



TRANSCRIPT (5/13): Postgame vs. Nashville SC

Soundbytes from Head Coach Marko Mitrović, F/W Griffin Yow, F Marcos Zambrano

Revolution Head Coach Marko Mitrović

On if there was anything surprising about how Nashville SC played tonight's match:

Mitrović: "No, I think [Nashville SC] are a team that is very well organized and they recognized all four moments of the game, including set pieces, what they had to do. This is a team that has very good players and great physical profiles in all the lines as well, and they just play their game. We always have to play the [full] game. The game is 90 minutes, but before we conceded that first goal, I felt that we actually caused them a lot of issues on how to defend our build up. We had some moments arriving in the final third, and then that transition happened on the first goal, and the second goal just kind of changed everything. I still felt that if we keep the game simple in the second half, we could get back. I don't think that any of the guys gave up on that. But, Nashville is just a very good team that uses the opportunities that you give them on the field. They are a very difficult team to break down."

On what he said to goalkeeper Matt Turner and the rest of the team about Nashville's second goal:

Mitrović: "Nothing, just keep going. Those mistakes happen to everyone. It's part of our game. I think Matt [Turner] is mature enough. After that, he had some good passes in the game. If we want Matt to make certain passes, we also have to understand that there are moments where he's going to make some mistakes, and we have to be ready to live with that. There's nothing to say to Matt about that particular play."

On what the Revolution lacked in the final third tonight:

Mitrović: "We had some decent situations, especially in the first third of the game. Actually bringing the ball higher on the field, I felt we were patient. But then we rushed, in certain moments, to play those balls. There were three or four long switches we wanted to do, where I felt we could make another pass and get ourselves in an even better situation."

"The other thing is also, every next pass that we make would be more difficult for the opponent, because they have to run. And if you play the long game for 90 minutes, that would have impacted them. I felt we were a little bit impatient coming into the final third. That was actually my message at half time, 'Can we just sustain a ball a little bit more and have more clarity in the final third?'"

On using this result as a reference point moving forward:

Mitrović: "Nashville FC is a reference, a very good reference. Nashville is probably one of the most stable teams, very consistent, very well coached, with high profile players all around the field. I think that they also have a very [good] roster, so things that they do during the game don't impact the way they play. They are a very good reference for us. When we played the [season opener], I felt like, they are in

that moment, really a level above us, maybe even two. And it's a long way to go for us today. In the first 30 minutes, I felt much more positive comparing with Nashville. Now, it's how we can sustain that through the whole game and get to that level?"

On how the team will rebound from tonight's loss and how much the team has grown since the season started:

Mitrović: "I'm looking forward to learning that as well. Because, we had a certain milestone at the beginning of the season that we were kind of game after game, growing and achieving. Now this is another milestone that we're going to cross, because I feel that team has a strong belief and confidence. The best teams in the world, it's not easy to sustain, winning streaks or not losing the games. I see disappointment in the locker room, but sometimes that disappointment can go in two ways- how are you going to recover and how you're going to take it? Or disappointment, because you know we are better than this.

"One thing that is always our approach, we spoke here many times about, it's no matter what's the result, the outcome, we have a next day and we have to maximize our next day. I think that every game that we want, we never talk about like, 'Oh, we won the game.' We always have a reflection of things that like in terms of us, who we are on the field, and how that game helps us in the future. When we reflect on the games, that this is going to be the same reflection of this game. What positives or things that we can use in the future to grow as a team. But tomorrow is the next day and that's something that makes me believe that we will recover for Saturday from this game."

On Marcos Zambrano making his MLS debut and the reason behind his substitution:

Mitrović: "Marcos [Zambrano] came here and made his first couple of senior appearances when we played the U.S. Open Cup. We felt that Dor [Turgeman] had such a strong fight with two center backs that were very, very physical profiles. It wasn't easy for Dor, and we felt that he was losing his power and [we] just [wanted] to put some fresh legs down. It was a good opportunity for Marcos also to feel the game like this for his development."

On how the team can help get Dor Turgeman more involved:

Mitrović: "Yeah, we are working on that. We need every player on the team to score goals. Again, something we spoke about here several times, Dor is a forward, and no matter what the description of his job, the measurement will always be goals. But for us, [what] matters [is] those small actions that he does. Again, like you said, what kind of situations we can provide Dor, but also what kind of moments he can make to make himself more available, especially when some crosses are coming. But again, today's game wasn't easy for him, because he played against two really good players. But hopefully, sooner than later, we will get him on the score sheet, because at the end of the day, that's the confidence that every forward wants to have, and that's their game. So hopefully, next game Dor will be on the score sheet."

On Luca Langoni's injury and absence from the match:

Mitrović: "Luca [Langoni] felt that injury during the last game against Philly [Philadelphia Union]. He tried to practice yesterday; he felt very uncomfortable. It's a small muscle injury, but you can go from small to very big, and the best decision was for Luca not to play today. He wasn't capable of playing. Now, how long it's going to be? We'll see. It's day by day right now, and we'll do everything to recover Luca for Saturday."

Revolution F/W Griffin Yow

On moving past the loss and looking forward to Saturday's match:

Yow: "I think we started the game really well. I think we had a lot of bright moments in the game. I think that there were just some lackluster spots where good teams take advantage of those things. As far as moving on, that's how football goes. We've got another game on Saturday, so the best thing we can do is have a short memory, take the things that were good, improve on the things that were bad, and just be ready for the next challenge."

On what the Revolution can learn from tonight's match:

Yow: "Being super patient. They're [Nashville SC] a team that defends really, really well. From what I've heard, they haven't let in a lot of goals, so I think we kind of need to match that as best we can, their defensive intensity. And finish the chances when we have them as well, because a team like that isn't going to give you a lot of chances, so just punishing them."

On the team's home winning streak ending:

Yow: "It's just football. I think we still had a really positive performance. I think, although we did get three goals scored on us, I think the score line doesn't reflect on our performance, and I think we kind of just need to take the positives and not be super down on ourselves in that sense."

Revolution F Marcos Zambrano

On making his MLS debut in Wednesday's match:

Zambrano: "Of course, personally, I'm happy to have made my debut. We wanted the three points, and today wasn't the day, but we'll keep going onto the next game."

On his adjustment to the squad in New England:

Zambrano: "Since the first day I arrived here, they made me feel like part of the family. I'm very happy with them. They are good people and I'm looking forward to playing more games."

On how he learns from other strikers on the team like Dor Turgeman:

Zambrano: "We all know Dor [Turgeman] is a talented player. He's very good. Of course, I can see him training every day and can learn better things from him."

On the physicality of Wednesday's game:

Zambrano: "I mean, I got in the game at a tough moment. We were losing 3-0. I don't know what to say about the physicality, I couldn't feel it almost. We're running behind the ball because we were trying to go for the result. I don't know what to say about that."