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Soundbytes from Assistant Coach Blair Gavin & F/W Griffin Yow

Revolution Assistant Coach Blair Gavin

On the balance the team has started to find on both sides of the ball:

Gavin: "It has been nice. The growth has been nice to see and nice to watch, and I think you can see this really good resolve we have as a team. To get over with a win against a very good D.C. United team [last weekend] was good, and to celebrate with the fans is even better."

On a busy stretch through the end of April and potential team rotation for Tuesday's Open Cup match:

Gavin: "I think every game we take is an opportunity to keep developing what we want from our coaching staff, from the team, and from the club. Tomorrow is a great opportunity for them to showcase themselves against Rhode Island, who is another very good team."

On playing against a local opponent in Rhode Island FC:

Gavin: "They're building something special there. They've had some really good seasons put together. Obviously, they put together a really nice stadium. There is a lot of great fan support in this New England area, and we are excited to be a part of it. These games only build and continue developing this city and soccer in this community, so we're excited."

On his assessment of Rhode Island FC and what he expects from Tuesday's match:

Gavin: "They're very strong. Last year's game was very competitive – it went down to the wire – which we scored to win the game. I don't see it going much differently. It's going to be very competitive. We're going to push from the beginning and see what we can come up with."

On the tradition of the U.S. Open Cup:

Gavin: "It's fun. You see it for the early rounds and just what it means to the entire country and people coming into the tournament. Now that it's progressing forward and we're in it, we're looking forward to competing and doing the best we can."

Revolution Forward/Winger Griffin Yow

On how last Saturday's 1-0 win over D.C. United showed the team's ability to grind out wins at home:

Yow: "I think kind of like Marko [Mitrović] said to us after the game, it wasn't the prettiest win. But a couple games down the line, no one's going to remember how we got the three points. They're just going to remember that we got them. So, I think to be able to grind it out, it shows a lot about the team."

On the team's approach to tomorrow's U.S. Open Cup Round of 32 match against Rhode Island FC:

Yow: "I think we take it very seriously. Just like any other MLS game, the Open Cup is a tournament that ultimately, we want to win. So, I think we're taking it very seriously, [we're] fully focused, and just planning for the game ahead."

On the keys to preparing for a busy schedule through the rest of April:

Yow: “That’s football. A lot of games [are] coming in a short period of time, so I think it’s important that we do our best to recover our bodies, also mentally, and just kind of take it one game at a time. Don’t [focus on] that we have so many games coming up and get overwhelmed, but just one step at a time.”

On looking forward to playing against a fellow New England club in Rhode Island FC:

Yow: “I think it’s great. I know it’s not necessarily a close neighbor from where I grew up, but I know a lot of the guys from this area know some of their players. You could say it’s a bit of a rivalry in a sense, because they’re so close. So, I think that makes it even more intense and exciting.”