



POSTGAME TRANSCRIPT: September 19 vs. Orlando City SC

Soundbytes from Head Coach Marko Mitrović, D Ethan Kohler & M Brooklyn Raines

Revolution Head Coach Marko Mitrović

On the team's winning mentality tonight and Homegrown winger Peyton Miller's multi-goal game:

Mitrović: "I have to start with the team first. I would really love to congratulate the team on the really great mentality that they have. Obviously, when [we were up 2-0 in the game], maybe things didn't go our way, and then it became 2-2. But just seeing the faces of our guys, it was like, 'OK, we still have time to manage this game and get a win'. They are a group of guys that are very inspiring, and obviously Peyton [Miller] is a part of this group, part of our team, and Peyton is showing really great progress. I would say first in his maturity and the way he competes, and on top of that, he has his potential that you always speak about. I'm glad that he scored two goals. Hopefully, these two goals will be a great boost for him for the future, but also for the upcoming camp that he is going to have with the [U.S. Men's] National Team."

On the team's resilience to get results in times of adversity:

Mitrović: "First of all, 2-2 can happen in any given way. We can be up 2-0, and then 2-2 like it was today. That score can be present in different ways. Something that we always speak about is that we have to treat the next action on the field as the most important action and not connect it with the result. I know that sometimes it's not easy because there are moments that are kind of shaky. But if we treat the action as it is, no matter the circumstances around it, that's probably the main reason why we are finding success when maybe things don't look great from the outside."

"Something that we spoke about in last game when we played against Chicago, the last 30 minutes we suffered in terms of defending in a low block, because we couldn't find our way with a ball. It's not that we wanted to do that. But again, if that's the circumstance - That's why I say this group inspires me because it's easy to find excuses in life, but we are in a competitive environment where we have to find a way, and that's what they are doing. They are always trying to find a way. It's not that things always go our way, but it's great that it's going our way most of the time."

On managing the game's rhythm and responding to Orlando's adjustments:

Mitrović: "It wasn't a game plan. Something we spoke about after the game is that we believe we found our success in the first half and we had the game under control. I don't want to say that we took the pedal off the gas because there is also the opponent that maybe came with a different mindset and different approach in the second half and there is a certain adjustment that we have to do. I would say that before we scored the second goal, [Orlando City SC] kind of had the game on the front foot and maybe had more controlling possession. We scored the second goal and then it was 2-1. I think before the [penalty kick] we kind of established our rhythm again and maybe establishing our rhythm again didn't confuse us when we scored a goal. We just kept going and we deserved to score that third and fourth goal."

On midfielder Diego Fagundez's involvement in the attack as a second-half substitute:

Mitrović: "It's great that we talk about that. First, we always say, when we are on the field, we have to find a way to perform. We're in a performance environment, and we don't talk about opportunities, we talk about performance. We also always talk about quality in the minutes, not quantity of the minutes. But talking about that, I'm very aware that when players don't have a lot of minutes played, it's not easy for them. Everybody

wants to be on the field, and maybe Diego [Fagundez] didn't get a lot of minutes, but then stepping on the field in that moment and [helping set up that last goal] is something that tells [us] about Diego and tells [us] about his approach and his mindset. We actually spoke about that after the game, and as a team that's where we all have to be with our heads. But also, we cannot ignore [his performance], and we all have to say a big thank you to Diego for the way that he helped us when he came on the field."

On the bench receiving a yellow card after the penalty call and the team's determination to keep pushing afterward:

Mitrović: "It's kind of a summary of everything which we are talking about. You have a game from the first until the last action, and I think in our lives we invest so much around the game, and we dedicate everything we have for the game. So, our lifestyle, look how much guys think about [the game] every day. Everything around is dedication to our jobs, and when the game comes, that we are on the highest level to perform. When we step on the field, we said we have no luxury, no matter what the score, to not take every action, every second in the game, and maximize it, because then there is no respect to ourselves and no respect for everything that we do before the game, for the game. I think that's something that we are realizing, and again I'm repeating myself, we dedicate so much in our lives to that game, and we have to respect ourselves and play every single action as [if] it's our last action."

