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Soundbytes from Revolution Interim Head Coach Pablo Moreira & D Tanner Beason

Revolution Interim Head Coach Pablo Moreira

On entering the week of training with players away from the team on international duty:

Moreira: "It's been tough. It speaks of the nature of our roster if that many guys are playing for their countries. In that sense, we're super happy. But this week of training made it a bit difficult. I think we had nine guys [selected for international duty] so we called in a bunch of Revolution II guys, and we just trained as one team in terms of that vertical integration of the club. It was great to see a lot of the Revolution II guys that we've had our eyes on. And then we just continue to push for this game, just getting in the right mentality, physically getting in what we needed to. But we're definitely happy to get those guys [on international duty] back here in the next couple days."

On the approach in training this week and what he wants to see from the team on Saturday:

Moreira: "Just a repeat performance of what you saw in our last home game [2-0 win over Atlanta United on Sept. 27]. So instead of sending 25,000 [fans] home happy, we want to send 35,000 home happy. That's what we're looking to do. Obviously, we don't have our full group here. They're coming in the next couple of days. But just chipping away at that mentality and chipping away at the game plan."

On Ignatius Ganago and Ilay Feingold's status for Saturday's game:

Moreira: "I think [Ganago and Feingold] are coming along great. It speaks volumes to their character, them just in the training room, on the field, trying to get back for this last game. If that doesn't show their character, I don't know what does. I'm just very happy for them. They had a good week of training [last week], they've been involved in a limited fashion. Hopefully they can be available for selection on the weekend."

On what he expects from Chicago Fire FC as they battle for playoff positioning on Saturday:

Moreira: "[Chicago Head Coach] Gregg [Berhalter] has obviously done a great job in Chicago with the turnaround this year. I think the way they come out in games, it's not always the same, right? So, they're very tactical in how they approach a game. Sometimes it's pragmatic, sometimes on the front foot. We just have to wait and see there. But a lot of the focus is on us. It's a big game for [Chicago] but it's a big game for us. Again, it speaks volumes to the character in our locker room that this is going to be a huge game. We want the fans to leave with a smile on their face and three points. That will just set up next year for us to hit the ground running."

On Dor Torgeman netting two goals and one assist over his first two games for the Revolution:

Moreira: "I think I said it when [Torgeman] first came. He's a modern-day striker in the sense of he can do it all. He has great tactical awareness, and great soccer IQ. I think he can run in behind the line. He looks faster than he really is because of the timing of his movement. He has soft feet. He's just a jack of all trades. We just want to continue to give him the platform, continue to give him areas on the field that he can work in and show that off. We're happy that he has contributed to all three goals that we've had [during his two games]. We just want to keep seeing that and keep giving him the platform to be able to succeed in that fashion."

Revolution Defender Tanner Beason

On refocusing for the final match of the season after a week off:

Beason: "I think it's obviously good to get a little bit of rest, maybe get a day or two away from it, and then kind of recharge as we approach our last home game and last game of the season. It has been nice to come back this week recharged and have the group gearing up for Saturday."

On playing the final match of the season at home:

Beason: "It's nice for it to be at home. We want to finish the season for ourselves, for the club, for the fans, all of that in a positive way. This Saturday at home will be a nice opportunity to do that."

On the team's mindset of finishing the season with a win this weekend:

Beason: "I think whenever we play as a competitive group we want to win. So, we're preparing ourselves and gearing up to compete and win. It's tough to win in this league, but we've got an opportunity at home. I think we all know obviously that it's the last game of the season, so we can gear up and give everything on Saturday."

On playing with a protective face mask:

Beason: "Credit to the training staff helping me. We worked through some different masks in the last couple weeks, gearing up initially for that Miami game, and found a good solution that I've been playing with. But it's not too bad. It looks a lot more annoying than it is, so it's all good."