



## **POSTGAME TRANSCRIPT: August 19 at D.C. United**

*Soundbytes from Head Coach Marko Mitrović & M Alhassan Yusuf*

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

#### ***On winger Jack Harrison's performance tonight and the chemistry he showed with Alhassan Yusuf in assisting all three goals:***

**Mitrović:** "It's a good thing that very quickly, we start to get from Jack [Harrison] what we want to get, and we believe we can get those performances from Jack in the long term. We always have those situations where we are on are on the strong side [when] developing in the attack. We have players that are running into the box and bringing numbers there. It just was because we developed those situations on the right side and then the cross came on two goals from Jack from the right. Then, we attacked the box on the left side, and one was from the left side, cross from the right side. [Alhassan] Yusuf was in both situations. That player on the weak side has to run in the box, and both of them did their job, but sometimes it's not just about doing your job. You have to do that job at a high level, with high quality. Both of them just executed perfectly on all three goals."

#### ***On defender/winger Peyton Miller's toughness in playing tonight after exiting last weekend's match in Toronto due to injury:***

**Mitrović:** "Regarding Peyton [Miller], he showed a high level of toughness, because he had that situation [last] Saturday. Luckily it wasn't a concussion and he was ready to recover. Even though that he has like 10 stitches on his eye, he really showed his teammate qualities and stepped on the field to help us perform and win this game. I'm very proud of Peyton, because those are the steps that every player has to go through. Peyton is someone who is very young and may be facing some things for the first time in his life, but the most important thing is how we are going to bypass those challenges. Peyton is doing a really great job, and I can say I'm proud of him and nothing else."

#### ***On the keys to the chemistry in the midfield between Alhassan Yusuf, Carles Gil, and Brooklyn Raines:***

**Mitrović:** "With [Yusuf, Gil, and Raines], the dialogue that they have between them, filling the empty spots, and understanding moments [are keys]. If one player does something, what is the other player doing? For certain things, I'm very aware that we need time, and I feel that with time, that understanding is higher and higher, and it's clearer for them and what they have to do. I think we are seeing results in our performances. After the last game [last Saturday], I know we lost 2-1 to Toronto, but we had so many great situations and we had the game in our hands. We kind of repeated the same things [tonight], and as I said back then, that triangle that we have in the midfield helps this team a lot."

#### ***On Revolution II midfielder Judah Siqueira suiting up for his MLS debut tonight:***

**Mitrović:** “We really see Judah [Siqueira] as a high-potential [player]. With Jackson Yueill and Diego Fagundez, he is another resource that we have in the middle of the field, outside of [Alhassan] Yusuf, Carles [Gil], and Brooklyn [Raines]. Something that I was talking about in the previous question – that dialogue and communication between the midfielders - comes organic for Judah. His understanding of the game is at a very high level and his technical execution. He actually feeds the way we want to play very well. He is 17 years old, but also the talent is there. Judah shows a high level of maturity and he is a very competitive young player, and I’m very happy he got this opportunity. I know that Judah is not going to take this in a bad way and put himself in sleepy mode. He will keep working, keep developing, keep improving, keep growing, and great things are ahead of him.”

***On Jack Harrison showing early chemistry with his teammates after registering three assists in just his third Revolution appearance:***

**Mitrović:** “I don’t like to talk about when somebody has an assist, or somebody scores a goal. We are doing things as a team. I think that the team helped Jack [Harrison] to be in the position to cross the ball and execute at a very high level, and to [Alhassan] Yusuf right there. But, we know why we brought Jack in and what we expect from Jack, so when those situations occur, he can execute in them. To have three assists in one night is not easy and I don’t want to [set] expectations that Jack is going to go out in every game and have three assists, but the way he plays will help us a lot to grow the game. Not just in possession, but out of possession as well.”

**Revolution Midfielder Alhassan Yusuf**

***On the chemistry he is building with winger Jack Harrison, who assisted all three of his goals tonight:***

**Yusuf:** “I think [chemistry in the attack] is something that we have been practicing for a while now, since the beginning of the season. We got it right today. I was in the right place and got the goals.”

***On his assessment of the match and what the team did well to win midfield battles:***

**Yusuf:** “It all comes down to the way we played today. It was a really good team performance. We’ve had some good games, even though the result didn’t go our way in the last two games we played. Today, you can see the way we played – the gameplan and everything. I think everybody on the pitch got it right, and that’s why we got the result. It’s something that we’ve been practicing in training, and today we saw the results of that.”

***On defender/winger Peyton Miller returning to the pitch after exiting last weekend’s match in Toronto due to injury:***

**Yusuf:** “I think it’s the mentality, it’s something that we need in this team. You have to try and give everything for the team. Of course, if you can’t play then that’s something different. But if you have the chance and can play, then you can see today. [Miller] went out the last game, he trained well, and had a good game today. So, that’s a really good mentality.”

***On 17-year-old midfielder Judah Siqueira making his MLS debut:***

**Yusuf:** “[Siqueira] is a good player, I think, with great potential. You can see in training the way he’s been training with us the whole season since preseason, and he’s been doing well. I think that’s why he has the trust from the coach, and he got his chance today and made his debut. I think you’re going to see more from him. He has really great potential.”