



# NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION

## TRANSCRIPT

### TRANSCRIPT (10/18): Postgame vs. Chicago Fire FC

Soundbytes from Interim Head Coach Pablo Moreira, M Alhassan Yusuf, M Carles Gil & D Brayan Ceballos

#### Revolution Interim Head Coach Pablo Moreira

##### ***On his impressions of the game and Dor Turgeman's impact:***

**Moreira:** "In terms of the game, obviously we got off to a good start, so that was good in that sense. As the game went on, I thought we kept getting deeper and deeper and we wanted to draw our lines a little higher. When they [Chicago] got the goal, I loved our response to getting a goal. Then ultimately, we gave one up late. But in terms of Dor [Turgeman], excellent. I don't think it's his best game he's played, but that's what you want out of a nine when you are struggling. Not necessarily struggling for him, but things weren't going as easy as he would like. He just stuck in there. He just kept fighting and then ultimately gets a goal. That's what you want out of your nine, because it's not always going to be perfect and pretty. And from that standpoint, I love how he just gutted it out and then ultimately finds a goal. That's what great nines do, and he's shown that. He has goal contributions in, I think, three consecutive games for him. I'm just happy for him and hopefully he continues that success next year."

##### ***On his experiences being at the helm as the team's Interim Head Coach:***

**Moreira:** "I think it's a great question, because initially I never expected to get it in this fashion. Initially, it was just finding out what I can change in this short amount of time and talking with the guys. Then, just looking at how we've been playing and some of my ideas. Having that come to fruition was my first and foremost thought, because this industry just goes 100 miles per hour. I was in a moment where we needed to get this team back on track. I loved that first game in Philly, what we showed and then, obviously, every game after that I've been happy with in terms of what we've been putting out."

"In terms of what it meant for me, it meant everything. And I know I've said this with some of our internal media, but yeah, it's just been everything. From the standpoint of, when you're in this industry, you just don't know when your shots could be ready, and you don't know when you're gonna get a shot. So for me, I don't rely on luck. I don't believe in that. For me, luck is when opportunity meets preparation. I thank the Lord that in that moment, I was prepared for this moment, and I'm happy with what happened inside the locker room. You guys obviously aren't privy to every single thing, but it's just been a special moment for me to be able to lead this club, to lead those guys in the locker room. And it's hard to put it into words, because ultimately it's a dream. It's a dream. It's everyone in this industry, that's their dream. And I'm happy, even if it's for a short amount of time. I really appreciate the backing of this club to give me the keys to the car and take it out for a spin for a month. But it's been great. And again, I think it's been great because of the support from the club and then the players."

##### ***On how the Revolution can rebuild a winning culture next season:***

**Moreira:** "It's a difficult question because obviously, if we knew that answer, we wouldn't be in this position. But to your point, there's a missing ingredient there. For me, in these last four games, you look at Philadelphia, [2025] Supporters' Shield [winners], in talking with their coach after the game, we gave them a lot of problems [on Sept. 20]. You look at Atlanta, a high-budget team that we took care of [on Sept. 27]. Miami [on Oct. 4] was not the greatest performance, but we battled back and just shot ourselves in the foot. This game, [Chicago] is probably one of the hottest teams in soccer right now, and

we were able to compete with them. At the end of the day though, we're not a club that wants to compete, we're a club that wants to win, and win trophies. You look at the history of this club, not too long ago, they were raising the Supporters' Shield. I think the front office has done – I mean, you look at from last year to this year, how many players were turned over, like this is a playoff roster. I'm not afraid to say that, and I also understand that I was part of the staff before that didn't get us to the playoffs. From that standpoint, that will change. The [Revolution] President [Brian Bilello] has that mindset, the Sporting Director [Curt Onalfo] has that mindset, and this club is in great hands. In terms of that roster, it's a proper roster that will make the playoffs next year."

