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TRANSCRIPT (9/27): Postgame vs. Atlanta United FC

Soundbytes from Interim Head Coach Pablo Moreira, F Dor Turgeman, & D Will Sands

Revolution Interim Head Coach Pablo Moreira

On what Dor Turgeman brought to the game tonight:

Moreira: "Man, [Turgeman] just injected life, right? Great, great moment he had. A couple moments on the goal and the assist. He just injected life into our group and couldn't be happier for him. All the subs that came in did the same. I thought it was a very aggressive game on our end and just love the way that we performed."

On Dor Turgeman building momentum and chemistry with his new teammates for next season:

Moreira: "It's huge because at the end of the day we know the position we're in. But we're building, each game at a time, each training at a time and we're building for next year. And this is huge. This is huge for [Turgeman's] confidence, for the camaraderie, for the partnership. I mean, I was a part of a team in 2019 [Columbus] that we didn't have a chance to make the playoffs, but we ended hot. And then in 2020 it turned into a championship. So that's what we're doing here. We're happy with this win, but we're not satisfied. And on to the next one."

On what it means to the team to get back into the win column at home:

Moreira: "It's everything. I don't know how to put it into words, but it's everything. It's what our guys wanted, it's what we wanted, it's what we've been trying to do. We found the right formula tonight, and we're very happy with that. Because at the end of the day, we've been talking about it all week. We just wanted everyone, [25,790 fans], to leave here happy and that's what we did. That locker room is very happy and they deserve it. I've had a lot of questions in terms of close-margin games, but today we didn't allow that, and I love it. That just shows their aggressive nature."

On Matt Turner's involvement in the attack after recording a secondary assist tonight:

Moreira: "[Turner] was a huge part of that second goal, and it was a beautiful thing to see. We've been trying to play in transition a little more. That's a strength of his, so we want to use it as a strength for this team. We've been looking at that a lot and we've been trying to tell our guys that as soon as the ball is in his hands, now that turns into a transition moment. That's what you guys saw, and it turned into a goal, so keep going."

On if Turner playing quickly in transition is part of the team's desire to play more aggressively at home:

Moreira: "Absolutely, you saw how high we pressed. A high-pressing team in the mid-block, high press even when we got into a middle-to-low block, we turned that into a high press. Then in the attack, same thing. When we see space, we need to gobble it up. Like Emma spoke on just then, that's what happened on the second goal, and then we were just trying to do that. I thought our wing backs were aggressive when they saw space in behind. It's not just defensively, and you saw in the attack, we were aggressive. We weren't happy with just one goal; we wanted another one. That's that difference. That's the difference of the mentality, and I'm just so happy for the guys. It's all them."

On whether he is concerned about Allan Oyirwoth picking up yellow cards in four of his six games with the first team:

Moreira: “No, not at all, because I love how aggressive he [Allan Oyirwoth] is. I think he’s a young player that in time, he will be able to understand not to get in those types of tackles early in the game. But no, it doesn’t worry me at all, and I just love how aggressive we are, because guess what, if we are on a yellow, we’re so deep, so just bring on the next guy. That’s that aggressive mentality that we’re trying to show. It’s not just the [starting] eleven, it’s the full squad, and you see, I’ve used every single sub. Today, I wanted to give the subs a little more time and it paid off. It’s a team and we’re very excited. That’s part of the learning maturation for Allan, and we’re here to grow with him. It’s definitely something to keep an eye on, but I never want to rein him in. I think he will learn in time, but with this group, we just want them to think aggressiveness and attacking.”

On getting his first win as Interim Head Coach and his takeaways from Dor Turgeman’s debut in tonight’s win:

(Translated from Spanish)

Moreira: “I’m so happy because I wanted this for the team. Not just for [us coaches] but for the whole group. We went through a lot when we weren’t winning games. The guys work hard every day. When you’re not winning, you’re not comfortable. Now we’re happy and I’m very happy for them. With Dor, like I said during the week, he’s a great player. He understands everything tactically, he has a great touch. He scores goals, you saw it tonight. I’m happy for him, playing his first match at home and scoring. I’m happy for him.”

On deploying substitutes earlier in the match and the impact they made off the bench:

(Translated from Spanish)

Moreira: “I thought about that. When we make substitutes, sometimes it can be too late in the match, and the players don’t have a lot of time. Tonight, they had time. Dor [Turgeman] scored a goal, Leo [Campana] scored a goal. Luca [Langoni] and Tomas [Chancalay] played very well, very aggressive. We have a lot of great players on this team. I don’t always want them to think about playing all 90 minutes. It can be 60 minutes, and we make a substitute. That’s what happened and I’m happy for our group.”

On his message to the team at halftime:

(Translated from Spanish)

Moreira: “Atlanta is a good team, but we knew that they don’t always start strong in the first 15 minutes of the second half. We knew that we had to give it everything we had in those 15 minutes and then we could make substitutes. That’s what we talked about [at halftime] and they showed it because they were aggressive. We’re happy we won for the Latinos, but for everyone. They all deserved it.”

Revolution Forward Dor Turgeman

(Translated from Hebrew)

On his goal-and-assist performance in his MLS debut tonight:

Turgeman: “I’m very happy. I dreamed and believed that it would happen. I’m happy about the win and also that I assisted a goal. Hopefully now we’ll finish in a good way this season.”

On the importance of building chemistry with the team late in the season:

Turgeman: “It was very important for me to get used to the team, to the mentality, to the players on the team, the city, and everything. I’m very happy that I’m here.”

On being teammates with fellow Israeli Ilay Feingold:

Turgeman: "Today, [Feingold] didn't play [due to injury], but hopefully next week he will play and we will do good things together."

On assisting Leo Campana's goal and building chemistry with him in the attack:

Turgeman: "I'm very happy that I helped [Campana] score a goal. I think we have good chemistry together. We match each other well, and I hope that we will do good things together in the future."

Revolution Defender Will Sands

On getting the win in front of the home crowd tonight:

Sands: "It's really special to get a win in front of our fans. The season hasn't gone the way we wanted, but we just to give them something to cheer for and leave our hearts on the field, it meant the world to me. I'm really happy we could get the win today."

On Dor Turgeman making an immediate impact in his MLS debut:

Sands: "I think it's [Turgeman's] ability to create. You saw it. When the game opened up he'd get in behind, create for himself, and create for other people. I think it's a really nice piece to have."

On playing more aggressively at home:

Sands: "I think that was a really big thing. I think for too many games this season, we've been a little bit tentative. Just to kind of free up, go forward, and take risks was kind of a main point this week in training, and I think it really helped us in today's game."