



## **POSTGAME TRANSCRIPT: August 1 at CF Montreal**

*Soundbytes from Head Coach Marko Mitrović & D/W Peyton Miller*

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

#### ***On what shifted after halftime:***

**Mitrović:** "I don't think there was much change, I think we had a very positive first half. When you play away and you go up 2-0, the one thing you can expect is that the home team will try to change things in their favor. I felt that before that [first Montreal goal], the game was kind of even in the second half. I didn't think there was something that was missing. I think we actually had a couple of situations where we could have converted better in the attack, and the last thing that we wanted was to defend 2-0. That was clear in our message at halftime.

"When we talk about our game at halftime, we never speak about results, we just speak about certain actions that are happening on the field. If there are things that are going in our way, [we talk about] why that is, how do we keep them, and the things that we have to fix. I think that the first goal that they scored was an amazing goal. On their second goal, I think they used the qualities that they have. It was in the box, which is very difficult to defend. Obviously, we could have stopped the cross, but that's the game and we just move forward."

#### ***On the physicality from Montreal's side tonight:***

**Mitrović:** "Montreal was aggressive from the very beginning, and I think the referee had a clear criteria. He let the game go, and for me, he had different criteria and different actions. He kept the same standards the whole game. I think Montreal used that in certain moments to be quite aggressive. It wasn't when it was 2-0, it was through the whole game, but there is nothing wrong about that. They can play that way, and I actually don't think things were that dramatic. It was 2-0, then 2-2, it's a game, and you just have to move forward."

#### ***On his positive takeaways from the first half:***

**Mitrović:** "I think we had very good clarity on the ball and going forward. I think it's a part of the game that we are improving, and game after game, we're getting in situations to finish the attack and have clarity about that. I think besides the two goals that we scored, we had a lot of situations, not just chances, but also very good situations that we kind of missed that one more pass to put ourselves in a better spot, but I felt that we were very dangerous when we were on the ball. We can say the result is 2-2, but the lesson is you can concede goals at any given moment, from any kind of situation. Is it that shot from 40 yards? Is it that cross all the way from the sideline? But that's football and those things happen. I don't want to say this is a learning process, because everything is a learning process. You don't need to have some things that don't go your way in order to learn. I think for us, every day is an opportunity to get better and we also have to be very positive, because there were so many good moments today in the game."

#### ***On Peyton Miller's performance tonight, finding the scoresheet in a second straight game:***

**Mitrović:** "I think many times we have said that Peyton [Miller] is very dangerous going forward, and he has those qualities to change the game. He is a very valuable resource for us going forward and that's his game. He can play on both flanks, he can make plays on the outside, he can make plays on the inside, he

can [record] assists, he can score goals. I'm quite happy with the way he shows, game after game, maturity and more quality in his game."

***On Dor Turgeman's interaction with Montreal's goalkeeper after scoring New England's second goal:***

**Mitrović:** "No, I did not talk to Dor [Turgeman] about that. I think that he was in a great spot [on the goal]. Even though it looked like a tap-in, but with a tap-in, you have to get there in the right spot. I think those are the moments where we can have more of those from Dor and have those 'easy' goals. But as I said, he has to get in those spots as he got in today. Now, what happened between him and [Montreal's] goalkeeper, I was 70-80 yards from there, so I have no clue."

***On Carles Gil's goal-and-assist performance tonight following two assists in Wednesday's MLS All-Star Game:***

**Mitrović:** "I think Carles [Gil] has enough experience to manage himself. He played 30 minutes [in Wednesday's MLS All-Star Game]. Obviously, having players in our environment and practicing with us day after day, it's a great benefit. Carles missed three training sessions, but he's [spent] the whole year with us. He knows this team very well, this team knows him very well. I also know that Carles knows how to manage himself and get ready for the game. It is an effort to travel, and it's not just a game, I believe there's so many things around that game. But [it's the same] for Carles as it is for every other player. I think Carles had a very good performance today and he can keep helping this team to get better."

**Revolution Defender/Winger Peyton Miller**

***On attacking on the right flank tonight:***

**Miller:** "It's definitely something that we looked at and that I watched before the game. That was my game plan, to go one versus one with them, and that's what I did, and it eventually led to an assist."

***On the team having more clarity in the attacking third of the field:***

**Miller:** "[It's] just [about] guys making the right runs and just being in the right spots. It's just as simple as that."

***On his overall thoughts on the match:***

**Miller:** "I thought in the first half, we had control of the game. In the second half, I thought we did have control of the game as well, but they had that one chance and stuff happens. From there, we just have to keep our heads up and keep going."

***On midfielders Brooklyn Raines and Alhassan Yusuf:***

**Miller:** "[Alhassan] Yusuf and Brooklyn [Raines] are very important to our team. They're kind of just those guys that will do the dirty work, get the ball forward, and clean up tackles, those types of things."

***On the physicality of the match tonight:***

**Miller:** "I don't think it affects us at all. Whatever energy they're going to give us, we're going to give the same energy back. I don't think it really affected us at all."