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New England Revolution Training Report: June 20, 2017

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

- **Head Coach Jay Heaps**
- **Midfielder Diego Fagundez**
- **Defender Andrew Farrell**
- **Defender Chris Tierney**

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New England Revolution Head Coach Jay Heaps

On moving forward from last weekend's match against Chicago:

Coach Heaps: "Obviously, [we've] got to move past the weekend. It was a tough performance. We didn't start great, thought we finished really well, but [we've] got to put together 90 minutes. That's what we're looking forward to trying to do on Friday night."

On what kind of effort it will take to earn an away win against Toronto FC on Friday night:

Coach Heaps: "Start to finish, I think. We've put together some good moments and we've come out with some good game plans. Even at Red Bulls, we were up a goal going into halftime. We just have to make sure that they're [ready for] 90 minutes and everyone is locked in. Every roll of the ball counts – make sure we have that mentality."

On evaluating Saturday's match against Chicago:

Coach Heaps: "I think you assess everything. You assess the players' performance. You assess how the chemistry was when guys were in there. Obviously, we weren't thrilled with the final result, but there were some good, positive performances along the way."

On what he expects Toronto to look like on Friday compared to the teams' match on June 3:

Coach Heaps: "Very different. They're a little bit different group with some of the national team guys back in. But at the same time, they're very difficult to play at home. I think we caught them on a night where they weren't ready for us, but I promise you, they'll be ready for us on Friday night."

On trying to prepare for how Toronto may rotate its squad for Friday after playing on Wednesday:

Coach Heaps: "You're going to try to figure out what they're going to do and how they're going to balance. At the same time, looking too much at what they're going to do is not going to stop us from preparing all week."

New England Revolution Midfielder Diego Fagundez

On moving past the game against Chicago and on to Friday's match against Toronto FC:

Fagundez: "It's a hard one to take. No one wants to lose at home and especially when we had a nice streak going, but now we shift and move on to the next game. We have another game coming up on Friday. It's an important game, it's another hard game, so I think everybody is looking forward to that, going on the field and making sure we come back with a W."

On facing Toronto for the second time in three weeks:

Fagundez: "It's going to be the same way as when they came here. We were on that streak and we were hot – they're going to be the same way. We just have to go out there and try to do everything we can to make sure that everybody is spot on, that we're getting our passes completed, and whenever we have our chances, finish them. I thought the last game [against Chicago], we had a lot of chances, we just couldn't finish them, especially myself. We just have to make sure that we're sharp on that end."

On if he is expecting Toronto to rotate its squad after playing on Wednesday night:

Fagundez: "Every game is a change, no matter if you play them one day and then you play them the next day. Every day is going to be a new game. Everybody has to be sharp and be ready to go. They're going to bring new faces, we're going to bring new faces. Everybody is going to be tired. It's going to be one of those games that whoever is sharp and is playing their hardest and gives it all is going to take the W."

On the key to securing a road win:

Fagundez: "I think we just can't concede early. It's one of those things that if we're playing our game and we score goals, I think our team definitely brings our energy up and we can get another goal after. But when we concede early, it's kind of hard to get back into the game, especially away. We just have to make sure we're back in the fight. Try to get up early and make sure that we can finish every game as hard as we can."

New England Revolution Defender Andrew Farrell

On getting back on track ahead of a tough match at Toronto FC:

Farrell: "Obviously, disappointed with the result [against Chicago]. I think we didn't start the game too well and at the end of the game, you saw we had a lot of chances to tie the game up and even take the three points. So, disappointed with that, but we know we had the chances and the ability to play with one of the best teams in the league. Going into Toronto on Friday, we played them not too long ago and obviously, they weren't with [two of] the big three, but still a team that uses a lot of their depth and we've seen a lot of their players, so we're excited for that challenge. They're a great team. They're good at home and we're excited to play against them."

On having energy from the start against Toronto:

Farrell: "It's really important to start well. I think every game that we've started well, we've done well and carried away points, when it's on the road or at home. That's really important for us as a group to continue that momentum that we had at the last 15-20 minutes of the game against Chicago and onto Toronto on Friday."

On what needs to happen for the team to start picking up more points on the road:

Farrell: "We haven't gotten that elusive road win yet, but it's a big one. I think if we can get it against Toronto, it would be a huge, huge, huge momentum boost for our season. I think we've just got to start well, that's a big, important thing for us, and then stay within the game. You're not going to win the game within the first 15-20 minutes, you've got to stay the course for all 90 minutes, and make plays here and there, and you can get a result."

On the state of the team nearing the midpoint of the MLS season:

Farrell: "I think we've been alright. Obviously, we wish we were in a playoff spot right now, but I think with all that's happened, I think we're in a good spot right now, a striking spot. With 17 games left, we're in a

position where we still control our own destiny. We still have a lot of season to go. Big one on Friday, if we can get three points at Toronto, then we can come back home and get another three."

New England Revolution Defender Chris Tierney

On getting back on track ahead of a tough match at Toronto FC:

Tierney: "It was a really tough result for us. Obviously, we were really proud of the way that we've been playing at home and that streak was something that we took a lot of pride in. So, it's a really difficult one to swallow, but we're back on the training pitch the next day and we're looking forward. Nothing we can do about it now except come in and put in a good performance against Toronto."

On having the energy from the start against Toronto:

Tierney: "The start is very important. You see what happens when we don't start well, we get results like we did against Chicago. There's games that we have started well, like last time we played against Toronto where we put the game on our terms and it goes in our favor. That's definitely a focus of ours going into this week."

On what needs to happen for the team to start picking up more points on the road:

Tierney: "I think we've been close, but it comes down to just mentality and buttoning up some small mistakes that we've all been guilty of. The good news is we've created enough chances on the road to score goals and put teams under pressure. It's just about that little extra bit of gamesmanship and defending in the tough times that get you through and get you results on the road."

On how the match at Toronto will differ from the one at Gillette Stadium on June 3:

Tierney: "It's very different. They have a lot of their personnel back. There's a reason that they're top of the table right now. They're a really deep squad. I know that they play on Wednesday as well, so their depth will be tested, but they've proven that they have the quality to win no matter who takes the field for them, so it's going to be a very difficult test and we have to be at our absolute best to get anything out of it."

On the state of the team nearing the midpoint of the MLS season:

Tierney: "We try to take the positives that we've had. We've had some good performances, especially at home, and then you try to look at things that you can improve. But then again, you don't spend too much time looking back. We're looking forward and taking the second half as its own season, and if we perform up to our ability and where we think we should be at, then we should be in good shape."

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