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Soundbytes from Revolution Interim Head Coach Pablo Moreira & GK Matt Turner

Revolution Interim Head Coach Pablo Moreira

On how happy he has been with the attitude of the team since taking over as Interim Head Coach:

Moreira: "Very happy. It speaks to the character of the locker room. I think one of the first press conferences I did when this all occurred, that's what I said. So, it just speaks to the character of the guys in the locker room. It's one thing to say we have a 'don't quit' mentality, but it's another thing to show it. I'm not surprised because I know each and every one of those guys and I have relationships with them. I knew this was going to be the response. As coaches, we just want to put them in a position to have this platform and that's what we're doing. I'm overly excited at the camaraderie and the spirit of the group, and you saw that last Saturday."

On what he has enjoyed from the team's recent performances:

Moreira: "I think I've seen what you guys have seen – I've seen a very aggressive team and we're playing a different style. What I love is that our pressing has shown, our middle block has shown, and our low block transition has shown that we can be effective. Then on the other side of the ball, it's just playing with freedom and the ability to play with positional play where if you're not in the exact right spot, as long as we fill it then they can have that freedom with structure. I'm just very happy with how they've responded. Again, I just love what I'm seeing, and I want to continue to see it."

On what he's expecting from Saturday's match at Inter Miami CF:

Moreira: "It's obviously a very, very good team with very good players. They've had a very good season. They've had a very jam-packed week in terms of how many games they've played. You saw midweek and you saw last week that they're in it. They have grit. They are not guys that are going to take games off, so we don't expect that. Again, we respect them, and we'll take them into consideration, but our focus is on ourselves. It truly is. We'll incorporate them and their schemes and how to counter that, but really it's just focusing on our performance and what we can do."

On how special it is to coach against Luis Suarez as a fellow Uruguayan:

Moreira: "It's great. Obviously, a fellow countryman, my cousin played with [Suarez] growing up so there's kind of some ties there. He's just one of the best players our country [Uruguay] has produced. When you talk about [Lionel] Messi, he's one of the best players in the world and there's no argument there. It's awesome in terms of being able to play that caliber. I said it a couple days ago; you want to play against the best and you want to beat the best. This is an opportunity we want and an opportunity we want to be in. Hopefully, we can get the win."

On Matt Turner earning a USMNT call-up and the importance of having an experienced player like him on the roster:

Moreira: "To start with his [Turner] shot-stopping ability and what he offers on the pitch, I think we've all seen it has just been such an asset to have in so many different ways. You see what he does defensively, and again I know I've talked about this a lot, but you see what he does on the attacking end starting transitions. On the field, that's what you get. You get one of the best goalkeepers this country has. He deserves that call-up and we're very excited for him. Then in terms of what he offers in the locker room, I

truly mean this, as good as he is as a player he offers more in the locker room. He's, again, a high-character individual that leads by example but also has a great voice in the locker room. People listen, and he says the right things at the right time. He knows when to be stern and he knows when to put his arm around a guy. That's invaluable. We're so happy we have a player of that character in the locker room and on the field. We have a plethora of guys just like him, and I think that's the nature of our locker room. That's what you guys are seeing."

On what it means to him to help lift the team after last weekend's win:

(Translated from Spanish)

Moreira: "It shows that [the players] respect me. If you treat the players well on and off the field and they believe in what you're doing, then they want to push for me, and I want to push for them. The locker room is very happy with last weekend's win, but we want to do it again. Without the players, we can't push forward. I'm very happy that we're in a good moment right now, but we want to continue."

On Carles Gil's ability to find strikers in the best areas of the field:

(Translated from Spanish)

Moreira: "Carles' final pass, for me, is incredible. We want to put him in those spaces on the field where he can do that. We're not passing the ball to Carles wondering 'What's he going to do?' Now, we have ideas. When he has the ball here, we know what we need to do. When he has the ball there, we know it's different and we know what we need to do. He's a great player but we need to help him because he can't do it by himself. The group knows what, and we're with him."

On playing a tough opponent this weekend in Inter Miami CF:

(Translated from Spanish)

Moreira: "It's going to be a difficult match, but I have faith in us. They're going to see how we're playing and that we're a dangerous team. I know they're a great team, but I think we're a great team too. I'm happy. I have confidence in our team. We know we have a difficult match, but we want to win and that's what we're going to push for."

Revolution Goalkeeper Matt Turner

On what it's been like in his return to MLS and gaining more consecutive minutes in net:

Turner: "I think it's coming along nicely so far. I think I was a little disappointed with results. Obviously, coming in hot [upon return], winning the first game [on August 9], losing the next home game. Then winning at Columbus, and then just a couple disappointing results in a row, [which] obviously derailed our chances for making the playoffs. I think that was kind of my main aim, to try to get us there, or try to help us get there because it can't always be just one player. I was disappointed with that, but on a personal level, obviously playing every week – I think I'm just playing out there with a smile on my face, and that's the biggest thing that I've taken away from this little chunk of games that I've had so far. When I'm out there, and I'm smiling and I'm enjoying myself, I get the best version of myself on the field. So, it's been really great so far, and I hope to continue to build off of that, and then get the results that the fans and us players really want."

On his excitement following his selection to the United States Men's National Team for October friendlies:

Turner: "I'm really excited to be going back with the USMNT. Part of that process will be to show up and now having this consistent run of games and form, I'll fight to play some minutes there when I'm away with the National Team. Then, [I'm excited] to just be back with the guys, rely on the relationships from history, and really just enjoy it, but also understand that there's only so many games left to be had before the World Cup. Every time you step into a camp, there's another opportunity to make your best case to be on that field when June rolls around."

On building chemistry with the defenders since returning to the Revolution:

Turner: "I think overall, the meshing has been pretty great. I think this locker room is just a bunch of high-character guys, and it's made the transition, for me, very easy. Obviously, we've had some moving pieces, some different formations, different personnel. Overall, the relationship is really good, and I'm starting to

really understand how people like to be communicated with, or how I can best reach certain guys to get the most out of them. Also, for them to help me, communication is a two-way street. How can I help them? What do they need from me as a person off the field or as a goalkeeper on the pitch? So, it's been really great being here, being in this locker room, and working towards building something again."

On how much he's looking forward to playing against Lionel Messi and Inter Miami CF this weekend:

Turner: "I just try to take everything day by day right now. I think that's probably been the thing that's helped me to regain my form in the best way is to just focus on the day by day and look more internally than externally for my validation. I think going up against the best player to ever play the game [Lionel Messi] is really exciting. I've never got to experience playing against him yet, so this will be the first time I play against some of these big names, and it will be really exciting. I don't want to say it's just another game. Obviously, it's going to be a special night because I will remember it probably for the rest of my life, regardless of how it goes. I think the anticipation; I wouldn't say that it's any different than any other game. I try to bring the same mentality. I get butterflies for every single game I go play in, so I'm really excited about that."

On being called up by the United States Men's National Team for October friendlies and playing alongside the top goalkeepers in MLS:

Turner: "The pool seems to be, largely for this camp any ways, all MLS guys. It's really great and it's nice when you get to go up and play against some of the other MLS guys and those games become extra important in terms of bragging rights and stuff like that. It's really great, it's great for the league, it's great for the guys to have those relationships. I'm excited to be back with the team. Like I said, just take things one day at a time, not look too big, not too far in the future, focus on results and then the individual things for me will come along with it."