



TRANSCRIPT (4/23): Match Preview Press Conference

Soundbytes from Head Coach Marko Mitrović & D Peyton Miller

Revolution Head Coach Marko Mitrović

On preparing for Saturday's match at Inter Miami CF:

Mitrović: "We play against the [defending] MLS Cup champion, a team that has a very strong roster. They're also a team that's coming off two road wins. Inter Miami, no matter what moment they're at, they're always a difficult team, a team that can change the game to their favor in any moment. We're very aware of their qualities, but we're also within our process where we feel that we have certain moments in our game where we feel very positive. Obviously, we have things that we have to improve but we are going to do everything to be ready for [Saturday's] game."

On the team collecting its first road win of the season on Wednesday and carrying momentum into Saturday's match at Inter Miami CF:

Mitrović: "Every game gives us a new opportunity to reach a new milestone as a team, and to grow. Getting the first away win was a great milestone for us. If we speak about belief, it's really the belief that we can win, always. In everything, you can always win if you perform and you believe in that. That's something that is very important for us- having that mindset, having that perspective that if we do the right things, we can be in a good spot no matter what team we face. I'm not saying it any arrogant way, don't take me wrong. We're always aware that we have great competition and on Saturday we have a great opponent. But we have to do what we can do so that we're at our best."

On defender Brayan Ceballos' status after missing Wednesday's match with a lower body injury:

Mitrović: "Brayan [Ceballos] is still in the early phase of his injury. He's in a very good spot. He's still evaluated day-by-day. However, we have to be very smart because those injuries are very tricky when it's not a high level of injury. But then sometimes because there is a good sense, you can rush and actually make it worse. We just want to make sure that when we make the decision that he's good to go, that it's the right decision. But it's definitely not a long-term injury and we'll have Brayan back very soon."

On the passion and emotion that he coaches with:

Mitrović: "I don't think you can create that passion. I just love this game so much. It's my life, it's my world. I love to compete. I'm very aware of my passion. I'm also very aware that with my passion I don't cross the line. I never said bad words to anyone, to referees. I'm always respectful toward the opponents, toward everyone around. But I just love to compete. I love this game more than anything. In 40 years, when I become 88 years old, I'll still have the same passion for this game. I know that."

On the team's depth in the attack:

Mitrović: "I think, number one, I believe every player that started to play soccer started to play because they love the ball. I think even our defenders today were probably the best goals scorers in their neighborhoods or backyards where they played. Every player has that 'I can score goals' [mentality] inside of themselves, it's just how we can initiate those moments. Obviously, when you get to the real game, it's normal that players higher on the field score more goals because they're more talented to do those things but they're always closer to goal and to execute. But there are moments in the game where every player can be in a spot to score. When you have set pieces, that's when defenders join the box."

Even in open play, when you have rotations on the field in a proper way and they get in the box, they can score goals. I just love to have a team that has personalities like we have right now, that in any given moment, any player can score the goal. I would love that Dor [Turgeman] and Leo [Campana] score 50 goals this year, our two forwards, and Marcos Zambrano, whoever is on the field. But on the other side, I don't want to rely on our forwards scoring goals and if they don't score, what's happening now on the field for us?"

On what makes Inter Miami CF a challenging opponent:

Mitrović: "They're a team, first of all, that wants to have the ball. When you face [a team with Lionel Messi] no matter what, just the presence of Messi and understanding that he can change the game in any given moment, even if nobody else sees that, he'll find a way. It kind of puts you on a foot where maybe you're more conservative about defending and it gives them more room to pass the ball and play with the ball. I also know that Messi unlocks so many players on the field and exposes their strengths. They have some quality with [Luis] Suarez and other players high on the field. However, I still believe in our team's performance. I don't want to say we can give them resistance. We're not there to give resistance to players, to any team. We're there to play our game, to try be on our best. We're very aware that every opponent has their strengths, but every opponent has their weaknesses as well. For us, the objective will be to find those weaknesses and minimize their strengths as much as we can."

On goalkeeper Matt Turner's strong start to the season:

Mitrović: "I know who Matt [Turner] is and for me, Matt is the best goalkeeper in the league. The status that Matt has, we expect Matt to deliver. I don't think that's something that is unknown to Matt or puts a different pressure on him. I strongly believe that Matt understands what we expect from him. When you have a high-level player on the team, you expect them to perform. If you speak about a forward, you expect him to score goals or an attacking player to make assists. Then, when you have such a high-profile goalkeeper, you expect him to prevent goal-scoring opportunities. Matt is doing what he has to do, and he's doing that at a high level. I really appreciate Matt as a person and then as a goalkeeper. When I came to New England, I was really happy that I would have the opportunity to work with him again."

Revolution Defender Peyton Miller

On scoring his team-leading third goal of the season off the bench in last night's 2-1 win at Atlanta United FC:

Miller: "It feels great. Even though I am coming off the bench, I'm happy that I can contribute to the team in whatever way I can. Honestly, I think I'm more about the wins and the goals that I have right now, and I'm just doing anything in my power to help the team."

On the team's mindset heading into Saturday's match at Inter Miami CF:

Miller: "To go out there, just find a way to win the game, score goals, and keep the [four-game winning] streak going."

On what has fueled his success in six appearances off the bench this season:

Miller: "I don't think that coming off the bench really affects me. I kind of just give 100 percent every single time that I step on the field. The reason I've been so successful is because the team's just breaking down the [opponent] and by the time I get on the field, my pace is a lot to handle."

On the attacking opportunities he looks to create when playing in the winger position:

Miller: "I just look to run in behind, but I can also go inside, get the ball to feet, and dribble [past] guys. That's kind of really what it is. There's not necessarily anything that Head Coach [Marko Mitrović] tells me exactly what to do, but we do have a style of play, so I just do what I do."

On if he has previously played under a coach as passionate as Marko Mitrović:

Miller: "No, I have not. It's truly amazing to see [Marko Mitrović's] mindset, his mentality, and the impact that he has on our team."

On playing alongside Will Sands and carrying the momentum into Saturday's match:

Miller: "It's great playing with Will [Sands]. Not only is he great to play on the field with, he's also my boy off the field, so I think that chemistry helps. In terms of building toward the next game, I think it gives us great momentum going into Miami and [confidence] in having a strong mentality going into the game."