



POSTGAME QUOTES: Sept. 9 at New York City FC
Soundbytes from Head Coach Marko Mitrović & M Dániel Gazdag

Revolution Head Coach Marko Mitrović

On Dániel Gazdag and what he provides to the team:

Mitrović: "If we speak about Dániel [Gazdag] – we spoke after the last two games about what and how Dániel can help us – we see his strength is exactly what he did tonight. He is very, very good in the box. He knows to be in the right spot at the right time and also has the calmness to convert those opportunities. We are still learning about Dániel; he has been with us now for just about a week. With this stretch of games, we didn't have much time to practice. Everything is more like video and talk rather than having the opportunity to work during training sessions. But we believe that once we get going even more, we learn more about Dániel and he learns more about us, our objective is to put him often in those situations where he was today so he can show his strengths."

On the group's strong performances away from home during a road-heavy stretch of the schedule:

Mitrović: "Let's just put the result from tonight away. I'm saying since I've arrived here, after a couple of weeks, I learned that this is one wonderful group. A group of guys that are ready to come every day and give their best, and they are such a hard-working group with great enthusiasm, coming every day in and out. It's one group that also has talent, but I would say that we've had a lot of adversities since the very beginning of the season. This group faced and embraced all those challenges and adversities that we've had."

"Even tonight, we were 1-0 up and concede for 1-1, the team just kept going and we scored the second goal. I didn't see it, but I believe in the ref's decision for offside [on the disallowed goal]. Then, it's the 83rd or 84th minute and in one moment you can go down, but I know this group will never put their heads down no matter what the circumstances are on the field. They just kept going. As you asked about Dániel, he got in that situation and Dániel scored the winning goal for us."

On the game-winning goal and Gazdag's finishing ability:

Mitrović: "Again, in order to score goals, there are two things you have to do right: You have to be in the right spot at the right time, and you have to have that composure you're talking about. I think that last period behind Gazdag [in Columbus] maybe wasn't his most successful in terms of scoring goals. It's something where he came and we sat with him and spoke. We said, 'Dániel listen, just get in those right spots and don't think about the outcome. If you miss the opportunity, we are ready to live with that.' There is no pressure like, 'Oh, you have to score the goals'. Just [do] the right things in the right way. When you're in front of the goal, the worst thing is you have a double mind like, 'Oh, should I do this or should I do that?' Just believe in what you want to do and don't worry about the outcome. We're just trying to give him that confidence that maybe he needs in this moment, because players like him need that piece of self-belief when they get in those moments so they can expose that composure you're talking about."

On Ilay Feingold's impact off the bench:

Mitrović: "It's interesting. Something we spoke about before the game with Ilay [Feingold] is that we still don't have expectations. We have to understand that Ilay had four months out, he had surgery on July 8, that's two months [ago] today. When you have that surgery and you're coming back, and he only had two

weeks of practicing with us, something that Ilay has is a good mindset and he is working hard. We trust him, we believe in him, and today we gave him those minutes, which is good for him to come back. However, we are in a performance environment and once you step on the field you have to perform as well. So, he did a great job both in and out of possession. But again, I want to say that we all have to be patient with Ilay, and Luca [Langoni]. I spoke about that because they missed so much time and we have to be patient with their comeback."

Revolution Midfielder Dániel Gazdag

On having a goal called back before netting the decisive goal in stoppage time:

Gazdag: "Honestly, I was so happy at first when I scored [the goal that was called offside], because I thought that was the easiest goal I ever scored in my life. Obviously, after two minutes, when they called it offside, I was a little bit sad, I would say. But I was thinking that we had 10 minutes left, and we actually had good momentum, so I was like, let's push for another goal. Luckily, we had another chance, and I scored it."

On the team's mentality to find a late winner:

Gazdag: "Honestly, we came here to win the game. We always knew that it was going to be a tough game. We suffered a lot during the game. They actually had a good game today. They controlled the ball a lot, especially in the first half. I think in the second half, we played better. Obviously, after [New York City tied the game at] 1-1, we still believed that we could take the three points. The guys showed good character today. I think it was a really good win and it gives us a lot of confidence for the future."

On the character within the Revolution locker room and the group's belief:

Gazdag: "Obviously, I've only been with the team for only like a week or eight days, not a long time, but I can already tell that it's a special group. We believe that we can have a special season. We have really good players, a lot of quality players, and I think we played a good game. Again, this team just believes until the end, and that's what happened today."

On the quality of services he has received in his first two matches with New England:

Gazdag: "I have gotten really good crosses in the first two games I have played. Even in LA, I had a good ball from Carles [Gil] that I didn't finish [well]. Obviously, it happens sometimes. We cannot score all the time. I'm really happy with the kind of service I'm getting and the offensive players are getting in the box. I think it helps us a lot, and I think we will be really dangerous this way."

On scoring his first goal for New England:

Gazdag: "I'm really happy here. As I said in my first interview, I am where I want to be. I'm really happy that I scored in my second game with the team, and it gives me a lot of confidence for the future. I think the way we play is really offensive, and we're always on the front foot. It helps offensive players perform."