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MEDIA RELEASE

Revolution Media Assets & Transcript: Tommy McNamara & Henry Kessler (September 12, 2022)

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. – The New England Revolution remain on the road for a Tuesday night contest at Houston Dynamo FC on Sept. 13. New England's first visit to PNC Stadium since 2018 kicks off at 8:30 p.m. ET and airs locally on WSBK-TV38, myRITV (Rhode Island), Cozi TV (Western Mass.), 98.5 The Sports Hub, and WBIX 1260 AM Nossa Radio in Portuguese.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the Revolution's game notes.

On Monday, defender **Henry Kessler** and midfielder **Tommy McNamara** met virtually with the media to preview Tuesday's match. View the links below to access footage of today's interviews in addition to a complete transcript, game notes, and additional media assets.

Revolution Media Assets: September 12, 2022

- [SOUND: Revolution Defender Henry Kessler \(9/12\)](#)
- [SOUND: Revolution Midfielder Tommy McNamara \(9/12\)](#)
- [VIDEO: Training B-Roll](#)
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Revolution Media Schedule: September 12 – 14		
Date	Media Availability	Notes/Links
Monday, September 12	Video Press Conference feat. Henry Kessler and Tommy McNamara	VIDEO HERE
Tuesday, September 13	8:30 p.m. ET – Kickoff at Houston Dynamo FC MLS Regular Season Match #31 TV: WSBK-myTV38, myRITV (Rhode Island), Cozi TV (Western Mass.) Radio: 98.5 The Sports Hub, 1260 AM Nossa ~10:30 p.m. ET – Postgame Press Conference	CLICK HERE participate
Wednesday, September 14	OFF DAY	No Media Access

Subject to change; Spanish translation available upon request

Revolution Midfielder Tommy McNamara

On the team's approach to Tuesday's match at Houston:

McNamara: "We need to win the game. That's been the message since the game ended against Red Bull the other evening. So, that's the mindset that we have going into it."

On keeping the right mentality ahead of the final four games:

McNamara: "Yeah, I mean it's all aspects. It's crunch time now. I mean, it has been, and we've been in this kind of state that we've been in over the last few weeks that we need to pick up results and we need to win games. So, we just need to have a committed effort from all 11 guys on the field and from the players that come off the bench to try to do everything that we can to get three points here."

On Carles Gil rejoining the squad and his importance to the team:

McNamara: "Yeah, we're very happy for [Carles Gil]. Congratulations to him, to his wife, and to his family. We're happy that everything seems to be all good and we're happy to have him back. He's our captain, he's carried this team for a number of years since I've been here, and he's obviously one of the if not the best player in the league. So, it makes, obviously, a huge difference in the group when he's available, and so we're happy to have him back."

On the challenges of a quick turnaround from Saturday to Tuesday:

McNamara: "To be honest, I like it. We have, obviously, a bad taste in our mouths after the last game ended, particularly myself. So, I'm happy that we can kind of turn the page on it quickly and re-focus on another game and not have it dwell over your head for a long time. I'm looking forward to this game tomorrow night to hopefully put us back into a better place."

On his memories of playing in Houston and what he's looking forward to on Tuesday:

McNamara: "To hopefully win the game. That's what's most important and that's my only real focus going into tomorrow night. Outside of that, there's still some people that play on the team that I played with, that I'm friends with, some people that still work for the club that I'm friends with, that were very good to me and treated me very well when I was here. So, I look forward to saying 'hello' to them and just having a quick chat after the game."

On what he's seen from Giacomo Vrioni, who returned to action as a substitute on Saturday:

McNamara: "[Giacomo Vrioni] has a great personality. He's come into the locker room very well. He's very outgoing so it has made the transition easy from a personal standpoint. You know, unfortunately he's been injured a lot, so we haven't really been able to see his full quality on display. We got to see him train a couple weeks when he first got here, and he played in a couple games. He has some attributes that I think will really help the team. Unfortunately, like I said, he's been injured for however long it has been, but we're happy to have him back. He's another attacking player for us that is a very important piece for us. The characteristics that he brings are different than our other attackers. It's very good to welcome him back into the group and hopefully he can start having an impact."

Revolution Defender Henry Kessler

On the team's approach to Tuesday's match at Houston:

Kessler: "I think the approach is to get three points by any means necessary. We don't have too many matches left, so we need to get points. That's the mindset, that's the approach, and that's the goal."

On his chemistry playing alongside Andrew Farrell and if only starting 15 games together this season due to injuries has been "discouraging":

Kessler: "I think most of that is due to the injuries that I had earlier in the year. So, I don't think that's due to any other reason in particular. I don't think it's so discouraging. I think it's mostly the fact that I had injuries and I think [Andrew Farrell] had a small injury earlier in the year as well. But we've played so many games together that I think we're still very familiar with each other."

On facing Houston after they were eliminated from postseason contention and recently parted ways with former Head Coach Paulo Nagamura:

Kessler: “I think one of the challenges is we're not exactly sure what to expect from [Houston Dynamo FC]. New coach and eliminated, they might try some new things. But, as you said, most of the focus is going to be on us and how we prepare and how we perform. But I think the challenge would be that we're not exactly sure how they'll line up. That being said, no matter how they line up, we should focus on ourselves and and know our game plan.”

On areas where he feels the defense still needs to improve:

Kessler: “I think an area we can improve on is after conceding one goal, not losing focus or whatever it is, not losing our shape. I thought the first half was decent against [New York] Red Bulls, and then after they scored that goal, I feel like things kind of got out of whack. So, I think that's an area we can improve on and hopefully we can take it into the next coming games.”

On Giacomo Vrioni returning from injury:

Kessler: “Yeah, I haven't gotten to see a ton of [Giacomo Vrioni], but he trained initially a little bit before he got injured and he looked good. You can see his quality in training and in the spurts that he's had in the few games that he's played. And then as a person, he's an outgoing guy, a nice guy, he speaks a lot of languages, so that's always helpful. I think we're all interested to see more from him and excited for him to be back on the field from a more-minutes standpoint.”

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