On forward Dor Turgeman's ability to create offensive chances while defending on the press:

Mitrović: "If we speak probably about [the last seven or eight games], I think that [Dor Turgeman's] performance really increased and how dramatically he has impacted our team is amazing. It's not about just goals and assists, even though that is the description of the forward, to score goals. But sometimes, if you don't link up well in the middle of the field, we're not going to bring that ball in the box for Dor to score. Also, if we don't defend, then we're going to struggle. It's going to be difficult for us to bring the ball to Dor again. So, I think that idea of or mindset, of doing small actions in the right way, is something that Dor shows much more maturity with in his game, and today he had some opportunities to score goals. But, we are ready to live with the outcome that he doesn't score, as long as he does all those small things right for the team, and goals will come there, like they're not going to run away from Dor. He'll be there again in those situations to score and he'll score goals. I'm not worried about that."

Revolution Defender Ethan Kohler

On his assessment of Saturday's victory and the team's mentality to fight back in games:

Kohler: "We have a foundation of belief for sure, but a lot of it comes from knowing that we have a ton of quality. It's hard to have belief if you don't have the talent and the ability, and a really good coaching staff behind you. So, I think first and foremost, that's what kind of gives us the confidence to always think that we can go and win games. And the fact that we've done it time and time again also helps. I think we can do better to keep our foot on the pedal. And like Marko [Mitrović] said, when teams are already underwater, keeping them there. Like I said, we have this great foundation of belief because of our quality."

On Brooklyn Raines and Peyton Miller getting called up to the United States Men's National Team:

Kohler: "It's amazing. Those two [Raines and Miller] have been unbelievable. They've been so integral to our group and to our success, and I couldn't be happier for them. And for me, it's always good to see guys within the team that I'm playing in getting success at the men's level with the [United States] National Team, so that's also, for me, inspiring. But I obviously have a lot to learn, and I'm really happy for those two."

On returning to Gillette Stadium for the first time since August:

Kohler: "It was great. I mean, the home support today was unbelievable. They definitely pushed us on, especially when it was 2-2. The crowd didn't get quiet, and that was huge for us. I'm really glad that we could reward such a good crowd with a game like this. As always, I would have loved it if we did a little bit earlier, but I think it was a really special moment. Not only for us, but also for the crowd, so that was great."

Revolution Midfielder Brooklyn Raines

On Saturday's victory and the team's ability to battle in matches:

Raines: "Yeah, I think it's funny that we like to make games like this really interesting for ourselves. Like you said, we're never satisfied. We never give up. I think this is a special group, just how we're able to fight through adversity. You can see it in the past, I think, two or three games. I mean, the Columbus [Crew] game where we scored and they called it offside, and then we go and get another one. And then, the same in New York [City FC]. Danny scores a goal, they call it offside, but then they go get another one. And then today, up two-zero, and then [Orlando City SC] equalize two goals, and then we go get two more. But yeah, I mean, for me, it's just this group is really special and it's just something that we continue to strive for – that we're never satisfied with anything."

On the team's mentality after Orlando tied the match in the second half:

Raines: "I'll be honest, not really. I think, just from a personal standpoint, I know everyone who is there has been through adversity like that. So, I think for us it's not really a problem. We can see it on the bench from Marko [Mitrović]. Even when we are down a goal, you can see him just giving us the energy to keep going and knowing that whatever it is that we face, we'll be able to get through."

On earning his first call-up to the United States Men's National Team alongside Peyton Miller:

Raines: "It's an honor for both of us. Obviously, we've got to stay humble and grounded. But I mean, for us, we're going there to obviously learn, but again, compete and hopefully continue to get called up and continue to work our way up the ladder. But yeah, like you said, it's a dream come true for us."