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New England Revolution Training Report: July 4, 2017

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Please visit the [MLS Soundbytes Page](#) to access interview footage and training b-roll from Monday's post-training media availability previewing this Wednesday's against the New York Red Bulls, including quotes and footage from:

- **Head Coach Jay Heaps**
- **Midfielder Diego Fagundez**
- **Midfielder Lee Nguyen**

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New England Revolution Head Coach Jay Heaps

On getting Diego Fagundez back from a one-game suspension:

Coach Heaps: "I thought we really missed Diego [Fagundez] and guys like Diego and Kelyn [Rowe] and Juan [Agudelo] – even [Xavier] Kouassi – guys that can break teams down. Getting him back will be good."

On Xavier Kouassi's status:

Coach Heaps: "Starting to come along. I think he's getting closer."

On Antonio Delamea making the 18-man roster for Sunday's match after surgery last week:

Coach Heaps: "He cleared everything – cleared all of the procedures that he had to have with the surgery. It was a late surgery, because he needed the swelling to go down. Wanted to have him as an option, but felt like he probably needed a little bit more training time before he was ready to go."

On facing the New York Red Bulls:

Coach Heaps: "They're a good team. I think they showed you that on any given day they're one of the top [teams] in the league. They've been, in any game that I've watched them play, they can win the game and that's a credit to their group."

New England Revolution Midfielder Diego Fagundez

On watching Sunday's match from while serving a one-game red card suspension:

Fagundez: "It wasn't fun. It was one of those that you wish you can be out there helping out the team, but I got unlucky with my suspension, so I was trying to support them as much as possible. It was unlucky we weren't able to get the win."

On entering Wednesday night's match with fresh legs:

Fagundez: "That's what we're hoping. I tried to rest as much as possible, so when Wednesday comes I can be 110 percent. I know there are a lot of guys who have played a lot of minutes lately, so we're going to have to make sure they're recovering well. Wednesday, we're going to have to be ready. It's a must-win now."

On trying to galvanize the team after Sunday's loss:

Fagundez: "I think the good part is that we're at home, and at home, I think that's where we play our best. It's a perfect chance for everybody to show up and give our crowd what they deserve. We've been doing well; we've just been getting unlucky with games. We just have to go out there, make sure we play our game, finish every chance we have, and make sure that we defend as a team."

On having three home league games in July:

Fagundez: "This is when we all need to step it up and say, 'Hey, if we want to make the playoffs, this is where it starts.' We have to keep going out there and training, keep doing what we're doing best, working hard, and trying to earn our spots. We have our chances on the field and we need to do a lot better."

New England Revolution Midfielder Lee Nguyen

On moving ahead to Wednesday's game:

Nguyen: "It was a tough result for us, but yeah, it's time to move on. This is a quick turnaround and this is the game right here that we need to turn it around, because we have that bad taste in our mouth [from] this past weekend and we want to move on from that. The Red Bulls game this Wednesday is going to give us that opportunity."

On compensating for the loss of Juan Agudelo and Kelyn Rowe to the U.S. Men's National Team:

Nguyen: "Obviously, it's going to put more responsibility on us, of course. We know we have – those are two big spots to fill. At the same time, guys who are going to get the opportunity to fill those shoes, that's their chance to step up and show they can make a big play and big change in our team. So this is going to be a big opportunity for them and at the same time, we're going to have to step up even more and help lead this team."

On what getting Diego Fagundez back from red card suspension adds to the attacking group:

Nguyen: "It's a big boost offensively. He gives us more options going forward, and at the same time, he gives us more dynamic play, because he can beat players one on one, and at the same time, we can combine. He's going to help us offensively, big time."

On if the team can start as fast as it did against the Red Bulls earlier this season:

Nguyen: "You've got to start like that, but we've got to do that for 90 minutes. That's going to be the big thing."

On playing three league home games in July:

Nguyen: "We know how crucial these games are now. We left a lot of points so far I think we felt we should have had. Now, it's do or die. We need maximum points, especially at home. So this weekend is a must-win for us."

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