



NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION

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TRANSCRIPT (7/5): Postgame at Portland Timbers FC

Soundbytes from Head Coach Caleb Porter & F Luca Langoni

Revolution Head Coach Caleb Porter

On Saturday's match and recovering quickly for Wednesday:

Porter: "It's a tough one to swallow, because I thought we played extremely well on both sides of the ball. I thought our mentality was excellent. For me, at 1-1, it was all us, and it's really disappointing the manner in how we gave away the second goal off our attacking corner. It wasn't the first time that it happened in the match; it was probably the third or fourth time. We recognized it, we made an adjustment to drop an extra guy back, but in that play we rush out and we conceded the goal because of us not being good in that transition moment off of our attacking corner. That's the real disappointment, because we played so well on both sides of the ball. I thought we executed extremely well and I thought we were slightly the better team. Obviously, they're a very good team. They're in a good position in the West for a reason. They're extremely talented. We were on the road in a very difficult environment and we were extremely solid on both sides of the ball. There's really not much I would change other than, really, we should have gotten our noses in front in the first half, 2-1, with a couple of very good chances. Then at 1-1, we're knocking on the door and we have to be a little more street smart and savvy and not concede that goal off of our own attacking corner. That can't happen."

On returning to Portland:

Porter: "It was pretty emotional. I'm a guy that tends to block out all the nostalgia and emotion and just focus on the next game, but with it being eight years since I was back, the first time I've brought an opposing team in here to Providence Park with my history here – five years I was here – and the good memories that I had. Obviously, my family, my kids pretty much grew up here. It was emotional, but obviously when the whistle blows, I'm very competitive and all I want to do is win with my current team."

"I really believe in my group right now. I'm really proud of how they played. We went toe to toe with a very good team, one of the top teams this year in the West and a very talented team in a difficult environment. We went toe to toe. You look at how the game went, a very even game. I thought we slightly had the better of it, and it's just disappointing we don't take anything out of the game. We've got to be a little more street smart. For our group, the evolution, that's really what's going to put us into the next level where we're beating the top teams in the East and West. We've got to claw a goal to go [up] 2-1. At a minimum, we can't concede in a situation where we're trying to score on a corner and next thing you know, 20 or 30 seconds later, it's in the back of the net and 100 yards the other way. We've got to kill that play, we've got to be more organized, and we've got to smell the danger, because it was three or four times that it happened prior to the goal."

On the team fighting until the final whistle in search of an equalizer:

Porter: "I can't say enough about the players' mentality and fight. Again, the play today, the football was excellent. I thought we dictated large portions of the game. We got in great spots to score. We gave away the first goal a little bit against the run and then responded and pulled the goal back. Then five minutes later, we had a golden chance where Peyton [Miller] slid Leo [Campana in]. We need to score those. I'm confident we will. Obviously, we score that and the game is a little different. But in saying that, I thought [in the] second half, we were excellent. On both sides of the ball, we executed extremely well against a very

good team. For me, the lesson is on those set pieces, we can't give away transitions. They're very dangerous in the run of play. They really weren't dangerous against us. We managed their transition really well. It was just when we're throwing our numbers in the box on a set piece, we didn't have the right structure. We adjusted the structure, but somehow they run through us. We'll learn from it. For me, the play was excellent and good enough to get a point out of the game."

On the offensive performance and substituting Luca Langoni for Maxi Urruti in the 74th minute:

Porter: "Luca had to come out, he was cramping, so I had no decision on that. Luca, I thought, played extremely well. He gave us pace and power. He scored a great goal and had a few other moments where maybe he could have gotten another goal or an assist. Again, I thought we did enough on the day to get a result in the game. We created enough chances. When you look at the margins, them versus us, chances, shots on goal, and that – maybe we need to be a little bit more precise in our finishing on goal. But we got enough chances in the game to get something out of the game, and we defended well enough and minimize their chances enough to get a result out of the game. So, I'm very pleased with all of that. I'm very pleased with the mentality and we'll correct the little detail that cost us the game."

Revolution Forward Luca Langoni

Translated from Spanish

On scoring his first goal of the season in tonight's match:

Langoni: "It felt great. I was happy to score tonight but sad about the result and the outcome of the match."

On the positive takeaways from the team's performance:

Langoni: "The chances we created. We controlled the game at times. We created many chances but we lost the game, unfortunately."

On the team's focus heading with two games next week:

Langoni: "We have to lift our heads up and learn from the mistakes tonight. But we'll continue with the same intensity and the same will to win that we had tonight."