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New England Revolution Training Report: July 12, 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 Thursday's U.S. Open Cup Quarterfinals match against the New York Red Bulls, including quotes and footage from:

- **Head Coach Jay Heaps**
- **Forward Kei Kamara**
- **Midfielder Scott Caldwell**
- **Defender Chris Tierney**

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[New England Revolution Head Coach Jay Heaps](#)

On the team getting four days off following last Wednesday's match:

Coach Heaps: "It would've been a lot better to get those points before the break, but at the same time, good for the guys to reset and come back fresh."

On playing a more aggressive lineup in Open Cup with no league match upcoming this weekend:

Coach Heaps: "I think it's one of those where, yeah, you can be a little bit more aggressive in how you approach it, because you don't have the game on the backside."

On facing New York for the second time in just over one week:

Coach Heaps: "It's important that we come out and have a similar attitude to how we played [on July 5]. I thought we actually had some really good moments within that game, unfortunately at the wrong times. At the same time, have to be more clinical when we're in attack and a little bit more ruthless in our defending. We had better chances and we allowed more goals."

On if there is a benefit to playing the same group twice in such a short time span:

Coach Heaps: "It's just a different dynamic. It has a little bit of that – we've seen it throughout the time, whether we've had Columbus-Columbus before, and teams do this in the playoffs. It's a good exercise to really hone in on what you're going to be, but I think you can't get set that it's going to be the exact same team. I think there are going to be nuances to each [team's lineup]. I think we're going to be a little different, I think they're going to be a little different. I think that's what happens when you play a team twice and have a little bit of time in between."

On Xavier Kouassi's status as he works back from injury:

Coach Heaps: "Really good. He's been a pretty big loss for us in terms of the personality, in terms of what he brings to the field, and just an overall experience. We're much better with him on the field. So, that's good. We want to be smart, we don't want to overdo it, but it's good to have him back on the field."

On watching Kelyn Rowe and Juan Agudelo represent the USMNT at Gold Cup:

Coach Heaps: "I actually was there live, so I was able to see them and see [the match vs. Panama on July 8] in Nashville. I thought Kelyn [Rowe] had, for me – I just love seeing him out there, because I know how hard he has worked to get there. I thought he had some pretty bright moments. And then I was excited to see Juan [Agudelo] go in and bring some real energy to that match. I think both of them deserve the opportunity and I'm excited for them."

[New England Revolution Forward Kei Kamara](#)

On having a few days off to reset and get ready for the second half of the season:

Kamara: "It's always good to have some time off. Obviously, through the rough patch we're going through right now, it definitely helps when you get some time off to rest your mind, to refresh yourself, and to come back and really be ready all over again."

On entering Thursday's Open Cup match without a league match the following weekend:

Kamara: "The Open Cup is something every team respects. For us, to have a chance to play this far into the Open Cup again is really good. Here we go, we're playing against a team we just played in our last [MLS] game, so it's kind of something we really have to be ready for. We don't have another game in the league to play [this weekend], so for us, it's really all the focus and all the players are ready for this."

On facing New York for the second time in just over one week:

Kamara: "New York Red Bulls is a difficult team to play. It's a team that they give it their all. They have the [feistiness] with them. They have some good players and they're ready to play every game and win every game. For us, we've got to be ready for that. They came in here and they took away three points [on July 5]. This one is a different stage for a cup, but it's also a big stage and we have to be ready for that. So, we have to be ready to put up a fight against them, because I know they're not coming in here for anything [other than a win]."

On being two wins away from another appearance in the U.S. Open Cup Final:

Kamara: "The Open Cup is fun. It's our FA Cup – obviously, the FA Cup, the cup from England. It's really big into this stage right now. You're not far away from going to the final. Being in the final, it's something good. It's even better when you win it, which I've been a part of that, so I've really enjoyed it. Now, it's really one of those where these games go all the way to extra time and penalty kicks and all that stuff, because that's what it is. Everybody wants to make sure that they're giving it their all and not making too many mistakes. For us, we've really got to be ready for this one."

On if he only needs one or two goals to get into a goal-scoring rhythm:

Kamara: "I'm a goal scorer. I've scored, I think, 90 goals in this league. I'm a goal scorer in the box and I'm waiting in the box. I think when I start getting crosses and getting balls in the box and I start putting one or two in there, then hopefully it starts flowing. I've been doing my work. I've been doing work to be in there. It hasn't been the right one yet, but yeah, if I get one or two – but I've got to be in the box and be ready for those crosses when they come. Hopefully, I can put them in the back of the net."

[New England Revolution Midfielder Scott Caldwell](#)

On having a few days off to reset and get ready for the second half of the season:

Caldwell: "I think everyone took advantage of the time off to kind of get a refresh and get ready to go. We're all ready to push this week."

On entering Thursday's Open Cup match without a league match to play the following weekend:

Caldwell: "We know that this is a game we have to focus on right now. We have time off after as well before our next game. We're very familiar with the Red Bulls team, so it makes things interesting. We're all looking forward to the challenge ahead."

On facing New York for the second time in just over one week:

Caldwell: "Anytime we get to play this team, there's always a little bit of something added, something extra. To play each other twice in a week, it makes things interesting. It's a big game, a quarterfinal game. Anytime you have a chance to get to the semifinals and advance in the Open Cup, you want to take it and we're looking forward to it."

On the advantage that comes with familiarity having just played the Red Bulls last week:

Caldwell: "It helps both teams in that aspect. We're both very familiar, like I said, so you can focus on the things that – we just played them. We can see what we did poorly, what we did well, and try to exploit those areas of the field that we think we're able to. Seeing them in such short time, it's a good thing and we'll try to take advantage of it."

On Kelyn Rowe and Juan Agudelo representing the USMNT at Gold Cup:

Caldwell: "It's always great to see anyone on your team do well with the national team. It bodes well. Anyone who can get that opportunity, you love to see them do well. I'm just glad that they're there and getting the chances and hope they continue to succeed."

[New England Revolution Defender Chris Tierney](#)

On getting a few days off following last Wednesday's match against New York:

Tierney: "Obviously, the game on [Wednesday] was a really tough one to take. It's one of those results where it takes a few days to get over. It was a really bad result. To get away from the game for a little bit and spend some time away I think was really good for us. We're as motivated as ever to push forward."

On whether he is able to focus solely on Thursday's Open Cup match with no upcoming league match this weekend:

Tierney: "I think so. I mean, I think there is always that aspect of looking forward to a weekend game when you're playing the Open Cup. Since we don't have another game for another week, all of our energy and focus is on this game. We're playing it as though it's a cup final. It's a huge game for us and we expect to win the game and advance, especially because we're at home."

On facing the Red Bulls for the second time in just over one week:

Tierney: "New York Red Bulls is a team that brings a high-competitive level, so we have to match that, especially on our home turf. We have to put the result right from last week. I think you'll see us play with an edge and they're going to play with an edge like they usually do, so I expect things to get a little bit nasty as they usually do when rivals play each other. We've got to be up for the battle and the challenge and I think we'll be ready."

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