



# NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION

## TRANSCRIPT

### TRANSCRIPT (9/6): Postgame at Chicago Fire FC

*Soundbytes from Head Coach Caleb Porter & D Peyton Miller*

#### Revolution Head Coach Caleb Porter

##### ***On tonight's match at Chicago:***

**Porter:** "A very tough result. You can't start the game and give away two goals in [the first] 11 minutes. It makes it extremely difficult. You're chasing the rest of the game, you're going to give up big chances. I give the guys credit, they kept fighting. We had a chance to go 2-1 before the half ended, hit the post. A bit unlucky there. Honestly, unlucky to not get the 3-3 [result] at the end. The guys battled, kept fighting, didn't quit, but [it's] very difficult to start the game that way. The first two shots they had 11 minutes in, we're down 2-0, and it was just too easy on those goals to play through the middle of our lines. That part is disappointing. Unfortunately, we don't get the result in a must-win game."

##### ***On his message to the team regarding their playoff chances:***

**Porter:** "It's a lot to digest. We really had to win this game. Again, I can't believe we were down, 2-0, 11 minutes in. The first two goals, they played through the middle of us. It's too easy and now we're chasing it. I thought the adjustments we made helped. We went into a 3-5-2 in the middle of the first half. We started to get chances when we did that. I thought we were much better in that shape. But then, we gave up the third goal, which again was through the middle, far too easy. For sure, not having Matt [Polster] in, not having Mamadou [Fofana] in, we were a little lighter central, and [Chicago] are very good central. Our plan was to take away the middle and we didn't do that. That's on me, I'm the coach. Obviously, I prepare the team and pick the players. In the end, the game is on me."

##### ***On if he has had discussions about "continuing this project" in New England next year:***

**Porter:** "I haven't had any big-picture, long-term discussions with anyone about the future. Obviously, up until this point, we still had a shot in the playoffs. We realize now that that's slim. Chicago has six games [left in the season], we have five. It'll take a miracle. We understand that it was a must-win game. I believe we've improved. I believe the team is on the right track, but the results haven't reflected that. That's the reality. The reality is it's two years, no playoffs. The reality is that we've not won enough games. That's on me. Obviously, it's not just on me, we're a club, but for sure, it's on me; I'm the head coach, so I'm a big part of it. Right now, it's disappointing. Again, I do think we're making progress, I do think we're on the right track. I think that's reflected in how competitive we are every game, but it is about results in this business. I get that."

##### ***On Allan Oyirwoth's performance in his MLS debut tonight:***

**Porter:** "I thought he [Oyirwoth] showed his range, his athleticism, his ability on ball. He's a young talented player with a huge upside and a bright future. He's 18 years old and I'm glad to give him his league debut, he deserved that."

##### ***On moving on forward from tonight's result:***

**Porter:** "Again, this is a club. Everything is not on me, but I'm the head coach, so I have to take responsibility. I can't blame the players for not getting enough results and I can't blame the players for starting slow. Maybe my decisions need to be better there. Maybe I have to prepare them better. I believe

we're on the right track, but we've fallen short too many times with results. I have to look at myself, figure that out, and we'll see what happens from here. I'm going to keep fighting, doing my job, and coaching the players. I do believe in the players, I believe in the project, and I believe in the direction. I believe we're close to success, but I also understand that two years, no playoffs, that's not the standard of this club. It's not the standard of myself and the way I want to lead this club, and that's the bottom line. But I do think this team is teed up for success. We just need to keep making moves and adding players. We need time, so hopefully that happens."

### **Revolution Defender Peyton Miller**

#### ***On his goal in tonight's match:***

**Miller:** "I just saw the space was open. I took the space and I kind of had no other thought besides scoring the goal, and I just buried it."

#### ***On expectations for the rest of the season:***

**Miller:** "Yeah, I know. It's hard, but we kind of just have to take it day-by-day and game-by-game and keep pushing. Not much really else we can do."

#### ***On Allan Oyirwoth's performance in his MLS debut tonight:***

**Miller:** "He [Oyirwoth] has great potential. I'm very proud of him. He puts in the work day in and day out in training, so I'm very proud of him."

#### ***On how the team has continued to show fight in every game this season:***

**Miller:** "It's important that we have guys that will push until the final whistle. That's what you want from your team; for everybody to give it their all, no matter what."