



## TRANSCRIPT (3/21): Postgame at St. Louis CITY SC

Soundbytes from Head Coach Marko Mitrović & M Alhassan Yusuf

### Revolution Head Coach Marko Mitrović

#### ***On his impressions on the game:***

**Mitrović:** “I think we had, in the game, kind of two sides. We had some very, very positive moments in the game. But then also on the other side, we had some simple things that I believe we have to high standards executing those things on the field. I felt even when we were down 2-1, that we had the game in our hands. We were able to create.”

#### ***On Luca Langoni’s influence on the match:***

**Mitrović:** “I’m not sure but I think Luca [Langoni] made an assist for the goal, am I right? Yeah, so, he had an impact on the game, but I felt that Luca looked a little bit heavy [in the legs]. I don’t know if it was the weather or whatever, but he still impacted with an assist for the goal.”

#### ***On Leo Campana coming off with an injury:***

**Mitrović:** “We have to see. Really, I hope in the next 24 to 48 hours, we will learn more about his injury. He was out for two-and-a-half weeks and had a really great week of training with the team. We were very positive, but this is a different injury, so we have to see, once he does an MRI, what is the level of his injury.”

#### ***On a strong start to the match before allowing goals off giveaways:***

**Mitrović:** “When you play, there is always a risk that you are going to lose the ball and have a counterattack. I would say on the first goal, definitely, we could have done a better job. The third goal, Brayan [Ceballos] wanted to break the lines, and it was an exceptional goal. If we don’t allow our players to lose the ball, then it’s going to be very difficult for us to play and to play with confidence. One thing that we have to do is to have good counter measures behind the ball. Maybe on the first goal, besides losing, for me, a simple ball, it was also our counter measures. We could have done a better job in that moment. I really want to watch it again before I put any statement there. However, again saying if we want to play and if we want to control the game with the ball, we have to understand that we will lose the ball. It is always going to be teams that have possession are exposed when they lose the ball for a counterattack. Teams that are defending are not exposed to those things.”

#### ***On breaking down the St. Louis press and high line:***

**Mitrović:** “I think we had a clear idea with the ball what we wanted to do and what the spaces were that we can expose. I think we had some very, very good moments on the ball breaking their pressure. There were some really good moments in the game and that’s why I feel now, as I said, that we had so many good situations in the game, and then simple things cost us to lose the game. Obviously, we have to learn from that. Going back to your question, in those buildup situations, I really appreciated the way the guys built up in the spaces that we were thinking were going to be given to us, and we executed those things. All those situations came from really good ball circulations and movements from the guys.”

***On getting an extra week to prepare for three home matches after the international break:***

**Mitrović:** “We have to work. There is no question about it. I always say that we have to use every day and every week for us to get better. As a team, we’ll have a lot of players actually leaving for the national team and with some other things. We are probably going to miss eight or nine players next week for the training sessions, but with the rest of the guys, we have to just keep going.”

**Revolution Midfielder Alhassan Yusuf**

***On transitioning into a new role on the left wing:***

**Yusuf:** “For me, it doesn’t matter, because [what] it says about the team – the team is the first [priority]. Wherever the coach asks me to play, for sure, I’m ready to step in and do the job.”

***On the coaching staff’s postgame message and preparing for the upcoming games after the bye week:***

**Yusuf:** “It’s important to look forward for the next coming games, because those are the games that we can do something, because this one [at St. Louis] has already finished and it’s [done]. We cannot do anything about it. Of course, we talked about what we can do better in the [upcoming] games. Everyone knows that we have to fix those [errors] in training and be ready for the [upcoming] games.”

***On if Head Coach Marko Mitrović instructed him to switch wings with Luca Langoni:***

**Yusuf:** “No, it had nothing to do with that. It was just that sometimes you can change positions and then you don’t have time to switch back. So, it’s better you just stay there and finish the action, and then when you have time, you can just switch back, because more or less it’s the same role.”

***On where the team needs to improve moving forward:***

**Yusuf:** “First, I think after the second goal, we were a little bit down. So, we have to take the positive things from the game and mentality-wise, we have to stay in the game. I think we were okay in the game. We created many chances that we could [have] finished. Maybe it could have been a different game, but it’s not black and white. You have good things to take for the next games, and for sure, you have something that you have to change.”