



NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION

TRANSCRIPT

TRANSCRIPT (9/25): Match Preview Press Conference

Soundbytes from Revolution Interim Head Coach Pablo Moreira & F Dor Turgeman

Revolution Interim Head Coach Pablo Moreira

On preparations for this weekend's contest vs. Atlanta United FC:

Moreira: "First, we start with a reflection on us from last game [against Philadelphia]. I thought, going back to that game, there are a lot of positives we can take from that. In terms of setting up this week, it started with just looking at ourselves. I like to incorporate the opposition team later on in the week and just focus on ourselves, because I think if we do that and just focus on what we need to do, then the opponent becomes secondary to that. First, it was just reflecting on our performance and what we can do even better. I know defensively, I thought we did very well in that game, but we are playing a new team and [they] saw that, so they are going to find ways to try to attack that. So, [it's] us coming up with ideas, scenarios, of how we counter that, and then the attack did the same thing. [We are] definitely focusing on ourselves, but then today and tomorrow, incorporating what Atlanta does a little more."

On what he's seen in training from new Revolution forward Dor Turgeman:

Moreira: "Exactly what we saw scouting him is what we've seen in person, just a very smooth, slippery nine. He can turn on a dot. He has very good, soft feet, can lay the ball off, run the channel. He's not your prototypical nine in the sense that he's not like a target striker, but he's very versatile in what he can offer. We were very happy to have him here and see that in person. Very excited for what is to come."

On what it means to lead the team into Gillette Stadium as interim head coach:

Moreira: "Yeah, [it means] everything. I think last year, if I'm just talking personally, it was a highlight, because there is prestige that comes with this club, this ownership, and you felt it. For two games [last season], I got to lead an entire club. I hold this club near and dear to my heart, and I know how prestigious they have been in this league and the teams that they've had, even during my era of coaching. So yeah, [I'm] just super excited. It's by God's grace I'm able to do it, and I just want to do the best with it and support the guys, but also have everyone in that stadium happy when they leave. That's the goal."

On Leo Campana's injury status and if he will appear in this weekend's contest:

Moreira: "Leo [Campana] had a very, very good week of training. He was incorporated a little later in the training this week, just because like you said, he's coming off an injury. But he showed well, so he will be a factor in this game."

On if new forward Dor Turgeman can work well with fellow forward Leo Campana or is better as a lone striker:

Moreira: “Yeah, [Dor Turgeman] can perform as a lone [striker]. What I meant by not prototypical is sometimes, in my head, just because I’ve played the position, you think of a target striker at times, but he is more a modern-day striker. He can play the nine solo, and he can play a dual nine role also. We’ve seen him in both and he’s been excellent in both, which is why we wanted him here. So yeah, that’s the outlook we have for him.”

On his ideal style of play:
(Translated from Spanish)

Moreira: “The style of play that I want for us is aggressive. For me, if the whole team is on the same page and we’re aggressive defensively, I think that puts us in a good position to score. With the ball, I want us to be in good positions [to score]. I think that we can run behind the final line a lot more, and that’s what I want to see. We have a great team and we want to push the players to win games.”

On what he has seen from forward Dor Turgeman in his first days in training and if he will play on Saturday:
(Translated from Spanish)

Moreira: “[Turgeman] is a great player. He will play on Saturday. I’m still thinking about how he will play, but he’s a number nine who scores goals. He’s very technical. He has a great touch, he can run behind, he’s very fast. He plays hard defensively too. For us, that’s the type of number nine that we want. We have a lot of guys on the team who can play like that. It’s great that he’s now joining a team that wants to play the same style that he plays.”

Revolution Forward Dor Turgeman
(Translated from Hebrew and lightly edited for clarity.)

On arriving in New England and his first impressions:

Turgeman: “It took a long time to come here. I waited for quite a while, I’m finally here, it’s a dream coming true, I’m very happy to be here”

On conversations about MLS with fellow Israeli players in the league such as teammate Ilay Feingold:

Turgeman: “I’ve spoken with Idan Toklopati and Tai Baribo about the league itself (MLS). They told me it’s an excellent league that is developing and that I can succeed here. With Ilay [Feingold], I spoke with him about the crew, about the players, and he said it’s an amazing place and that I should come here.”

On the importance of joining the Revolution before the end of the regular season:

Turgeman: “It was very important to me to come before the season ends, so I will have a feel for the league, to feel the club and to finish the season with a very good way.”

On potentially making his first Revolution appearance at Gillette Stadium on Saturday:

Turgeman: “I’m very excited about my first [appearance] with the team. I really hope we will win.”

On why it was the right time in his professional career to come to MLS and sign with New England:

Turgeman: “It was very important for me to come because of the league, the club, it is a place that also develops a lot of young players for Europe.”

On how he can contribute to the attack:

Turgeman: “I think I can contribute a lot of goals for the club.”

On the Israel Men’s National Team’s development on the international stage:

Turgeman: “I think the national team is heading in the right direction. We are starting to see results, and we hope to qualify to one of the big tournaments in the future.”