



POSTGAME QUOTES: Sept. 13 at Chicago Fire FC
Soundbytes from Head Coach Marko Mitrović & M Jackson Yuell

Revolution Head Coach Marko Mitrović

On Sunday's 2-1 victory at Chicago Fire FC:

Mitrović: "This was our fourth game in a row on the road. We really had a very challenging and difficult game week. I mean, every team has the same circumstances and same challenges in this league, but going to Columbus, going to LA, going to New York, and going to Chicago, there was big fatigue presented with the players. I'm just impressed with the way they recovered, the way they pushed, and their mentality. We actually had four very demanding games, because all those teams that I named are very quality teams and every game for us was a big challenge. The way we faced those challenges and the way we embraced all the adversities that we had, I'm really grateful for this group."

On forward Dor Turgeman's goal-and-assist performance today:

Mitrović: "Something that we spoke about in the last few weeks, Dor [Turgeman] is really simplifying his game in a good way and uses his talent where it's needed. He shows a level of maturity in his game and it just starts to pay off. When you have the right approach and you do the right things, you can wait or you can expect to get the right outcome and work toward that. So, there are good steps forward from Dor, but still there is a long way to go for him."

On the team's improved road form during the second half of the season:

Mitrović: "Nothing changed. I know that people purely look at the statistics. If you take the first three road games away and what happened in our first four games when we as a team hadn't been ready or on the level of [play] where we are right now, I think often we had some very decent performances on the road. None of those games on the road we were outplayed or didn't have an opportunity to get a good result."

"Even before we started this [road stretch] because the last seven games we played six games on the road, I know there was a lot of talk about the [road] record. Look, I know the record exists there, and the record is there when we win six games in a row at home. We are not here to look at the records, we are here to go game after game and training after training to be who we are and push for the right outcome. Now, we got awarded but if we want to keep having the same outcomes we just have to keep doing the right things."

On how the team managed the final 30 minutes of the match defensively, including the debut of Josh Wynder:

Mitrović: "I think that the subs Chicago Fire FC made in the second half really gave them the next gear in their game. Then they started to play on the front foot and control the game with the ball. Having a 2-0 [lead], it's not easy when you play so many games with all the travel I spoke about and fatigue, then we say the team suffers. But I also know this team has a great mentality when moments are like this and we have to grind a win. They are ready to do that. They are ready to put their bodies to defend, to block the shot, and to do everything. As I said in the opening to this media, I'm really grateful for the way they handled that."

"Then also regarding Josh [Wynder], having Josh with us we are very pleased and happy he got his minutes. He made his debut in MLS, and we are looking forward to helping Josh to become what we all believe he can become. We're also looking forward to Josh helping our team."

On the team's overall defensive effort in Sunday's win:

Mitrović: "I think the whole team just puts in so much effort. It wasn't just Mamadou [Fofana] and Ethan [Kohler], and Matt Turner, it was the whole team. I strongly believe that center backs are actually a reflection of the team. When they are composed on the ball, the team will be composed on the ball. When they are relentless defending, the team will be relentless defending. When they are aggressive, the team will be aggressive. I think that Mamadou and Ethan are actually a mirror of this team. What the two of them present on the field, that's who we are on the field as a team."

Revolution Midfielder Jackson Yueill

On earning the start and recording two assists in the win:

Yueill: "The first goal, we spoke a lot about how much they like to push their wingbacks high. We thought we would have Dor [Turgeman] isolated in certain moments to counter their counter a little bit. That was a tactical thing that we were looking at. Credit to him for making the run and having the pace and the ability to finish. The same thing with the second one. We were able to find him in behind and the back post [pass] to Peyton [Miller]. I think the team executed really well in both of those instances."

"I think you can see the quality that this team has and has shown throughout this year. Something that is so good with this team is our depth in the midfield. Being able to practice and play with these guys have improved everyone, especially myself. Coming to work with some of these guys and the training by Marko [Mitrović] and his staff have been a real pleasure and a privilege to me. I've been learning a lot this year. I've been around a lot of teams and I think what makes really good teams is everyone doing their part to help. When you get an opportunity, you have to show that you're here to execute and perform to the highest ability. I think we were able to do that today. Overall, a team effort today, and it's been a team effort all year."

On making a big impact when his number was called to start:

Yueill: "It's the every-day work. You have to show up and work Monday through Friday for your opportunity on Saturday, or Sunday, I guess. Over the course of a career and a season, you'll have ups and downs, and it's about being the best teammate possible and giving your 100 percent and being ready. The coaches rely on everyone and you need everyone in these tough, long spells, especially on the road in these opportunities and in these moments."

"The first goal had a lot to do with tactical awareness that we were presented before the match, and it was something we were ready to do. I think the execution was great in that instance. I give a lot of credit to the coaching staff and my teammates around me for allowing the team to play the way that it does, and for people to step in and perform well. I think [it was] a great overall performance today."

On the team becoming more comfortable in "uncomfortable situations", such as this long road trip:

Yueill: "You can tell that we're building a resilient team. I think we had, early in the year, a lot of home games. This part has been a lot of road games and a tough stretch in terms of travel and the quality of teams that we played against. I think the team has shown a really strong unity. We banded together really well in these difficult moments. Today, just the ending performance, the clearances, the grit and sacrifice that everyone gave, I think has really brought the team's ability higher to get three points on the road. It's a [privilege] to work with these guys. I think everyone gives 100 percent 'til the end. That's Marko's message to all of us, you have to sacrifice until the final whistle. Never be satisfied with the situation until it's over, and then we go again. I think that's the message with the team, is just to keep going and go again."

On returning home on Saturday after picking up nine points on this four-game road stretch:

Yueill: "Being around for a while, I think road games are especially difficult, especially when you have multiple in a row, multiple in the same week. You go west coast back to the east coast, changing time zones. It's very difficult and something that's very hard to do, to get points and consecutive points. I think it's a really positive thing. As the season comes down, we start to battle for position, for how you arrive to the end of the year. This stretch is really important for us and something we spoke [about] as a team. We wanted to get points, see what we can do, show what kind of soccer that we can play. That might be suffering and sacrificing a little bit. I think we've shown that as a group and we were rewarded for putting on a really brave and strong effort out there. We get to go back home next weekend and do it all again in front of our fans. I think it's a really good moment for the group, but another game next week."