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Soundbytes from Head Coach Caleb Porter & M Carles Gil

Revolution Head Coach Caleb Porter

On the clean-sheet performance at Austin FC on Saturday:

Porter: "Another good defensive performance, which isn't easy, ever, on the road in this league, against a team that had been in good form and taken results in eight out of 10. It was a good environment. So, [we're] pleased with that part. Our eighth clean sheet, two away from tying the club record if you can believe that. Just in the box, we have to do better. We had 13 or 14 crosses and zero completed. So, the players in those positions, we showed [them] the film today, they have to get the cross right. The runs were there actually, so that's the only thing we have to keep working on and keep looking at. Obviously, we'll see where Peyton [Miller] and Ilay [Feingold] are at. We got a little run with them today, so we'll make a decision whether or not they're a part of the game."

On assessing his squad as the team continues a congested stretch of games:

Porter: "We know the guys that can keep going and we know the guys who we need to rotate. It's typically the guys that have done it and not gotten injured. Then, there are some guys you have to be careful with. So, we'll keep making those good decisions. The execution has been there on both sides of the ball. I'm really pleased with that and yet the final third, the piece of quality in that moment, that's what we have to continue to look at and get right."

On Aljaž Ivačič's role as a leader on the team his role in helping the team record eight clean sheets this season:

Porter: "Clean sheets are a team thing. Last game, Aljaž [Ivačič] made some big saves, but it's the goalkeeper, it's the central defenders. They're the last line making the final play. The better we defend from the front, the fewer moments that we are in defending. For the most part, we're not giving away a ton of chances. Last game, a few more that he had to step up when called upon. But he is a great leader. Our center backs have been excellent. Obviously, Mamadou [Fofana] is out suspended [against New York], so we'll have to make a decision there with who slides in. But I'm really pleased overall with the defending and even the attacking; it's just the finish we need to get right."

On building attacking consistency despite injuries in the front line and Luca Langoni's recent performances:

Porter: "It's not ideal to have to change so much. It hasn't been by design, it's been because of injuries. Luca [Langoni] has recently done extremely well. I thought he played another good game [at Austin FC]. He was lively and he was in behind them. He had two good chances. The first one was saved, an excellent save, he took it well and put it right where he should have put it and the goalie made a fingertip save, an unbelievable save. The second key chance he had he could probably do it a bit better and go low, back post. But he's playing really well. I like his rhythm. I like his confidence. Ideally, yeah, you don't want change the front two that much because you want an understanding to develop. I've said it – our

best run of form was when we had continuity in every game. That [consistency is] always going to be a better formula, because the understanding and the chemistry is better.”

On Carles Gil being added to the MLS All-Star roster:

Porter: “[MLS All-Star Coach] Nico [Estevez], told me, actually, before the game [on Saturday] he was going to put [Gil] on, so it’s well deserved. It doesn’t matter how it happens. Life has a funny way of working out and evening out in the end. He got the deserved call to make the All-Star Game, because he has had an unbelievable year and he’ll continue to be our key player.”

On Carles Gil’s leadership continuing to grow in his seventh season with the club:

Porter: “[Gil] likes the team, he likes the direction of the club, and he likes the way we play, so that makes it easier. He is positive about everything. I think sometimes players like Carles, because they’re so good, it’s hard for them to understand sometimes when we don’t get the cross right or we don’t get the run right. These are things that are obvious to a player like him. I think he has gotten more patient, which is a big part of leadership, finding that balance between accountability and making sure you build confidence and stay positive. That positivity, that’s the biggest thing I’ve seen in him. But again, it goes back to when a player likes the direction and likes most of what’s happening, minus maybe at times the results, then it is a little bit easier to stay positive.”

On injury updates to Ilay Feingold, Peyton Miller, and Ignatius Ganago:

Porter: “[Ignatius] Ganago is still a couple weeks away, two or three weeks away. Even though it’s [after] the sixth game [on the short-term Injured List], we’re not going to do another six games, so he is in the mix when he’s ready. Then Peyton [Miller] and Ilay [Feingold], they trained today, but it was their first day of training. We’re going to have to make decisions now on whether or not they’re available for this game or the next game. It will be a judgment call. Peyton has been out one game, four days. Ilay has been out, I think, 13 or 14 days. So, Ilay has missed three games and Peyton missed one game. Both looked pretty good, but playing 90 minutes and playing at a high intensity on both sides of the ball, tackling, putting your foot in, and just the game speed is different than training. So, we’ll have to make a decision on that.”

