



POSTGAME TRANSCRIPT: August 30 at Columbus Crew
Soundbytes from Head Coach Marko Mitrović & M Carles Gil after 3-1 win

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Revolution Head Coach Marko Mitrović

On his assessment of Sunday's 3-1 victory:

Mitrović: "I felt that, actually, from the very beginning until the very end of the game, we had that control of the game, even [with] that situation when we conceded a goal. I felt that the guys were very mentally here, strong, and prepared, and they just kept going. Also, on the call when the goal was cancelled, I was really curious how the team would act in that moment, because when it's 2-1 and you score a third goal, the game is almost done, but now it's 2-1 and the opponent is alive again. But the team just behaved great. I'm very appreciative for their mindset in today's game."

On the team's overall performance on Sunday and how the team complements Carles Gil:

Mitrović: "Every player on the field, Carles [Gil] or anyone else, needs pieces around, because every good player makes the players around them better. Carles is, as I said, like everyone else, in need of good players around who can support him and help him. Something that I would like to say and something that I've actually said many times, people always look at Carles through goals and assists. I understand, because people got used to Carles creating great numbers in terms of assists and goals. But I've said many times, we are not here to create numbers for Carles. Carles is here to help us, but we as a team get numbers, and I think Carles is very aware of that."

"He is very committed and he is one very humble person. Even when he doesn't produce, his impact on our team is massive. The team trusts him so much in all those moments where there is adversity on the field, where we need someone to put their foot on the ball, and when we need someone the team trusts. You can just see the players organically play the ball to Carles, and he gives us that calmness, he gives us that confidence, he gives us that belief. Carles is one extremely important part of our team. Again repeating, the way he plays where he helps the team, that's what we need from Carles and that's what he is doing."

On the team's attacking output, outshooting Columbus 21-7 in Sunday's match:

Mitrović: "I think we were patient in many situations in trying to create the best possible condition to finish the attack. Sometimes you have more of those shots, and sometimes you have less. I always love to talk about the quality of the shots, because you can have 21 shots, but [it's] where those shots are coming from and how dangerous they are. I think that a good amount of those shots were in very decent spots where we could have converted those shots into goals. At the end of the day, we scored three goals, so it's positive. Again, saying it's not just the amount of shots, it's what type of shots we are taking on the field."

On where Dor Turgeman has improved throughout the season:

Mitrović: "I think the biggest step forward that Dor [Turgeman] is making is his maturity in the game, making the game simple when it needs to be simple, and waiting for his moments when he can expose his talent. I had a feeling before that he was chasing those moments where he could show his talent. I would like to say that between us, when we talk, that his allure is not in the middle of the field. The middle of the field is somewhere where it's hard and dirty work, but he has to help the team and then go for your glory in the box."

and use your talent. I think it's a mindset before you go into tactics or small moments like you are saying, or going in behind, because Dor has talent. There is no question about that. It's just the way he wants to use his talent. I think in the last few games, I feel that he is opening his eyes to the way he should play and the way he should compete."

On Ilay Feingold making his return following a four-month injury absence:

Mitrović: "First of all, we were all happy that Ilay [Feingold] was back after four months being out, having a surgery, and all the adversities that he went through. He showed a high level of resistance and kept going, working hard to be available again. For us today, it's not about the position where he was playing. Most importantly, he stepped on the field and felt like a part of the team again. Jack [Harrison] looked a little bit tired. There was a moment of fatigue and, again, Jack is coming from a long break. Jack did not have preseason – again, something that we've spoke of many times. For Ilay just to play as a wide forward for seven or eight minutes, we don't think that's the destination. Are we going to use him higher on the field? We'll see. I don't think so, but I know that if Ilay is there, he'll do his job."

On Matt Polster marking his 200th Revolution appearance in all competitions with a goal:

Mitrović: "I didn't know actually it was [Polster's] 200th appearance, so thank you for sharing that. It's amazing to learn that. When somebody has 200 games playing for the same club, it shows the massive value [of] that player. Just being on the field shows that you have a certain level of talent and commitment, but also being in a club for so long, it tells that people in the club value you from every perspective. I'm actually very happy for Matt. I'm proud of him, and I'm also very happy that he scored a goal today. I think that Matt is someone who earned all those things. I don't think that things were given to him. He's just another player that comes there and works every day, so hard. I'm actually very happy that he can be the role model for our younger guys. If you want to get something, go out there and earn it."

Revolution Midfielder Carles Gil

On if he felt this was one of the team's best performances of the season:

Gil: "Honestly, I think since we came back from the break, we are improving and are much better, our performance, every game. We are one of the best teams in the league right now, in my opinion. We work very [well] during the week, depending on the opponent obviously. But today, I felt we were very good."

On the attack being more varied this year and if that has opened more space for him:

Gil: "Yes. Obviously, it's a very different role for me this year and for the team. You know what to do and everyone has his own role in every moment, depending on who is on the ball, the movements and everything. Also, we have the freedom to try to be creative, but also, we have a plan, you know? This way, it is much easier to win games, and that is the only [thing that's] important, to win games."

On Dor Turgeman's performances and his work in training that has led to his recent success:

Gil: "Strikers, for me, they do not just goals, but many things that Dor is doing. But for them, obviously, it is very important to score goals. You can see when they have confidence. You can see last year when he arrived, he was amazing. He has had some difficult moments this year, but he has continued to work hard for the team doing many things. We can do a very good press starting with him, because he is giving 90 minutes of effort pressing the back line. He is a very talented player, and very young. The best strikers in the world have some moments, so it's normal. You can see in the last games, he's having more confidence, and in this way, he is very dangerous."

On the importance of starting the four-game road stretch with a win:

Gil: "Very important. Like you said, we are playing many games away. It's always difficult. We love to play at home, but the whole idea is to be the same team at home and away. So, I think we are proving that. In the last month, month and a half, we are playing better away than at home. Now, we want to continue like this. We have a difficult game in LA, but we want to be in these top-three or top-four places, so we want to win."

On his role as captain keeping the team focused after conceding an early goal:

Gil: "This is something that we talk a lot [about] since the beginning of the preseason. Try to be consistent no matter what happens in the game. You can see in football, in the game against Montreal, we were winning 2-0 and we expected to win 4-0, and then they tie. You never know and the important thing is to continue with the plan no matter what. I think we showed this personality as a team today, together, and I think we were a much better team than them today. "