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Soundbytes from Head Coach Marko Mitrović, D Ilay Feingold & F Dor Turgeman

Revolution Head Coach Marko Mitrović

On the importance of the upcoming three-match homestand:
Mitrović: "I felt really good when we played the [home opener] against Cincinnati. Obviously, every time any team hosts games, it is an advantage. You have your crowd and you have a familiar place where you play the game. We started four games with three on the road, so now we can make it equal with these three home games. We're looking forward to getting the most out of those three games."

On his expectations for Saturday's match against CF Montreal:
Mitrović: "Every game, we're going to go and play to win. There is no question about that. However, Montreal is kind of in a similar situation as we are, because they actually played all their games away. It's one team that has, I would say, a very unique style, especially when they defend. Everything challenges you in a different way, but they have this unique challenge in the way they defend. We played a friendly game against them during preseason. I expect one very long game, a game of 90 minutes, where we will have to have focus at the highest possible level from the very beginning until the very end, because they will challenge us for the whole game."

On forward Dor Turgeman's versatility and strengths as an attacker:
Mitrović: "When Leo [Campana] was with us, in the beginning before he got injured, we were always trying to see how we can use both of them at the same time on the field. Having two players that are capable of scoring goals, I believe, is great for one team to have that presence on the field. We started [Turgeman] on the right more based on everything, the way we want to play. We were thinking that's how we can use him in the best possible way, in that moment. Now, he is back to, I believe, a more natural position for him as a forward. I said, even in preseason, that Dor has some exceptional qualities. He's still a young player and he's still in a development phase, and we are working every day in certain areas of his game that matter a lot. I would say the simple things that he is executing, the right way until he exposes his talent, and that exceptional quality that he has."

On playing against Rhode Island FC in the U.S. Open Cup Round of 32 this month:
Mitrović: "We learned today that we were going to play against Rhode Island. We had a preseason friendly game with them, and I think it's going to be a big challenge for us. Those games, knockout games, are always very specific games that give an opportunity to every team to have a strong belief that in 90 minutes they can get a good result and go to the next round. We have our ambitions in U.S. Open Cup, and we want to go until the end. But obviously, I would say that we will talk more about that game and the opponent when it comes to that. We have two more [MLS] games to play before that. However, we have a very, very strong rival and we're going to play at their home field. It is going to be a big challenge for us."

On forward Leo Campana's status:
Mitrović: "Leo [Campana] is, I think, going to be week-by-week. With his injury, we are happy with how his recovery is going so far in these two weeks after the game against St. Louis. We're looking forward to having Leo as soon as possible back with us."

On what recently acquired forward Marcos Zambrano can bring to the team:
Mitrović: “Marcos [Zambrano] is a player that is great in the box. Marcos has great finishing abilities, but he’s also a very honest player. Marcos doesn’t have much senior experience so far, and I don’t want to put any pressure or any expectations on Marcos. But I know what we can get and what we can expect from him if Marcos is on the field. So, he’ll be in consideration for [Saturday’s] game. Is he going to play and how long is he going to play? We’ll make that decision.”

Revolution Forward Dor Turgeman
(Translated from Hebrew)

On scoring in all three of his games played at Gillette Stadium since joining the Revolution:
Turgeman: "I'm very happy to score at home. I am also hoping to score in away games. But the push from the fans is very helpful for us, and I hope to see more fans in the upcoming game against Montreal [on Saturday]."

On representing the Israel National Team during the March international window:
Turgeman: "It's always in honor to represent the country. It was really nice to see friends in Israel that I haven't seen in so long, and I hope to get good results with the National Team soon."

Revolution Defender Ilay Feingold

On being one of New England’s seven goal scorers this season and Marko Mitrović’s approach in the attack:
Feingold: “I think it shows that everyone has freedom to play and show our abilities and creativity. In the end, we just need to bring home the three points, so it doesn't really matter who scores.”

On his impressions of working with Mitrović:
Feingold: "I think we both have the same ideas. We speak a lot [about Mitrović], Dor and I. We all really enjoy Marko's identity of the game and it's really nice to play for him. And as I said before, when you asked about the different scorers, everyone has the freedom to show his own abilities and show his creativity. So, we all really enjoy that. [Mitrović] is very good and is really positive. We are really hoping to get a result [on Saturday]."