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Soundbytes from Assistant Coach Sean Hughes & D Mamadou Fofana

Revolution Assistant Coach Sean Hughes

On using the international break to prepare for the upcoming three-game homestand:

Hughes: "It's interesting, because obviously we have a few guys on international duty. So, there have been opportunities for a lot of guys to step up. We've used [the international break] for a lot of different things, but more importantly some individual work. And then, just keep building on the things that we've worked on so far to start the year."

On six first team players earning international call-ups:

Hughes: "It's a big honor any time you can work and play for your country. It's something that I think every player aspires for. I think the other part of it is it shows that we have players in each level. Obviously, we have first team environment, and then some youth internationals. So, that's a testament to the Academy, the second team, and obviously the players here in the first team environment."

On the importance of taking points in the upcoming home matches:

Hughes: "We started well in the first game at home, so that's something that we want to keep building on and we want to make sure that Gillette is a place that we enjoy playing in and opposition struggle in. We're really excited to be back home [on Saturday]. Hopefully, we get a good crowd. I think we gave them something to cheer about in the first game, so we can keep building from that."

On making it tough for opponents to play at Gillette Stadium:

Hughes: "I think, like anything, we want the fans to see something they believe in – a product that they're proud of. I think from our standpoint, having a home advantage in any sport is important, and trying to make that as good for us as possible and as difficult for every team that comes in. We started that with the first game [vs. FC Cincinnati], and we want to continue it with these next few."

On the emphasis of home advantage in MLS:

Hughes: "Obviously, for us, it has got to be the base of everything we do. We want to make sure we take points, maximum at home, and pick up points on the road. It's more difficult away from home in general than it is at home, so for us, can we make it a real fortress and a place that we can smash teams, if you will, and keep putting points on the board every home game."

On what the team expects from Saturday's opponent, CF Montreal:

Hughes: "We played against them in preseason, which wasn't that far back, so we kind of know what they are as a team. They have some strong individuals and a very clear identity of how they want to play. We want to be ready for it better than that, and we want to keep pushing forward."

Revolution Defender Mamadou Fofana

On carrying momentum from the team's first home win two weeks ago into upcoming three-game homestand:

Fofana: "Yeah, in the first [home] game, we won 6-1 in front of our fans. It was good, but now we have a few games at home, so we have to keep the same level. We have to try to win every game, both home and away. But we know, in this season, it will be very important, [to win our] home games. So, we are excited, and we can't wait to win again."

On the importance of starting the three-game homestand on a positive note this weekend:

Fofana: "Three home games are not going to be easy. But as I said, we will try to give everything. Our next game is on Saturday, and we want to take [the three points], and then after that we'll see. But we are very excited and we hope that we will do everything to get the three points."

On improving upon the team's performances in the first four games of the season:

Fofana: "Yeah, we have new coaches. We lost three games [of the first four]. It's not easy, but we are trying to build something. And we didn't do everything well. That's why we lost three games, but we fixed it. We trained to improve this, and we hope we will get the three points on Saturday."