover and make sure everybody is ready. Fix what we have to fix and come home and always try to get three points here."

On earning a point on Wednesday after going down a goal on two occasions:

Fagundez: "It's huge. It's one of those where we went down and the team got some spark when [Xavier] Kouassi went in. Of course, he goes down a little bit [with an injury] and he gets a goal, which is good for us. But we can't allow those things to happen. We need to try to finish games a lot earlier and try to go ahead so at the end of the day, we're not scrambling."

On returning to Gillette Stadium for Saturday's match:

Fagundez: "That's definitely huge, especially coming at home. It's our floor, we've been doing well here, so we just have to keep grinding it out, keep doing what we've been doing, get three points, and then make sure that we're resting."

On the importance of securing a good result leading into a bye week:

Fagundez: "We basically have to know that we have to give it all we have. Everything we have in the tank. It's been a long week, so we're probably not going to have a lot, but we have to just go out there and give it as much as possible. Just know we have a long week to recover coming in and keep going forward."

On facing a first place team in Toronto FC:

Fagundez: "I think every game is a challenge, but I think we're playing at home and that's what we do well. We just have to go out there, do our job, and make sure everybody is ready to play. Make sure everybody is good and when we have our chances, finish them off."

New England Revolution Defender Andrew Farrell

On preparing physically and mentally for a third game in eight days:

Farrell: "I think we've played a lot of guys the last couple of games, so we've got some fresh legs going into the weekend against a strong Toronto side. Unfortunately, we didn't get three points in both games, but to come away from New York City with a point, come back home, next couple of days rest, recover, and scout TFC, which is a really good team this year. [We're] looking forward to that challenge."

On getting an emotional lift from Wednesday's result in New York City:

Farrell: "It was good. I think you saw a lot of resilience from a lot of the guys. We went down twice, came back against a really good team – and they're really good at home. I think we got the energy coming with us, the momentum with us, especially coming at home where we haven't lost yet – we're undefeated still. Excited for that opportunity to play in front of our fans again and pick up, hopefully, three points."

On returning home after an extended road trip in New York and New Jersey:

Farrell: "Every time we come back home, we feel really confident in the way we can play and in the style which we play and picking up points here. After a long week on the road, it feels good to be home. Looking forward to Saturday."

On what he expects to see from Toronto FC on Saturday:

Farrell: "Obviously, those guys [Jozy Altidore, Michael Bradley] are with the [United States] national team, but yeah, they've been really good with the guys who've been deep in their bench. We never know who we're going to expect to be playing. They got a lot of options, a lot of guys who can play in different spots, and it's going to be a tough task. They've been a team that's hot – the hottest team in the league – and we're excited to finally get a chance to play them, especially at home."

On the importance of securing a good result leading into a bye week:

Farrell: "I think it's really important, especially coming into Open Cup the next weekend and some important games later on. I think it's important to go into the break with a big, big result."

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