



POSTGAME TRANSCRIPT: August 23 vs. New York City FC

Soundbytes from Head Coach Marko Mitrović, D/W Peyton Miller, & F/W Diego Fagundez

Revolution Head Coach Marko Mitrović

On tonight's 1-1 draw with New York City FC:

Mitrović: "I still have to watch the game again, but the first impression is that especially in the first half, in terms of creating, we had a lot of great situations where it's 1-0 and then [if] you score a second goal, it's a very different game. I think outside of that situation in additional time when [New York City FC] created two corner kicks, I felt that we had the game fully in our control. In the second half, I would say we didn't create much, but I felt that outside of a couple of transitions, that our backline was amazing. We had situations where we could have been more patient, but I also felt that we were missing a little bit more freshness and fresh legs to create those passes and execute them. We played against a very good team that has a lot of individual qualities and is a well-coached team. At the end of the day, it was a great challenge for both teams today on the field."

On if there was anything that could have been done to find the breakthrough in the second half:

Mitrović: "I don't want this to be an alibi (sic), but we have to understand that Jack [Harrison] played three games in one week and without a preseason. So just to push for the amount of minutes that he had in those three games, it's amazing. When you don't have fresh legs, obviously it's very difficult to be clean on the ball and then be productive. I also think that they created a lot in the first half and it's not easy to create for 90 minutes, every game after game. I think they created enough in today's game."

On the level of effort in tonight's match after a three-game week:

Mitrović: "I would say that our mindset has to be that we have to be ready to play three games in a week, and that cannot be our excuse. That's part of this job. I said to the guys that sometimes being tired, yes, it's the body, but it's also how you can push mentally, really. We will talk on Tuesday more about tactics and certain details that we could have done better or maybe different, but the effort was there. Our togetherness was present all the time and you saw that guys were pushing to win the game through the last moment of the game. That's the mentality that we have to go into every game like. I always say this game is beautiful because it doesn't always give you what you put on the field. But we don't have any other option than to, game after game, training after training, day after day, maximize everything we have."

On missing Brooklyn Raines in the midfield today and Jackson Yueill's performance stepping into the Starting XI:

Mitrović: "I think as the season goes on, we can really see how important and how impactful Brooklyn is for us on both sides of the ball. I think that Jackson [Yueill] did a very good job for 60 minutes. And for Jackson, he hasn't played for a long time so playing for a longer amount of minutes is not easy."

On 17-year-old Judah Siqueira collecting his second straight MLS appearance today:

Mitrović: "With Judah, something that we have spoken about is that when we make our [roster] decisions, we don't have passports in front of us [to look at ages]. Judah just does a great job day after day in training sessions. We trust Judah, we trust his talent. At the end of the day, before you give those guys opportunities, you're not going to help them. And one of the ways for them to get out and grow is, especially in games like this, you have a great opponent, it's a tough game, is to go out there and have that experience. We fully trust Judah and every player that is in our environment, no matter how old they are."

On the team's defensive strategy in today's match:

Mitrović: "Somewhere that we want to go as a team, and we are making those small steps forward, is we want to be in a situation where we can recover the ball as soon as possible and as high as possible. I know that at the beginning of the season we had so many pieces to put together to get there. But I think if you watch our last games we are aggressive but in a very controllable way. I know that backline is exposed, but as I said, we really trust them. We work so much on our timing and how we're going to defend spacing behind, and we feel comfortable even against a team like New York City, that has a lot of quality. If you give [New York City FC] space, they can use that space and punish you. But I personally felt very comfortable on the bench."

On Dor Turgeman's performance tonight, netting his fifth goal of the season:

Mitrović: "Dor [Turgeman] has really high potential. He has qualities that you can see in the training sessions. Now it's about how we can put the right pieces at the right time on the field. Before we speak about scoring goals for Dor, there is something that is very important- to do the right things in the right way, those small actions."

