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Soundbytes from Head Coach Caleb Porter & F/W Luca Langoni

Revolution Head Coach Caleb Porter

On if he can feel the team's confidence growing after two wins in the last three matches:

Porter: "Yeah, that always helps. I think our group is always a hard-working group, an honest group. They're always pretty positive. They have a good base confidence, but when you win it just gives that little bit of extra positivity and that feeling helps, that vibe. It's another game, a Cup Final so-to-speak. We have to win. It's back at home, and we have to take care of business at home from here on out. We mixed a few things up this week. Hopefully, that changes the rhythm a little bit and maybe the psychology for the home game. Obviously, Charlotte we know is a very good team. We have a lot of respect for them. They're in a very good run of form, so it won't be easy."

On the challenges of playing against Charlotte FC:

Porter: "You can see they have a good unity, a very good team spirit. [Head Coach] Dean [Smith] has done a great job with that. That's typically reflected in how a team defends, which is the second thing – they're a very good defensive team. They're very organized tactically and they're tough to break down. They all work. They all are bought into the team and winning. Those are simple things, but not every team has those things, so I have a lot of respect for their club and Dean because, from a coaching standpoint, those aren't easy things to bleed into your team. And then they have good players. They're very athletic, they're dynamic, they get a lot of crosses and runners in the box, and they're very good in transition."

"It's no coincidence they've won seven in a row. It won't be easy, but last time we played them on the road they were top of the league and were in a very good run of form then too. We're hoping we can have another good performance, and I feel like we will. I have a lot of confidence that we will. It will come down to, like I always say, those little moments and us grinding. It's going to be a good game. It's going to be an important game. You can get nervous with those types of games or you can get excited. Our group looks very excited for this game."

On how Luca Langoni has grown as a player since arriving in New England:

Porter: "I think our whole group has had continuity. With continuity, there's consistency in each player's individual role. And then obviously the chemistry, those two things are really important. I think that's helping Luca [Langoni]. In my view, he's doing what he's good at. He's a very hard-working player on both sides of the ball. His work rate and the distance he covers on both sides of the ball has been reflective in the matches. He's really good in transition, he's dynamic, he can make runs behind, and he's a good crosser. When you look at the first goal [at Columbus], he was a big part of that. Then, there were a couple other situations in the first half where you can see he's in transition, he's running with the ball, or he's running off the ball to get in behind for that breakaway chance he had. That's what he can do and that's exactly what I like in him."

On how Leo Campana's positive energy helps the team:

Porter: "This group is a very positive group. A very resilient group. They have good character, and when you have good character you tend to be more positive when the going gets tough. For me, that's when

your character is kind of revealed. What I'm seeing in this group is they have great character, and that means through the tough times they're on board and they're positive, and they're trying to make it right.

"Leo [Campana] is a big example of that type of guy. He's just a super positive spirit. He's been through an up-and-down season because he was injured several times. I think it was three times he was injured and he didn't have a lot of rhythm. In a lot of ways, the start of the season went how it's gone for him a little bit, and he just stayed positive. I believe he's playing his best soccer of the year. He's starting, playing 90 minutes every single game, and working really hard. I've seen a little bit of a mentality shift over the last three, four games where he has even more of an edge and he's fighting, tackling, getting in duels with guys and just has a real hunger and a competitive drive. He's in good form right now he's scoring goals, so it couldn't come at a better time. I really appreciate him for how he's playing and his attitude."

On the importance of players feeling supported across the organization:

Porter: "We're a team, we're a family. I said that day one in preseason, we have to stick together because there are going to be ups and downs. It's a very difficult league. The best teams are teams. You look at Charlotte, they're a team, and you can see why they do well. Those guys fight for each other, and I think our team's the same. We're a family, we fight for each other, we care for each other, we support each other. Yeah, it's a job, and we have to win games, but there's a lot of love for each other, really. I know that kind of sounds cheesy, but it's true. We care about each other."

Revolution Forward/Winger Luca Langoni

(Translated from Spanish)

On the attack gaining consistency and chemistry after players have returned from injuries:

Langoni: First of all, it's really important for us players, when we're always together. It's nice to be together, feel important within the team. Whoever's playing is giving his best to the team and it's important for us to have that."

On what he hopes to bring to the team over the next seven games:

Langoni: "From my part, I'm going to try to do everything I can. Our goal is to make the playoffs, and we're all going to work together and give our best to reach that goal."

On playing next to Carles Gil:

Langoni: "Carles is a tremendous player with big capabilities. He makes it easy on the guys who are playing next to him. He finds those spaces on the field, and I just try to attack the spaces where I know he's going to give me the ball. He's a terrible player *(laughs)*."

On how he pushes through tough moments during the season:

Langoni: "I think it's just the day to day. I have support from my wife, she helps me a lot. Also from my family and my teammates, who help lift me and continue in the day to day."