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Soundbytes from Assistant Coach Blair Gavin & D Will Sands

Revolution Assistant Coach Blair Gavin

On Jack Harrison:

Gavin: "He is a very hard-working person and fits into the group really well. You can see he has a new, different energy [that he brings] to the group, which is very positive. We're very excited to work with him day in and day out and see what he can help and produce for us."

On playing Western Conference opponent Houston Dynamo FC on Saturday:

Gavin: "I think whenever you play a Western Conference [opponent], it's a little bit different, because you don't play as much as you regularly do throughout the season. We're excited for the challenge. Obviously, we do our due diligence and understand Houston Dynamo FC the best that we can. They have a lot of quality on the field. It's going to be a fun game. They're very expansive, want to attack, and get in behind a lot. We're looking forward to the challenge, and it'll be a great opportunity to be back home with our fans."

On what the opportunity means to play at home on Saturday before a two-game road swing:

Gavin: "We love being at home with the fans, [with] the energy. We're going to take every game as a great opportunity to be in front of them and play our brand the best that we can with the support behind us and push forward."

On the World Cup break and the opportunity it provided the coaches and team:

Gavin: "For coaches, it was a chance to kind of reflect on this first part [of the season], slow down a little bit, and kind of get back to building our principles, our style of play, everything. [The break] gave us an opportunity without competitive games to really focus on the details. It's been nice to work with the players, get players back. For us, it was just a great opportunity to continue to develop our style of play, which we've seen a lot in these last couple of games. But we're still trying to improve and get better each day."

Revolution Defender Will Sands

On his takeaways from Saturday's draw in Montreal and how the team can build on the performance moving forward:

Sands: "I think [Montreal] was one of those games that we learned a lot about ourselves, and I think it's something we have to build upon. There were moments in the first half that we were really dominant and played really well as a team. I think we need to stretch that to a full 90-minute game. In the second half, we kind of got away from the way we wanted to play, and kind of played into Montreal's hands a little bit, which was a little bit upsetting. To drop two points like that was a little frustrating, but I think that also provides motivation for this week to come."

On the opportunity to play against a Western Conference club, Houston Dynamo FC, this Saturday:

Sands: "It's always great. It's always great to see something new. We play these Eastern Conference teams a lot. We kind of know what to expect, we know the players very well, so it's always nice to test yourself against a different opposition. Houston is a very unique team. I think they'll pose some unique challenges that we're all excited to face."

On what newly acquired Designated Player Jack Harrison brings to the team:

Sands: "I actually trained with Jack [Harrison] a couple times back when I was an academy player at New York City FC and he was a first team player, so I had known him before. He's an amazing guy, brings a great work ethic. I think you can see in the way he leads his play, and the way he kind of contributes to that. He brings a ton of energy and a ton of technical ability, so I'm very excited."

On the New England Amputee Soccer Association claiming its second U.S. Amputee Soccer Cup title on Sunday:

Sands: "That team is incredible. They have some amazing players. Nico Calabria is an inspiration. Musa [Nzirimwo] has done very well. It's just awesome to see them win - just the amount of talent that they have and everyone there. They've built such a great community together and it was awesome to see. My brother is also the ambassador for the New York [Amputee Soccer] team, so it's good to see them beat New York in the finals."