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Soundbytes from Interim Head Coach Pablo Moreira & D Brandon Bye

Revolution Interim Head Coach Pablo Moreira

On the importance the victory over Atlanta United FC in front of home fans last Saturday:

Moreira: "It was everything. I know I have been saying that a lot, but you want them to be rewarded for their efforts and for their work. In our profession, that happens in terms of wins and losses. I'm so excited they got rewarded for the work that they've been doing for the past two weeks, but really the whole season. It triggers something within the group to now elevate the performances, and you saw that. We just built off the momentum, the [25,790] fans came in roaring. After the first goal we felt that energy, and they led us to the second goal. So, we're riding that momentum for sure. I'm all about keeping your highs low and lows high, but also, I love enjoying these moments. We did enjoy it. I wanted them to enjoy it, and that's part of it. For 48 hours, we enjoyed this, and today we're back to work with the focus on our next game."

On his excitement in the upcoming week of preparation ahead of Saturday's match in Miami:

Moreira: "It's why you do it. We want to play against the best and we want to beat the best. That's ultimately why you do it. We don't shy away from it. We're going to rise to the occasion, and we will come out aggressive. I don't care who is in front of us, we're still going to have the same mentality and we're still going to focus on ourselves, obviously taking into consideration the opponent. But for me, it's all about us."

On what Dor Turgeman and Leo Campana can contribute this weekend after scoring off the bench last Saturday:

Moreira: "I think it's more just the eye test. [Turgeman and Campana] both in different situations, but both are trying to find their form physically. Obviously, their form on the field [last weekend] spoke for itself, the physical part of it – just assessing where they're at, then reassessing that at the end of the week and seeing kind of what the minute restrictions are. What I love is we have those two and then we have a bunch of other guys that can step in, so it's a good position to be in."

On the depth in the team's attack:

Moreira: "I think the proof is in the pudding. You saw how dangerous it can be. I thought Luca [Langoni] and Tomás [Chancalay] were dangerous in the first half, and then Leo [Campana] and Dor [Turgeman] were dangerous in the second half. It's a four-headed monster that we're very lucky to have. We have a very talented roster in all positions, and the depth behind it is amazing. I see nothing but starters in there, and that's ultimately a great position for me to be in because, upon selection, I don't see any level drop and that's what we want."

On the team's recent defensive performances after a shutout win last weekend:

Moreira: "I might be dinged for saying this word so many times, but I just love the aggressive nature. We were just front-foot aggressive. No matter where we were on the field we were aggressive. No matter if it was defending, attacking, or transition. Since that first game in Philly [on Sept. 20], you saw it's a different mentality. You saw that grow in the Atlanta game, and I was just very happy that now the attack and transition grew with it. It's just, again, having that aggressive mentality, not caring who's in front of us, and

knowing that if we're all on the same page and move as one we're going to be a very hard team to break down. Even if you break us down, we have that mentality to get behind the ball and make you try to do it again. So, from a defensive standpoint, it's all 11. It's not just the keeper and the backline. We defend as a team and that showed. We attack as a team and that showed. We had an assist from a goalkeeper [Matt Turner]. That just shows we're defending as a team, we're attacking as a team, and in transition we're making people pay."

On if the team can draw anything from its previous match against Miami:

Moreira: "Like I said, you always have to respect the opponent. We're always going to look at that film and take what we can from it in terms of how they affected us and how we affected them and try to take from that. I just want to focus on ourselves. The opponent is the opponent, and we will get to them later in the week. I think at the beginning of the week, it's just all eyes on us, what we can do, and how we can perform. Again, we respect every single opponent, and we'll take them into effect, but for right now we're just focusing on ourselves."

Revolution Defender Brandon Bye

On how last Saturday's victory provides a boost heading into the final two regular season matches:

Bye: "Two games left, obviously not much left in the season. But yeah, it's a good feeling whenever we can win in front of the fans. I think we owed them that. It's a good feeling for us too. I think everybody inside the locker room was really excited for the game and really excited to go out there and try to get the three points, so I'm happy we did that."

On how he sees his role in the attack as one of the wing backs:

Bye: "Honestly, wherever they put me I'll go in there and do my best for the team. I'm happy with that, and any time I can look to combine with guys like Carles [Gil], Luca [Langoni], Tomas [Chancalay], or Leo [Campana], any of these guys, it makes my job easier. It's always fun."

On the team's mindset for the last road game of the season this weekend:

Bye: "Every week we're building. It's a game. I think any game that we get to play is exciting, and obviously who we're playing [Inter Miami CF] is always fun too. It should be a fun one, and we'll see what happens."

On the team's approach over the last two games:

Bye: "[Pablo Moreira] is giving us all the confidence to enjoy the game and to see where we can make it ours. I think that's one thing he really expressed to us. It's fun when you go out there and just enjoy it and see how the game comes to you. Obviously, we're all fighting and pushing for the three points every time we go out there, so I think that's important."

On what Dor Turgeman and Leo Campana add to the Revolution attack:

Bye: "Especially with those guys [Turgeman and Campana] coming off the bench [last Saturday], it was exciting for us. As soon as they came in, we saw a lift. We've seen Leo the whole season, and Dor is an exciting new guy that we've only seen for a little bit of time but obviously they bring something special to the game."