



# NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION

## TRANSCRIPT

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*Soundbytes from Head Coach Caleb Porter to preview Saturday's match*

#### **Revolution Head Coach Caleb Porter**

##### ***On the team's confidence after two defeats despite strong performances in both games:***

**Porter:** "The players know when they play well. Obviously, the result didn't follow the performance, but the chances are there. The last two games I really liked the way we played, and the team knows that as well. They felt good about the performance. They understand that in the boxes we have to show more urgency, killer instinct, and cutting edge. So, that five percent more quality in those moments is what's going to give us the result, as long as we keep playing the way we've been playing."

##### ***On the importance of the fine margins in MLS and how the team will manage three games in the next week:***

**Porter:** "I think when you look at the last two games, the team should feel really confident knowing that they played two of the best teams in the league, and outplayed and outshot them, and had really good chances to win the games. Those players that had those chances, we believe in them, and we have confidence in those players. We know that the goals will come. It's not just going to happen automatically, we have to show that cutting edge, that killer instinct, and that five percent more quality. I think the group is very confident to go on the road and get a result. And we still have two more games after that, so it's a very busy stretch. We have to be extremely smart evaluating our group right now, who can go and who can't. We're midseason, everybody is fit, and we've done these windows before. We played a good majority of guys in all three games, so we know we can do it."

##### ***On the challenges he expects from Austin FC:***

**Porter:** "I think every team is different. We've put the work in to evaluate them and analyze them. Obviously, we have to focus on ourselves as well, like always. We did a walkthrough today – can't do much on the pitch – and did a video meeting and went through the scout on them. Just little tweaks. We have to keep doing what we've been doing, but we have to adjust to them as well just in the phases of play. So, on goal kicks, what are they doing and what are we doing? And vice versa. When we're playing out, what are we doing and what are they doing? So, those type of things, we have to adjust all the time. They play a very similar system to Miami, so there's some connection there as well. But mostly on us, we have to focus on us, and in the box, finish. The last two games, we did score a goal in each but probably should have scored three or four."

##### ***On Luca Langoni being re-inserted into the lineup after a long injury absence:***

**Porter:** "[Langoni] has played well. He brings that pace, that stretch, not to mention a good work rate defensively. He has the ability in the box to create his own chance and score. He had two or three really good moments in the match [against Inter Miami]. His prep touch to set up the finish is important. If he gets that right, he probably gets a goal in the match. But he is playing well."