"For example, the game against D.C. [United], Dor actually had so many good small actions and didn't get rewarded with a goal. We spoke after that, and I said, 'Dor, you had so many good situations, but you didn't score.' Not situations in terms of goal scoring opportunities, it's more those small actions. But I said the only way that this game can reward you is if you keep going game after game, game after game. And in one moment where you have aggregated so many situations where you do small things in the right way, you'll start scoring goals and you're not going to know where they're coming from. But to be rewarded with scoring goals before that, for me, this game can be brutally honest."

On Peyton Miller's versatility and recent success in the attack:

Mitrović: "One thing that Peyton [Miller] can do is really play at a high level, whether he's a left fullback, a left-wide forward, or a right-wide forward. When I had him with the national team, we always played him higher up the field. Not because I think he's better there, but sometimes you have balance in your team, and where he can be most productive for us."

"I think game after game, Peyton shows that he's so dangerous going forward. He had an assist on the goal today, he earned a penalty kick, he had one great opportunity, he [created] two great scoring opportunities. If you just see his outcome in that position, it's amazing. I'm not saying that as a fullback he wouldn't have had a great game. Maybe in a different way, because as a fullback you're exposed to some different actions on the field. But as a wide forward, you have to be productive as well. And game after

game, he shows that he can do that. Again, I strongly believe that whatever position we put Peyton in, he would perform at a high level."

On New England's road form and the upcoming stretch of four consecutive road games:

Mitrović: "We don't look at games as road games or home games. If you see the record – for me, it's an emotional component. When you say, like, 'Oh, we're better at home than we are away.' We don't have that approach, like 'Oh, we are going to win at home, and then we're going to go away'.

"I think if you talk about our last three games against CF Montréal, Toronto United FC, and D.C. United, we were on the front foot in all three games. We created so much and had full control of the game. And again, football is like that. We got rewarded with four points. We could have easily walked away with nine points from those three games. So for me, yes, we are in a performance environment, and the most important thing is actually, after the game, how many points you put on the table. Again, we strongly believe that there is a way in the long term to win those points.

"Can we have a better record? One hundred percent. We have to improve our record. But again, for us, these next four games, or actually the first game ahead of us - Our whole focus is going to be there. We'll do our best not just to perform, but also to get a result."

Revolution Defender/Winger Peyton Miller

On his thoughts on today's 1-1 draw with New York City FC:

Miller: "I think it was a very great effort from everybody, and we were unfortunate on some chances. I think that that's a game that we should win, to be honest."

On finding the scoresheet with assists in consecutive matches:

Miller: "I don't look too deep into that. I just look at doing my job, and my job is to score goals and give assists. Wherever coach [Marko Mitrović] puts me, that's just my job."

On Judah Siqueira suiting up for his second consecutive MLS appearance today:

Miller: "He's [Siqueira] very calm on the ball. I've been watching Judah, and I played with Judah in the Academy. I'm very proud of him, and he deserves this."

Revolution Forward/Winger Diego Fagundez

On his overall thoughts on the 1-1 draw with New York City FC:

Fagundez: "I think the first half, I thought we did really well to control the game. Besides the last couple minutes of the game, I think we just need to be better. We keep giving [up] goals before half, which is tough, but I think if we make sure that we finish the half the right way, I think we can go into the second half up a goal, and then [the] game's a little different. Then they're chasing it and we can open them up. Overall, we should be proud. Of course, we don't take the three points at home, which is disappointing. But at the end of the day, now it's a long stretch of away games, and we need to really focus on that."

On what he's seen from Judah Siqueira through his first two MLS appearances and in training with the first team:

Fagundez: "Judah [Siqueira] has been doing well in training with us every single day. I don't think [anyone] sees him as a teenager, and that's the right way to go forward. It's nice that he keeps getting

minutes in, and little by little, he's going to learn things and get his confidence going, and you saw it today. He's up here for a reason, and now all he needs to do is keep earning minutes and do his best."

On his mindset when entering the match off the bench:

Fagundez: "It all depends how the game's going [and] exactly what we need. Just be prepared, and when I go in, try to help out the team in any way that I [can]. At the end of the day, when you have little minutes, it's kind of hard to bring something to the table. But sometimes you need to defend, sometimes you need to help a team go forward. So whatever [Head Coach Marko Mitrović] tells me to do, that's what I'm going to do."