On replacing Mamadou Fofana due to his one-game suspension for yellow card accumulation:

Porter: “He [Fofana] has been a key guy in the center, but we’ve played different guys, and in the end we have to play a different guy. We have confidence in the player that we’ll pick.”

Revolution Midfielder Carles Gil

On his reaction to being named to the 2025 MLS All-Star roster:

Gil: “Good, it’s always a pleasure to be there with this group of players, and I’ll just try to enjoy the experience.”

On earning his fourth All-Star selection:

Gil: “Yeah, it’s always difficult [to be chosen] in my position, with many good players there. But I think it means I’m doing good things. For me, what’s always important is the group, trying to win is the best way to then improve as an individual player. I’m trying to be the best Carles, not for me, but for the group, for my team.”

On his favorite part of the MLS All-Star experience:

Gil: “In 99 percent of the days you are battling with these players and when you spend [a few] days with them, it’s always different and it’s nice. It’s a different experience.”

On how he reflects on the team’s recent performances and how the team can take the next step forward:

Gil: "It's difficult because, like I've said, we are doing good things. For me, more with the ball, because the key is to create chances in the end. Then, the finishing is apart. But, the difficult thing on the pitch is creating chances. We are creating big chances, and I think the goals are coming, for sure. I think we need to improve without the ball, but even in the last game, we had a clean sheet because Aljaž [Ivačič] had an amazing performance. But, we're still having some space in the back, in the midfield. So, we'll try to be better in that part. We are there in almost every game, but the truth is that we need to win. There are two key games for us coming into this week, so we'll try to first win at Red Bull and then Orlando."

On his confidence in Revolution goalkeeper Aljaž Ivačič:

Gil: "Aljaž [Ivačič] is always there. He's an incredible keeper. I know him, he's working every week, every day, no matter what happened, whether he's the best keeper in the week or he concedes three [goals]. In the end, he's consistent every week and we're lucky to have him. I'm very happy for the season he's having."

On how he stays mentally sharp to face Red Bulls tomorrow in a multi-game week:

Gil: "It's a difficult two weeks, but like I said, it's a key game. So, the 11 [players] starting and the other guys coming from the bench need to be ready. We know what Red Bulls are, it's a team that likes to fight, one-v-ones, running [all] over the pitch. It will be difficult. We beat them at home [on March 29] a few months ago and we want to do the same."

On what it means to him to represent New England at the 2025 MLS All-Star Game:

Gil: "I'm very proud to do that. I love this team, I love Boston, I love everything. I'm going to try to do my best in those days and represent my team."

On what it meant to him to have his son on the field before taking on Inter Miami CF on July 9:

Gil: "I think the first time was two years ago, he was a baby. Now he's a little bit bigger. To have the opportunity to do it with [Lionel] Messi was special too. It was strange because he was crying, he wanted to be with his mom (*laughs*). But yeah, it was an amazing experience, and we will remember it for sure."

On what he has learned about being a good leader over the last year-and-a-half:

Gil: "We've had bad moments. In bad moments, [I've learned] to be there, to try to make the next step. Not just me, but the experienced guys here like Matt [Polster], Brandon [Bye], and Andrew [Farrell]. In the difficult moments, that's when you need to push, to encourage the team. I think this season is different, even though we are not in the position we want. But, the feeling is different, we are competing every game, and we feel we are there. Obviously, we need to improve and start to win games. But I think it can be a good season."

On how close he thinks the team is to getting better results:

Gil: "It's strange because in the moment when I'm on the pitch, or the moments before the game, I'm always having good feelings like, 'Today's the day we are going to win.' Even on the pitch, I'm feeling good, having chances, it's coming, it's coming. But, the truth is that I think in the last 11 [games], we just have one win. So, I think it's true that we are [playing] good games but in the end, we need to improve. We need to improve in the boxes, finishing. We cannot concede every game. We didn't in the last game, but the other two or three games, because then it's difficult to have a win. So, improve these things and there's 13 more games. We want to be in the playoffs and then, I'm sure that in the playoffs, we're ready to face any team."

On being selected to the 2025 MLS All-Star roster:

(Translated from Spanish)

Gil: "Yeah, I'm very happy. It's tough every year because there's more and more talent in the league. It's

always a nice experience to be an All-Star and share moments with players who are normally your rivals. I hope to enjoy those days [in Austin].”