



# NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION

## TRANSCRIPT

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*Soundbytes from Head Coach Caleb Porter & F Leo Campana*

#### Revolution Head Coach Caleb Porter

##### ***On takeaways from last Saturday's victory to carry over into this weekend's match against Los Angeles FC:***

**Porter:** "We won the game. We scored two goals, that's a positive. We defended well and got a clean sheet, that's a positive. Our confidence grew as the game went on. First half, to be expected, was a little bit nervy. When you're not getting results, that's normal. I thought we grew into the game. We were excellent at 2-0, and we have to build on it from a confidence standpoint. We looked at the film today, there's still a lot of little things we need to work on, and the next game is going to be a lot tougher. We need to play better in the next game to win."

##### ***On the team having its full roster healthy and available for selection:***

**Porter:** "It's ideal, but it really doesn't matter [because] you have to win no matter what. No one counts the injuries and says 'Okay, you cannot win the game.' Everybody expects you to win no matter what. It's good to have more options, obviously, and with more options it's a lot easier because you have better players. It's that simple. I become a better coach with the better players I have."

##### ***On deploying a different system in last weekend's victory:***

**Porter:** "The last two games we played with the same system. I think, right now, it highlights the players that we're starting, and it fit the game with the last two teams we played. It doesn't mean we won't change. I don't think it's about what I like better or not better. It's about your personnel, as a starting point, what shape highlights your personnel, and then what is the opponent doing and what's the best shape versus that opponent in that week."

##### ***On if anything different goes into preparing to play against Los Angeles FC's Son Heung-Min:***

**Porter:** "No, not really. Every team has good players. Obviously, [Son] is a really good player and maybe he's one of the best players, but every team has good players in this league. I don't think there's a team in this league that doesn't. I mean, look at D.C., you can say what you want about them, but they had the leading scorer in the league last year [Christian Benteke], a world class player up top. The game prior to that [against] Montreal, maybe not having a great season and they've got a guy who has 11 goals in [Prince] Owusu up top. So, no, nothing changes."

##### ***On what Matt Turner brings to the team:***

**Porter:** "Quality. Obviously, [Turner's] very confident. When you have quality, you're confident usually. They're connected. The best players have a good mentality, and they have a lot of quality. [Turner] has both. I think you see in the game that helps our team."

##### ***On if he knows team's identity heading into the final stretch of the regular season:***

**Porter:** "I know my team, I know the players, I know what we're good at and what we're not good at. I see these guys every day, I watch the film every week, multiple times. I know these guys like the back of my hand; I know the warts and I know their positives. I know what we need to do. I know what, sometimes, I

want to do and I know, sometimes, what won't work. At this point, if you don't know that as a coach then you have no chance."

***On Carles Gil breaking the club goal contributions record with a goal-and-assist performance last weekend:***

**Porter:** "That's [Gil's] role and that's what he's good at. He's a number 10, a very good final passer, setup guy, and chance creator with the ball. One of the best in the league and one of the best, for sure, in our club's history. I'm happy to have him. He has a great mentality, he's a good pro. He has confidence, he's got quality, and he's a true pro. I get the question a lot, 'Is it hard managing pros?' I always say 'No, because the best ones are easy to manage.' The best pros I've had, the best players, are easy to manage. If you're a bad pro, then yeah, you're hard to manage. But usually, the best players aren't bad pros. The best players are good pros, and Carles is a great pro."

***On what he saw from Ignatius Ganago in his return from a two-month injury absence last weekend:***

**Porter:** "Quality. I think the last time we won, [Ganago] was in. I don't think it's a coincidence, he's just a good player. That's why he played in [France's] Ligue 1. He's smart, he defends well, and he has a great attitude. Again, he's very humble and a very good pro. He's good 1-v-1, gets in the box, and is just a quality player which is why he's done well in his career and why he's done well for us."

## **Revolution Forward Leo Campana**

***On Campana's recent contributions to the attack, with three goals in the last four matches:***

**Campana:** "I think we're creating chances, that's an important thing. The goals will come for the ones that play up top. Obviously for me it's always important to score, to help the team to win, and I think Saturday's [win over D.C. United] was important to take that boost of confidence for the next game."

***On how Carles Gil's playmaking abilities create chances for Campana to score goals:***

**Campana:** "I always say it's one of the reasons that I came here, to have a number 10 like [Gil]. Everybody knows him around the league, everyone knows the kind of player he is. Every time we connect, we create chances. I hope we can keep doing that and help the team with goals and get the three points, that is what we need in the next games."

***On the approach to the final stretch of the regular season:***

**Campana:** "I think we'll take it game by game. Each game for us right now is a final. We have to play like we're in the playoffs, we're in the final for MLS. We're going to give it our all. We're going to give our 200 percent each game. I'm really confident that we can get into the playoffs."

***On if he feels he's finding his form and finding himself in good spots to score goals:***

**Campana:** "Yeah, 100 percent. It's a new team. We said at the beginning of the year that it was going to be tough to get the idea of the coaches, to know each other, because I think 16 of the 24 players that came this year are new. So, it takes time. I know we only won on Saturday, but as I said it's going to give us a boost of confidence to go into the next games. We play against LAFC [On Saturday], everybody knows that they are a really good team. We just have to give it our all, have confidence in us, and give our best."

***On what Revolution winger Ignatius Ganago brings to the team:***

**Campana:** "A lot of physicality. [Ganago's] a fast player. I think we're going to create a lot of chances with him on the pitch. The guys that that play in the game, the fans don't [need to] worry about who comes in or who starts because we're going to give it our all for you guys."

***On playing against Los Angeles FC's Son Heung-Min this upcoming weekend:***

**Campana:** "Everybody knows what kind of a player [Min] is. He's a top player. I've followed him since I was really young in Tottenham. Coming into this league you have these chances to play with the best in the world, with these top players. So, I hope they keep coming [to MLS]. It's going to be a tough game, but we're going to give it all and we're going to go for the three points."

***On if he wants to be more involved in the buildup in the attack:***

**Campana:** “Yeah, 100 percent. I always talk with the guys to try to find me in a lot of ways so we can create a lot of chances. I know that I’m not just here to score, but also to help my teammates score, to create chances. I think I can connect well with Luca [Langoni], with [Tomás] Chancalay, with Carles [Gil]. They already know that I’m a little bit angry on the pitch when I don’t have the ball on my feet. I hope that we can keep doing good things.”

***On Campana’s availability status after taking a knock at the end of last weekend’s match:***

**Campana:** “Yeah it was only a hit, a really tough hit. But I’m ready to play on Saturday, to train during this week, to prepare for an important game and do everything we can to look for the win.”