***On Leo Campana's status and the team's struggles to finish out games this season:  
(Translated from Spanish)***

**Moreira:** "Leo had a knock on his ankle and that's why he had to come out of the game. I don't think it was a serious injury, so I think he'll be fine for the Ecuadorian National Team and for us moving forward. It wasn't a serious injury. And for us coaches, we know we've struggled in conceding goals at bad times. In the Miami game [on Oct. 4], their second goal, if we boot that ball away, we go to halftime down 1-0. When we scored to go up 2-1 tonight, we had a mental lapse, and you saw what [Chicago] did. We need to work on that. We did that to ourselves. We had a mental pause when we had to be aggressive. We didn't do that tonight or against Miami. We'll look at that in the offseason and hopefully we can move forward with everyone on the same page in those moments."

***On the positive takeaways from tonight's match:  
(Translated from Spanish)***

**Moreira:** "We're content that we played to win tonight. We were three, four minutes away from winning the game. Like I said, we need to work on those mental things. I'm happy that the fans saw a good performance. But we need to work hard in the offseason to change how we're playing. Next year, we're going to be on another level."

***On if his experience as an Interim Head Coach increases his eagerness to pursue a permanent Head Coach role:***

**Moreira:** "I think God's timing is perfect, so I don't think in the future. I know that my story is already written, and I just have to focus on the daily – To just do everything I can in that day to get to the next day, and do that all over again. So, I'm not a guy that looks into the future. I just focus on the daily. Like I said, I feel like my story is written. God's timing is perfect. For me, I just heavily lean on that. What I will say in terms of the experience, yes, absolutely. I know it only seems like four games in a month, but you guys don't know everything that goes on. Obviously, it was a tough situation, so it was like an Ivy League experience sitting in this seat, and I've enjoyed every bit of it. I truly love this profession, I love this job. Like I said, if it's for me, it'll be for me. And if it's not, it's not. But, I know that I've gained a lot of experience. It's just been great, because sometimes in my position, the knock is he doesn't have experience, but the only way to get experience is by getting the job and taking that on. So, this was an interesting way to gain experience in that facet, but good question. Like I said, just leave it in God's hands."

**Revolution Midfielder Alhassan Yusuf**

***On scoring the opening goal in tonight's match:***

**Yusuf:** "It was a really good feeling, especially, it was the beginning of the game. So for sure, this kind of goal lifts the team and gives energy. So yeah, got the chance to celebrate this time."

***On moving forward into next season:***

**Yusuf:** "I think everyone in the dressing room is disappointed, of course, when you look around and we see what we can do with the quality and talent we have in the dressing room. And then it's something that, for me, it's about winning games, and at home especially. Something that we have to change next year, for sure, with whoever the [next head] coach is. I hope we change this."

### **Revolution Midfielder Carles Gil**

#### ***On playing alongside forward Dor Turgeman in the attack:***

**Gil:** “Yeah, obviously, three goals in three games. It’s crazy, but you can see it’s not just the goal, but the way he [Turgeman] scores. He’s a killer. Maybe he arrived too late, but it is what it is. And obviously he’s a very good player, a young player, so he’s important for the club.”

#### ***On staying in New England:***

**Gil:** “I have a contract here one more year, and one optional. And yeah, this club is my home. And obviously I want to win too. So yeah, we will have more talks with the club and try to find the best way to help the team in everything.”

### **Revolution Defender Brayan Ceballos**

(Translated from Spanish)

#### ***On his takeaways from first season in MLS and being named Revolution Defender of the Year:***

**Ceballos:** “I learned a lot this season. I was able to learn a lot about the league. I think that I had a good year, and I think that’s why I won [Revolution Defender of the Year]. I feel that I had a good season. I know some of the results didn’t go the way we hoped they would. But overall, I’m proud of the work I put in this season.”

#### ***On his impressions of MLS and the level of play in the league:***

**Ceballos:** “I think that MLS surprised me a lot because of the level of play that the league has. I like this league a lot. It’s a very competitive league. The level is high on every team and that’s why no game was an easy game for us. I think that really helped me elevate my game. The league surprised me a lot.”