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Soundbytes from Assistant Coach Michael Morris & M Alhassan Yusuf

Revolution Assistant Coach Michael Morris

On matching up against Toronto FC for the second time over the last few weeks:

Morris: "Fortunately, we played Toronto FC pretty recently, so the turnaround time is quick. I mean, it's not like they're going to make just huge evolutions in those two weeks, but they have a number of players that are now healthy after being out for periods of time with injury. So obviously, that's going to pose different challenges, but we have a good idea of what we're going to expect. They have a pretty clear way of playing. Away games are always challenging, but we know what to expect."

On the team's takeaways from the first encounter with Toronto FC back on July 22:

Morris: "It was a game where we felt we had a lot of control and potentially left some points on the board. We just weren't able to create as many high-quality finishing chances as we expected, but there was a good level of play in our possession and some good things in shape that we wanted to see. So, now it's just making sure that we implement what was successful and then maybe tweak a few things that we might need to do to mitigate against them. We continue to talk about being clinical and ruthless when we're finishing attacks, so it's just reinforcing that type of behavior."

On Jack Harrison's debut last Saturday and his first weeks of training with New England:

Morris: "Jack [Harrison] had a very positive start when he came in for that 30 minutes or so [last Saturday]. He likes to play on the front foot when he attacks, which is great. He's very willing to defend with intensity from the front, which is great. His training habits are at a very good level and a very good standard. He's not only pushing himself, but he's pushing the group around him with his behavior."

"Players that play like that, or who are dynamic in the attack and then willing to press with intensity, that's the way that we want to play. So far, he's playing quite well to what our expectations are."

On how he is enjoying his first New England summer:

Morris: "I mean, it's very hot. It's hotter than I expected it to be. I just find it interesting. Sometimes it's like 90 degrees out and then all of a sudden there's a huge rainstorm going on 10 minutes later. I look out my window, and it looks like it's going to flood. But I like it. I love the hot air and everything like that."

"It's great. My wife was in town a couple weeks ago, and we went down to Newport, actually. That's a really cool spot. I've loved it. My first New England summer has been pretty toasty, but pretty enjoyable."

Revolution Midfielder Alhassan Yusuf

On his wife and newborn baby watching him play two weeks ago at Montreal:

Yusuf: "It was great to have them in the stands. I think it was the first game for her to see me playing live in MLS. I think it was very important. I was excited, and she was happy for that."

On his experience being a father to a newborn baby and if his teammates have shared parenting advice:

Yusuf: “Of course, there have been a lot of talks, even before that. I think the best thing is to experience it. It has been really fun so far. [It’s] hard sometimes, but it’s really nice.”

On moving past last Saturday’s loss and preparing for this weekend’s trip to Toronto FC:

Yusuf: “It’s important. From practice today, we talked about it. [Last weekend’s] game has gone and we can do nothing about it, so the most important thing now is Saturday against Toronto and to practice, watch film and video, and just be ready for [Toronto].”

On the first encounter between New England and Toronto back on July 22:

Yusuf: “I think it’s one game at a time. It doesn’t matter ,the way we played against [Toronto] last time. The most important thing is to go out there and do everything we can to bring the three points back home.”