



TRANSCRIPT: Match Preview Press Conference (July 30)

Soundbytes from Head Coach Marko Mitrović & D Mamadou Fofana

Revolution Head Coach Marko Mitrović

On playing the first road game since the World Cup break at CF Montreal this weekend:

Mitrović: "It's the reality of our job. We have home and away games. The last [road] game was more than two months ago, but it's not the first time for us going away. We're going to face Montreal [on Saturday], a team that in those three games after the break, definitely deserved more of a scoreline. I think that their performances were much better than the results show. I think that they were very unlucky in certain moments. That's a team that loves to play at home, and they really use their home also as an advantage. They have very good support from fans, so we are very aware that we are going to have one very tough, difficult opponent and a difficult challenge ahead of us."

On Carles Gil shining alongside the league's best players in the 2026 MLS All-Star Game last night:

Mitrović: "Carles [Gil] is a unique talent. We all know that. Just within that group of [MLS All-Star] talent, we see that he is also, for me, maybe I'm subjective, a top performer. Carles is a really unique player, and we are very happy and lucky to have Carles with us."

On Alhassan Yusuf working his way back after sustaining a minor injury last weekend:

Mitrović: "Yusuf feels better day after day, and he took a great step forward today. We're still evaluating him day by day, and hopefully he can take another step forward tomorrow in order to play on Saturday. I think tomorrow will be the crucial day for our decision, and we all know that Yusuf is a very important part of our team and our group. Having Yusuf with us is massive. Hopefully, we're going to have him ready to play on Saturday."

On Ethan Kohler's qualities as a player and the club's depth at center back:

Mitrović: "I think we're all very happy with Ethan [Kohler]. Even though he's a very young player, first of all, he shows a very high level of maturity in his game. Also, he's a very competitive player. Ethan understands what the needs are on the field, and he also has the tools when we're in possession or out of possession to perform every action at the highest level. Even as a young player, I believe that he shows game after game that he's capable of doing a lot."

"We have a pool of center backs right now, and we're happy with all our guys. But as I said many times, we're still in a transfer window. If there is any opportunity to improve our team in any position, we will do that. We just have to be sure, as much as possible, that if we're adding any piece, it's really a reinforcement for our group."

On the chemistry between Kohler and Mamadou Fofana in central defense:

Mitrović: "I think that they [Kohler and Fofana] seem very good playing together. I would say yes, they complement each other, but also they have qualities that we are looking for from our center backs. They both can be very good on the ball, make very good decisions, and kind of read the tempo of the game."

Also, both of them are very brave and have the physical qualities to play high on the field, even when we are finishing the attack, or being very high in our countermeasures, or when we are pressing high on the field. Both of them are very good one-on-one defenders. I feel positive, and we have a lot of trust when the two of them are on the field."

On the progress of Luca Langoni, Ilay Feingold, and Leo Campana in their returns from injury:

Mitrović: "First, with Luca [Langoni], it's now two full weeks that Luca has been practicing with the team. Good thing for Luca, we got him some minutes in the last two games, which is building his fitness level. Because fitness level will obviously impact his performance, but also to avoid any setbacks. We are happy with how Luca is progressing. We just need to be patient because Luca missed the whole summer and training [sessions] for different reasons.

"With Ilay [Feingold] and Leo [Campana], right now we are in a good spot. We had small setbacks with both of them, and that kind of extended the timeline for them. They are coming back, but they are now on a very good path and making very good progress. As I said last week, I hope that in the next few weeks both of them will be back to play."

Revolution Defender Mamadou Fofana

On carrying momentum from recent home results into Saturday's road match at CF Montréal:

Fofana: "We played a lot of games at home, and obviously we won eight. We know that at home we can take three points, but away we can also [take points]. It will be important because we play against CF Montréal. It won't be an easy game, but we want to take the three points, like every game. We've worked on this, and I know we will get what we want."

On celebrating with the fans after New England's 4-1 win over Atlanta United FC last Saturday:

Fofana: "I hope we will have a lot of moments like this. That means we win a lot of games. I was with the coach, and he told me to go [to the supporters], and then the guy explained it to me. It was fun, and I hope we have some more moments like that."

On playing with defender Ethan Kohler in central defense:

Fofana: "He [Kohler] is a young player in his first season. He is very good. I play with him and try to help him in the ways I can. But he is a very good player. He's young, and he listens to the advice the coaches give us. He's very important to us, and I hope he will keep doing what he's doing now. He's a very good player. It's a pleasure to play with him."

On how midfielder Alhassan Yusuf's role is vital to helping the team defend:

Fofana: "[Alhassan] Yusuf is very important, like every player. But when he is on the pitch, he always runs and is always in a good spot. So, he is very important for us. He got a small injury in the last game, but I hope he will be back soon. He is very important to us and a very good player. I hope he will keep [playing at] the same level."

On the club's recent acquisition of Jack Harrison and his English Premier League experience

Fofana: "We know he already played in MLS when he was young. After he went to the [English] Premier League, and Serie A also. He is a very good player. I don't think he can play this week, but we are waiting for him, and I hope he will help us get more victories. We already know he is a really good player, and I hope he will help us."