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Soundbytes from Assistant Coach Michael Morris & M Alhassan Yusuf

Revolution Assistant Coach Michael Morris

On the coaching staff's takeaways from last Saturday's 3-0 win over CF Montreal:

Morris: "Overall, the biggest takeaway from us was that there was a lot of adversity in that match. But I think we really saw some progress in terms of our compactness defensively. Especially when we drop deep defending our box, there was just good commitment to our individual defending behaviors and principles. Overall, we know how we were in possession. It's not where [we want to] be right now, but we know that we'll get there. To grind in the way that we did to get that result is a very big positive and a great step forward for us."

On how the points of emphasis during training became key elements during last weekend's win:

Morris: "It was an interesting game because Montreal was missing two players in their backline, so their build-up shape was actually a lot different than what we scouted and anticipated in the last three games that we had seen from them. In the first half, we tried to make some adjustments. In the second half, we also came out and tried to make some adjustments to their build-up shape. In the previous week, we just tried to reiterate the importance of staying compact and then using our shape to get control over the opponent. That was a message that we tried to build throughout the team, so to see them implement that was a big positive for us."

On registering a clean sheet with a strong defensive performance in front of the home fans:

Morris: "I think one of the things I actually mentioned earlier on was that [Massachusetts] and Boston have such a huge history of winning teams and championships. So, we want to put on positive performances that the fans come to enjoy and give them a reason to come and stick behind us. Scoring nine goals at home so far and then having a shutout with a very good performance from Matt Turner, as well as the entire team, is a very big positive. The key now is we just continue to build momentum and make this an extremely difficult place for teams to come play us."

On how the team will prepare for a busy schedule in April:

Morris: "It's planning ahead, obviously. We do that because we try to make sure that we account for all circumstances that we're going to come across. The positive is that when we're at home we can be very strong and difficult to play against. The weather's changing a bit, which is exciting. But whatever the circumstances are, we're together and our preparation is basically what we can do to separate us [from opposing teams] during these moments when we have a lot of games. That's what we're here for. Games are arguably some of the most important moments and everything we do in training leads to that. I think it's not really a challenge, it's an exciting opportunity."

Revolution Midfielder Alhassan Yusuf

On the team's aggressive mentality on the attacking end, with 11 goals scored during two home matches thus far:

Yusuf: "I think it's more [about] team spirit and team effort. It doesn't matter who is doing the job [of scoring]."

On winning the first two games of the home schedule this season:

Yusuf: "It's important to be able to win games at home in front of your fans. Especially this year, we have the grass, so I think that it's very nice."

On carrying momentum from last weekend's win into the next two matches of the homestand;

Yusuf: "It's important to keep your head up and not get carried away. Those are the important things. [We] will keep working hard in training and just keep winning."

On the team's mentality during last Saturday's 3-0 win over CF Montreal:

Yusuf: "I think it was a difficult game. We didn't have most of the possession, but we know for us to win a lot of games, it has to be like that. It's not going to be perfect all the time, but the most important thing is to win the game."

On the team's mindset ahead of Saturday's match vs. D.C. United:

Yusuf: "It's just 'keep going' and [get the] the three points."