



TRANSCRIPT: Training Media Availability (Sept. 16)

Soundbytes from Asst. Coach Sean Hughes, D Will Sands & D Josh Wynder

Revolution Assistant Coach Sean Hughes

On how the team managed the four-game road trip to collect three victories:

Hughes: "[It was a] tough stretch- four away games, four good teams, and a lot of travel. We said to the group there are a lot of reasons why things could go wrong, but we chose reasons to make it go right. I think our group's a strong group mentally, and we saw that in the four matches. [Each game] presented different opportunities, different problems, but we persevered, we got through some adversity and managed to pick up some important points."

On the group's winning mentality when facing adversity:

Hughes: "That's something we talked about this morning. There are many ways to win, right? We always want it to look good, but there are some moments in games where you have to dig in and you have to fight. I think the [team's] character is there for everybody to see. Collectively, from the first player to everybody who traveled, everybody played their part in the trip, and it was really important for us as a group."

On midfielder Dániel Gazdag's versatility:

Hughes: Obviously, [Gazdag] is an experienced player. He knows the league well. He knows the opponents we're playing against had a massive impact with his goal, obviously, in New York, and then followed it up with another performance on the weekend in Chicago."

On defender Josh Wynder making his MLS debut this past weekend and what he brings to the team:

Hughes: "We know Josh [Wynder] really well. We had him with the United States National U-20s team. He's a great person, also a competitive guy, which fits the mentality of the group. I think you saw that in the last 20 minutes [at Chicago], where he put his body on the line with headers and clearances. He has a real willingness to defend, and he has quality on the ball as well that we'll see more of in future games."

On returning to Gillette Stadium to host Orlando City SC this Saturday:

Hughes: "It's always nice to be home. Hopefully it'll be a good opportunity for us to play again in front of our crowd and give a good performance. For us, we talked about how the next game is always the most important. We use the experience from the trip, but we need to keep putting points on the board and put in a good performance this weekend."

Revolution Defender Will Sands

On winning three of four matches during the recent four-game road stretch:

Sands: "I think the last two games [at New York City FC and Chicago Fire FC], in particular, were really important for us. Getting points on the road is always very difficult in this league, and to do that at two very quality teams was really important for us on a confidence level, and also just in the table. One of the big values that we really talk about a lot is being willing to suffer to win games. It's not always pretty, and I think we would like it to be better than it was. However, getting results is the most important thing, and we're super happy with that."

On the team's ability to find results through adversity:

Sands: "I had a coach once say, 'The mark of a good team is just being able to find ways to win.' It doesn't always have to be the prettiest, and I think we've seen that this season. There have been games where we've been really dominant, and it's been beautiful football from the first minute to the last. These past two games, we've had to endure a little bit, going away to Chicago, going away to New York City. They're hard environments to play in. It wasn't always the prettiest, but you have to find a way to win, and I think that's what we did."

On returning home this weekend to host Orlando City SC:

Sands: "Having a good home atmosphere is such an important thing in this league, and being able to win your home games means the world when you [move] towards the playoff rounds. I think building that momentum, especially in front of our own home fans, is really important to close out the season."

On being the ambassador to the New England Amputee Soccer Team:

Sands: "It means the world to me. Ever since I joined, everyone I've met has been absolutely wonderful. [Amputee Team Members] Nico Calabria, Kelvin Jimenez are just truly wonderful people. To see them do what they love despite the obstacles that they can face at times, it just means the world to me. It reminds me of why I love the game. So, it's been a great experience so far being the ambassador for those guys, and I just hope to see amputee soccer continue to grow in this country."

On if he is excited to cheer on the amputee team in their third annual full-length match at Gillette Stadium following the Revolution's MLS game on Saturday:

Sands: "100 percent. It's my favorite part of the games."

On what the support from his Revs teammates for the amputee team says about the club's culture:

Sands: "It's important from a culture point of view and also just as a Revs community point of view. I think all the teams need to support each other; the amputee team, the unified team, the first team, the second team. We need to make a whole cohesive culture of just support. I think it makes a difference on the field and that's what we're all here for. We're all here to win."

On the opportunity to enjoy the amputee soccer match as a fan:

Sands: "I love that. It reminds me of why I play the game, why I love the game. I'm just super excited to watch training and then, of course, watch them this coming weekend."

On the skills he plans to share with the amputee team players at training tonight:

Sands: "I think they're actually going to teach me something. Nico Calabria can do a double elastico, which I've never seen, to be honest. But I've heard rumors about it, so I'm really excited to see that."

Revolution Defender Josh Wynder

On joining the New England Revolution:

Wynder: "I think it's a good moment for me to continue my development. With the project they have going on here with Marko [Mitrović] and some of the guys I already know on the team, I knew it would be a good spot for me to come and keep developing."

On what he learned from Marko Mitrović from his previous experience playing under him for the U.S. U-20 National Team:

Wynder: "I think [Mitrović] is just a coach that holds you to high standards. He makes you the best player and person both on and off the field. I think that is what people need to keep developing and get to the highest level you want to be at."

On his conversations with Marko Mitrović before signing with the Revolution:

Wynder: "[Mitrović] just said that he think it would be good for me to come here. He loves the team here, the city, all of that. I think it was what attracted me to this team and it's great for me."

On his first impressions of his new teammates:

Wynder: "I think it's a great group of guys. They welcomed me well, and it's nice to get to know all of them. I know I've only been here for a short time but I'm excited to keep getting to know everybody and keep working."

On what he brings to the team individually:

Wynder: "I'm just here to do the best I can, help the team, and hopefully keep winning games."

On suiting up for his MLS debut last weekend at Chicago Fire FC:

Wynder: "It was a proud moment for me, but more importantly we won the game, which is the goal when we go to games like that. It was a tough away game, and it was just good to get out of there with three points. But it was a proud moment for me to make my debut."

On potentially playing in front of Revolution fans at home for the first time this weekend:

Wynder: "It will be amazing if I get my chance to play. It's an amazing stadium and a big stadium, so I'm excited to see the fans at home and see what the atmosphere is like. Hopefully I get my opportunity."