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TRANSCRIPT (8/30): Postgame vs. Charlotte FC

Soundbytes from Head Coach Caleb Porter, GK Matt Turner, & D Ilay Feingold

Revolution Head Coach Caleb Porter

On if he considered making substitutes at earlier stages of the match:

Porter: "No, because we were playing extremely well. There was nothing I needed to bring in off the bench earlier. We were getting chances, we were playing well. For me, that second half was one of our best halves of the year. We played hard and we played well. We got chances. [We had] 19 shots to nine. More than enough expected goals, over nearly three expected goals. It's one of our best performances of the year. It was very cruel today. Very cruel, that result."

On if the team needs more time to reach the vision he has for its best style of play:

Porter: "No, I think the way we played today was very good. We played a team that had won seven in a row, and we were the better team today. It's too bad, it was cruel. Obviously, Carles [Gil] has a great chance and then the goalkeeper [Kristijan Kahlina] makes an unbelievable save. And we hit the post. We had other really good moments. We got enough chances. We played well enough to win the game. Sometimes you just don't win. There have been a lot of other games we didn't deserve to win. But this game, we deserved more out of it. It was a very cruel game."

On team's strong defensive performance tonight:

Porter: "There isn't a lot I would change. Obviously, the result I would change. But that was an excellent performance against the hottest team in the league. That second half, it was all us. It's 1-1, and we're just knocking on the door. All I can say is it's very cruel. Sometimes this game is cruel. I think that this is the story of this game. There have been other games where this is not the story. But in this game it is, unfortunately. We're not out of it, that's what I told the guys. We go and play Chicago, we take that result, and we're five points behind them. We know we end the year here against them, and Red Bull has a very tough schedule. Red Bull has played an extra game, so we're not out of it. We just have to go win the game on the road against Chicago."

On Ignatius Ganago's recent run of form after another goal-scoring performance tonight:

Porter: "[Ganago] is playing really well. I thought everybody played well today. When I go across the board to a man I thought every single player played well today, and the team fought hard. We were organized and we created a lot of chances, a ton of chances. I think 19 shots is [tied for] our highest of the year. It's just too bad that we don't get a result."

On Jackson Yueill's performance tonight:

Porter: "I thought [Yueill] played really well. There isn't one guy on the team that I can't say didn't play well. So that gives us hope too with these [upcoming] games. We know we have to win nearly all of them. When you play really well, like we did, if we keep playing that way, then we have a shot."

On the team missing multiple players for next weekend's match due to international selections:

Porter: "It's tough. It isn't great timing, most important game of the year. It's definitely kind of a must-win. Of course, [Chicago FC] are the only team, and Red Bull, that we can catch, so we can control [Chicago FC] with two games. We have to go win that game and we'll find a way. Obviously, we'll be missing some

guys, Leo [Campana], Mamadou [Fofana], [Alhassan] Yusuf possibly. Matt Polster, we'll see where he's at because he tweaked his knee this week. We'll find a way. We have to go on the road like we've done all year and find a result. And if we get in touching distance, if we're three points out, we face Chicago in the last game of the year [at home]."

Revolution Goalkeeper Matt Turner

On falling short in tonight's match despite a performance that featured positive signs:

Turner: "You can say it was one of the best games of the year, but at the end of the day we lost the game in the boxes. That's where the money's made, that's where the plays need to be made. Their goalkeeper made some saves, and I didn't tonight. So, it's a frustrating night overall, because we definitely put a lot of effort into the game, and I think we did create and do a lot of really, really good things that we haven't seen in a lot of the games since I've been here. But at the end of the day, we couldn't get it done at home again, and that's really, really disheartening."

On the team's defensive game plan tonight:

Turner: "It was amazing. Our tactical game plan was spot on, as it has been for most of the games since I've been here, and guys made plays. I think, if I could be critical of ourselves, we were a little slow at times building out from the back. I think in the second half, we were a lot more direct, and that caused [Charlotte FC] so many problems. Some of our players up top winning first and second duels and getting in behind them caused them a lot of problems. In the first half, it just took us a little bit of time to sort of get going. And if I had the cure for that, I think I'd be a billionaire. So, I think it just took us a little time to get going. We were a bit on the back foot, and the goal that they scored sort of woke us up a little bit. And for the rest of the game, it felt like only we were the ones that were going to score."

On continuing to build chemistry and connections with his new teammates after his first four games with New England:

Turner: "It has been great. I'm really getting to know the guys. It's a great locker room, so it was easy to settle in. Obviously, some familiar faces, not only just former teammates but also guys I've played against around the league a ton. And it's nice, it's nice being back and a good relationship with the fans. It's just frustrating, we're in a position in all four games. We won two, lost two. We're in a position in every single game to get more than what we've gotten. Maybe you could argue the LAFC game [2-0 loss on Aug. 16] they deserved to win a bit more, but tonight it just really stings."

Revolution Defender Ilay Feingold

On missing multiple players next weekend due to international selections:

Feingold: "We trust all of our players on the squad. Everyone on our squad is a really good player, and this is why the players are here. We trust everyone, we are a team, so we need to win this next game. It will be crucial because I think we are still in the picture to be in the playoffs and Chicago is above us, so we need to win there and hopefully get higher in the table."

On what Dor Turgeman can add to the Revolution attack:

Feingold: "Dor is very, very technical. He's really good, of course, in the offensive side. He's a goal scorer. He's strong, he's fast, and I think he's a really exciting signing for our team. I'm sure that he will do very good for our team."

On connecting in the attack with Ignatius Ganago:

Feingold: "I'm really pleased with him [Ganago]. We're really good friends off the pitch also. I really like him and we have a really good connection. I'm really happy for him to score goals. In the end, this is his job and he does it really well. Hopefully, he can find his form and help us in the future over the next six games. Again, this is the most important thing – to be in the playoffs. We still believe we can do that, and hopefully we can make it."

On falling short despite positive performances in recent matches:

Feingold: "This is part of football. Sometimes, we play well and we lose. It's unlucky, but again we needed three points. We know that. Hopefully, we can keep our level because our level is good. In my opinion, we played really well today. But three points is the most important thing, no matter how we play."