



TRANSCRIPT (5/16): Postgame vs. Minnesota United FC

Soundbytes from Head Coach Marko Mitrović, D Peyton Miller, & M Alhassan Yusuf

Revolution Head Coach Marko Mitrović

On if there is still room for improvement for forward/winger Luca Langoni, who scored the winning goal tonight:

Mitrović: "There is. It's a good thing that Luca [Langoni] has those decisive moments and he's developing them. When we speak about Luca, we just have to understand that he has the right intentions and he's very focused on getting better day after day. You can see progress, but I don't think that Luca is satisfied. I strongly believe that Luca will just keep working and getting better."

On his takeaways from today's victory and the keys to the team's success tonight:

Mitrović: "I spoke after the game on Wednesday [against Nashville SC] on how the guys will respond to that defeat that we had. When we met on Thursday morning in the locker room, I saw a very hungry group that knew that we could have gotten a better outcome, and that was hungry to come and play tonight, and earn the win."

"I think the game, overall, was not easy. Minnesota is a very difficult opponent. I don't think there is a team in this league that will have an easy game against Minnesota. They will make games very difficult for every opponent and we knew that. I'm very happy with how we recovered both physically and mentally from the game on Wednesday and came tonight and earn our win."

On midfielder Carles Gil's ability to convert on penalty kick opportunities:

Mitrović: "Taking PK's, we spoke about that when Carles [Gil] scored his first winner a few games ago. Taking PK's is not easy. Yes, statistically you have more chances to score than to miss. But just because of that, there is high pressure on the guys that are taking penalties. Carles takes that with full responsibility and obviously has calmness in those moments. His level of the game helps him to execute in those PK moments. Again, those who haven't taken penalties in their life, don't know how difficult it is for those players who are PK-takers."

On how Luca Langoni's abilities to attack both on and off the ball represent a key facet of the team's identity:

Mitrović: "Maybe that's the reflection of who we want to be as a team- very aggressive to recover the ball, but very aggressive to go forward. I actually really love your question. If you would ask me personally, about what kind of identity I want [the team] to have, I love that we are hungry to recover the ball and then we are hungry to go forward."

On the decision to play defender Brayon Ceballos at right back tonight:

Mitrović: "There were multiple reasons why we made that decision. I know that if we look at our games at the beginning [of the season] when Brayon [Ceballos] was a center back, and Ethan [Kohler] played, in that case, as a right fullback when Ilay [Feingold] wasn't in the squad. We just felt after several weeks

being off and taking that spot in the center of the field, with the way [Minnesota United] press, it's very intense. You need time to get going, because Brayan was out for like four weeks, and we needed Brayan on the field. Again, we were thinking about what spot Brayan can help us where he can also grow through the game, because we knew it was not going to be easy for Brayan after missing so many games. Also, Ethan [Kohler] and Mamadou [Fofana] had very good control of the game in the last few games, and we didn't want to change that partnership between them [in central defense]. It was an organic decision for us to put Brayan to play as a right fullback."

On Brooklyn Raines getting his fifth yellow card of the season and being suspended for New England's next match:

Mitrović: "Those are hot moments, and I know that emotionally, we have to control ourselves. I think the biggest lesson Brooklyn [Raines] will learn is when he sees that he's not going to play in the next game, I don't think in that moment he was thinking about, 'Oh, if I get a yellow card, I'm not going to play next game.' I think he was very much living in the moment of the game, and it happens. I don't have anything to say to Brooklyn about that. As I said, I think that is just him learning that, 'Oh, I'm not going to play the next game now', and realizing that and learning the lesson for himself [that] there are moments where [he] can hold and not get yellow cards for these kind of things, and then missing opportunities to play the games because of that."

Revolution Defender Peyton Miller

On carrying momentum into the World Cup break with another win at home:

Miller: "It's very good. You always want to keep stacking the wins. It's important going into this [World Cup] break to get as many points as possible, but especially to win all our home games."

On Head Coach Marko Mitrović giving him freedom to play in multiple positions:

Miller: "[Mitrović] gives me a lot of freedom for the most part. Playing both positions, left back and left wing, it really doesn't change anything for me because I still play high, but he gives me the most freedom I can have."

On the attacking philosophy Mitrović has instilled within the team:

Miller: "Everything we do is relentless. Everything we do is with intensity, so I think we just take that mindset, and we put it into every single day that we train, every single day that we play games, and just keep going."

Revolution Midfielder Alhassan Yusuf

On the team's response tonight following Wednesday's defeat to Nashville:

Yusuf: "Yeah, it's really important [that] we're back to winning ways. And yeah, hopefully we go [into] next game and finish well before the [World Cup] break."

On the keys to tonight's victory:

Yusuf: "I think it's the togetherness. We stuck together to talk after [the] first half. We knew how the game was going to go. It's a lot of transition. We just had to find a way and get the goal, and then just defend well."

On the team's ability to take advantage of two homestands in the early months of the season:

Yusuf: "We had so many games playing before the [World Cup] break at home. So, I think we just have to take the advantage and make use of it, take the margin of points, and then we see what happens after the [World Cup] break."

On midfielder Carles Gil and winger Luca Langoni driving the attack:

Yusuf: “I think that's what's so important to this team right now. They're [Gil and Langoni] making a big, big difference. Every moment with them, they step up. I think it's really important the way they're going right now, and I hope they keep going.”