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Match Preview soundbytes from Head Coach Caleb Porter & F Leo Campana

Revolution Head Coach Caleb Porter

On the work his players have put in during the last week of training:

Porter: "Same as every week, I think we had really good energy for the most part every single week. Obviously, this week we have more training days, which always helps. The attitude was excellent out of the players. They're together, they're very bought in. We know what we need to do and it's very simple: we need to win the next game."

On Tomás Chancalay physical development throughout the year as he returns from a knee injury:

Porter: "He [Chancalay] is getting there. Obviously, it has been a little choppy at times with him in and out with injuries, but he's very important to our team because he brings goals. You saw it in the last game. We would prefer that he's in and playing 90 minutes if we could control that, but we can't. We will use him in the way that we can use him based on where he's at. The good news is we do have Luca [Langoni], Leo [Campana], Tomás, and Carles [Gil] scoring goals right now. We haven't obviously had them all scoring in every game, but there's reason to believe, in the short-term past and in looking at their goals, that we can get a lot of goals out of these guys in the final 11 games. We're going to need that to win the amount of games we need to make the playoffs."

On Leo Campana finding a rhythm after dealing with minor injuries in the first half of the season:

Porter: "All we're thinking about is winning the next game. Leo [Campana] is obviously a big part of that. All the other stuff, I don't really care about. It's about winning the next game."

On the challenges of facing CF Montreal:

Porter: "Like always, we look at the opponent, we focus on ourselves and our strengths. With Montreal, we prepared the team for their shape, their system, how they attack, how they defend, and, like always, how they work on set pieces. The group is ready for that. We went through the gameplan today. We have Carles [Gil] coming back today as well, so we'll hopefully plug him in tomorrow unless something happens. The group is ready. I'm very confident that they've been prepared, I'm very confident that they have the right mindset and that we're together, and I'm very confident that there's belief. Now, we just need to go and take action. We need to execute, and a soccer game always comes down to the little plays and moments. I'm confident that we can make those plays and hopefully win the game, but it's going to be up to the players in the 90-plus minutes. I'll do my part before the game, during the game, at halftime, and with the subs, but the players have to perform. That's the bottom line. They're on the front lines, and they have to go take action and perform now. But they've been prepared, they have belief, they're together, they're fighting, and they know what they need to do. Now, they need to go and do it."

Revolution Forward Leonardo Campana

On celebrating his 25th birthday on Thursday:

Campana: "Thank you very much. With my family, chilling and we're going to have dinner next to my house, pasta at an Italian place for tomorrow. But that's it. That's all I wanted, so it's okay. All I want for my birthday

gift today is dinner with my family and three points tomorrow, and hopefully score. That would be the perfect birthday.”

On taking advantage of a full week to train and prepare for Friday’s game:

Campana: “I think we spoke about it, we played like five or six games in two weeks. It was an intense two weeks, but it’s part of what we do. We need to accommodate ourselves to these types of weeks. I think it was good lowering the rhythm a little bit and thinking what we can improve. It helped us to talk about what we can do these next games that’s really important. We have fewer games left, so I think it’s important to get a win to put pressure on the other guys that are in front of us. Definitely for us, I think we deserve to win. We’ve been playing good. Obviously, we’ve been making, I would say, childish mistakes. That’s why we aren’t taking the three points. But I think that’s just part of the game. I know I’m confident we will win tomorrow and we will make the playoffs.”

On what he expects from CF Montreal and what he can add to the side:

Campana: “A lot of leadership, I would say, helping my teammates. That’s something I try do every time I’m on the pitch to help them, communicate with them, and give that boost of energy, especially to the young guys. Tomorrow is a special game. I’m excited to play, my whole family is here, so it will be good having them in the suites.”

On his belief in the team despite the current run of form:

Campana: “I think part of my nature is being positive, but also I have confidence in my teammates because I am with them every day almost seven days a week. I know the potential of our team. The results haven’t been good to us, but I know we have good potential and quality players. It’s just a matter of time to get one win, and then I know things will change for us.”

On his confidence building as he gets more into a rhythm on the field:

Campana: “It’s the priority. I told everyone at the beginning of the year my priority was to play a lot of minutes and with that the goals will come. I know my history in the past months has been not good for me, but I think right now I found the perfect balance with the medical staff and with the coaches. They have my back, everyone here on the team. I think we’re working, we’re doing the right stuff. I’ve been playing the last five or six games almost 90 minutes, so that’s something I haven’t accomplished in a long time. So, that means we’re doing the right things. And the goals for me will come, I have no doubts. I know what I’m capable of. The coaching staff knows that too, so that will come.”

On dealing with the pressure to perform and produce offensively:

Campana: “No, I wouldn’t say pressure. Pressure is on the guys that are in the streets and don’t have anything to eat when they arrive home. For me, it’s just part of the game. I’m enjoying what I’m living right now, that is playing minutes. I’ve never felt better before, physically or mentally, so I think the goals will come sooner or later. I have no pressure from what everyone thinks or outside of here thinks, I know what I’m capable of. My family knows that, and that is the most important thing, the people around me knows that, so I would say there’s no pressure.”