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Soundbytes from Head Coach Caleb Porter

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On what Matt Turner brings to the team:

Porter: "You have to improve in every [transfer] window. You look at, in this league, every day, the signings, you see them. Even the best teams in the league are adding players, very good players. So, we have to always continue to improve. Obviously, we need a little bit more. Matt Turner, for me, hopefully increases our margins defensively. He has experience, he has shot-stopping quality, he brings a confidence. He has won here already. He's a good leader. We have other good goalkeepers, but he definitely brings a lot of intangibles- leadership, confidence, experience, and winning."

On if adding a leader like Matt Turner strengthens the defense:

Porter: "For sure. We don't have a natural leader on the backline, so we need to do it with our goalkeeper and Matt [Polster], those two guys a little bit. Mamadou [Fofana], in his own way will do it. Brayann [Ceballos] is more of a quiet guy who plays a role. If you don't have a natural leader, someone that's going to boss the line, you need your goalkeeper to bring that. That's definitely one of [Turner's] best qualities, his organization and his vocal presence that he brings."

On the process of a goalkeeper becoming acclimated with his new teammates at this stage of the season:

Porter: "It's easier because [Turner] has been here. He walks into the building, he knows where the locker room is, he knows the pitch. This still takes time, whether you're a goalkeeper or a field player, to get to know guys. He has some ties with guys on the team still, which helps, in terms of chemistry. It will take a little bit to get up to speed with how we play and some of the things that we look to do. But his transition to the league and our club is a lot quicker."

On what the team focused on last week during a bye week:

Porter: "Normal, just keep improving, keep looking at ourselves and looking at how we can improve. Does that mean signings? Does that mean training? Does that mean adjustments in our tactics, the system we use, or the formations we use? All those little things. It was a good couple of weeks, great energy today. Like every week, we'll be prepared going into the game. You see every week, the team's prepared. In most games, we start really well and score the first goal in a lot of games. It's about [having] a 90-minute performance, really executing when the margins get tight. The margins are really key, and the margins come down to the boxes, they come down to quality."

On preparing for Saturday's match against D.C. United:

Porter: "We'll look at them [D.C. United]. Obviously, we'll factor them in tomorrow, their shape, the numbers of how they play, the formation, and all that. For me, it's more about us executing and getting those margins right in the boxes. The players in the boxes have to make plays."

On Matt Turner's first day in training and the expectations for him in his first days returning to the Revolution:

Porter: "[Turner] is a goalkeeper- sometimes he saves the ball, sometimes it goes in the goal. That's normal. He's a good player. He brings an energy, he smiles, and has fun playing, you can see it. Like I said, not tongue-in-cheek, the ball is still going to go in sometimes. He's obviously not going to save every shot, so the expectation needs to be realistic. But he brings confidence. Again, the intangibles, that's huge. The winning, the feeling, the confidence, the experience and the leadership, those are the things that he'll bring."

On statements shared by the supporters groups via social media last week:

Porter: "I didn't know about the statement. I don't have social media, so I didn't hear a thing about it until, I think, someone asked a question to [Sporting Director] Curt [Onalfo] yesterday [in a press conference]. I think, for me, fans are entitled to their opinion, and I respect their opinion. I don't agree with their opinion. So, I'm not really thinking about that. I'm thinking about winning the next game, that's it. It doesn't really impact anything I do."

On the spirit and energy from players in training:

Porter: "Great, unbelievable. I think that's the big thing, put your energy on that, making sure that the players during a game feel a positive feeling. That would be the best thing that the fans can do."