



## **TRANSCRIPT (4/25): Postgame at Inter Miami CF**

*Soundbytes from Head Coach Marko Mitrović & M Alhassan Yusuf*

### **Revolution Head Coach Marko Mitrović**

#### ***On his takeaways from tonight's 1-1 draw at Inter Miami:***

**Mitrović:** "From a physical standpoint, it was a very difficult game for us. Our guys gave literally everything. In some moments, I felt we just didn't have enough energy to maybe be cleaner on the ball in some crucial moments. But I'm very pleased with the effort from the guys. This is our fifth game in a row, and playing every four days, with the travel, I'm very pleased with the effort from the players."

#### ***On New England limiting Lionel Messi and Inter Miami's attack with a strong defensive performance in tonight's match:***

**Mitrović:** "We knew that energetically, it was going to be a very difficult game for us. We had the game against Atlanta [on Wednesday], where in the second half we were chasing 1-0 and then scored those two goals. It takes a lot of physical effort, but it also takes a lot of emotions. To recover from that and with the travel, it's not easy. Our number one objective was how we can be most efficient in terms of saving energy, but obviously not allowing [Inter Miami] certain spaces where we felt that they are very good if they find those spaces. We were just very focused that someone is always on [Lionel] Messi in those pockets when they have the ball because no matter what, I think that their first option is to play to Messi, and can we eliminate that situation."

"When Messi gets on the ball, obviously he's the best player in the history of this game and it's not easy to defend him one-v-one. But we wanted to be sure that certain passes that make his career, that we are very aware of those runners, and we can track them. So, [we] eliminated those options. Everything is easy to say and put on paper, but when you play against players like Messi, to execute, is not easy. I know he had some very good moments today in the game, but I also know that we had moments where we were very good against [Messi] and I'm very pleased with that."

#### ***On midfielder Carles Gil's strong run of form and what it's like to coach him:***

**Mitrović:** "Carles [Gil] is a very humble, grounded person, who comes to training sessions every day and gives his best effort. Looking at his age, to recover every three days, push for 90 minutes, and perform, it's amazing. One thing that I want to also say, he scored a goal today and two games ago [against Columbus], but I don't want to just look at Carles through the numbers, like, 'Oh, he scored this amount of goals or he has this amount of assists.' There are so many other great things that he does on the field outside of the direct impact on scoring goals. We know he has the talent to change the game for us."

#### ***On goalkeeper Matt Turner's stellar nine-save performance tonight:***

**Mitrović:** “Matt [Turner] is one of our highest profile players and no matter what position you play, you have to perform. Matt has proven that week-after-week with his performances, but also his attitude. Matt is an amazing professional, and I think that all those [efforts] pay back, and he’s catching rhythm. We are very happy with Matt.”

### **Revolution Midfielder Alhassan Yusuf**

#### ***On the importance of earning a point tonight to close the two-game road trip:***

**Yusuf:** “I think it’s a really important point we earned here. It’s a result of our hard work because it’s not easy to play after two or three days. And then away, it’s not easy to play against a good team like [Inter Miami CF].”

#### ***On his defensive effort tonight and his increasing confidence in midfield:***

**Yusuf:** “It’s a lot of effort and teamwork as well. Of course, it’s part of the game plan, but then it’s all about the team because in the end you cannot do it alone. So, I think it’s a good team effort.”

#### ***On midfielder Carles Gil contributing on both ends of the field:***

**Yusuf:** “I think more of the defensive work that he has put in this year, it’s obvious. I’ve never seen [Gil] defend this much. I’ve been here one-and-a-half years, but I think these games he’s really put in the work defensively.”