

POSTGAME TRANSCRIPT: October 14 at FC Cincinnati

Soundbytes from Head Coach Marko Mitrović & D Josh Wynder

Revolution Head Coach Marko Mitrović

On his takeaways from tonight's win:

Mitrović: "I felt that maybe came here with a little more respect. Obviously, you have to respect Cincinnati. They're a great team, and everything they're doing in the last few years. I kind of felt that we hesitated in certain situations. That [first] goal we conceded, I felt that it woke us up and it was kind of like, 'Okay, let's go.' After that, we had very good moments on the ball and we created some very good opportunities. At the end of the day, we scored three goals."

"You know, we have a really big load with the guys that are playing now, game after game. They guys that were with the [United States] National Team played four games during the break with long travel. I think the last 30 minutes, I felt that we were tired. But what was amazing by the guys was they really gave everything. Every piece of energy they had, they just left it all on the field. I want to congratulate them not just for the win but for their approach and the fighting spirit they had today."

On qualifying for the MLS Cup Playoffs following tonight's win:

Mitrović: "It might sound silly, but I'm not checking what's going on around [the league]. We don't talk about playoffs. We have different objectives. It's great, but we have another amazing opponent on Saturday [Chicago Fire FC], in just three days. We have travel now back home, we have to recover, and that's all I'm thinking of right now."

On forward Dor Turgeman's two-goal performance tonight and his development in his first full MLS season:

Mitrović: "I think if you go back and check what we talked about at the very beginning [of the season], I do remember that I said Dor has a high ceiling as a player and he's still a young player. He had a certain installed behavior that we believed he had to change in order to get to the next level, in order to move toward his ceiling and his max potential. I believe that not just after the World Cup break, but he really invested time and energy to understand what we're looking for him to do and how to execute those things. He has massive work behind him in the last eight, nine months. I'm happy not just that the work is paying off for him and he has good performances, but also that he's reaching the next levels in his game."

On defender Josh Wynder's goal-scoring performance tonight and the progress he has made in starting each of the last three matches:

Mitrović: "I think Josh had an overall very good game today. The last three games that he started, today was his best performance. Josh is someone who's amazing in aerial duels, not just in set pieces but also in open play. Josh has the ability to really win, he has great timing and athleticism to win aerial duels. But I would say, something I said before this game and I'll repeat myself because in one or two days nothing changes, Josh is someone that is still a very young player that hasn't been playing for seven months, and we just have to be patient. I've known Josh for a long time. I strongly believe in Josh, and I believe in his potential. These games will just help him to keep growing, getting experience, and at the end of the day get into game mode because he hasn't played in a long time."

On defender/winger Peyton Miller's progress as a key part of the attack this season:

Mitrović: "It's kind of similar to Dor and Josh. It's a really similar story. Peyton is playing in certain positions and certain spaces that he hasn't been playing in much before. Really another great example of investment in training sessions to create the right habits and intentions on the field. I would say this, today he had a really good game and good outcomes. But, we also have to understand they're all young guys."

They're all still in growing processes of their career. There will still be ups and downs. I know that after the games, people can be emotional based on whether their performance was good or maybe not very good. I'm very patient and very focused on the process. I'm very happy when they perform as such young players, take ownership of the games, and then perform and help the team achieve what they have to achieve. But we have to be patient as a club talking about those young guys and support them where maybe things don't go the right way for them because they have the right approach."

On receiving a yellow card tonight and being suspended for Saturday's match against Chicago Fire FC:

Mitrović: "I would say that I believe the refereeing was very good today. I was protesting because Dor got punched in the face and he was bleeding. It's extra time and maybe the referees didn't see that. But I didn't say anything, to be fair. I know I'm using my hands, but I didn't say anything wrong to the referees. But probably the aggressiveness of my approach led them to give me the yellow card. That's their decision. Unfortunately, I'm not going to be on the bench. I love to be next to the guys to support them, but I'll be in the stands and I know the rest of the coaching staff and rest of the staff will support them. They're an amazing group. If I'm not there, I'm very confident that they're going to handle everything."

On why he believes in not being fixated on the postseason and the mentality he feels will help the team achieve its objectives:

Mitrović: "Just go day by day, day by day. If you go into the game, 'If we win today, we'll be in the playoffs,' and then do we really believe that's going to put players in a situation like 'Oh, let's win the game. And if it doesn't take us to the playoffs, we're not going to win.' I just don't see that it works that way. I love to say to the guys that we dedicate everything to our work, everything. Even this part, I'm doing media and that's part of my work. Everything we do, we're doing for the games. And when the game comes, no matter what's at stake for that game, we have to give our best. After the game, if we win, and I learned we're in the playoffs, great. But if not, we have a game in three days and we have to keep going. We are doing everything for the games. I feel it would be very disrespectful, first toward us and toward everything we're doing. I don't have that mindset of 'Oh, we have to do this to get into the playoffs.' That's just me personally, very subjective. I don't believe in that."

Revolution Defender Joshua Wynder

On scoring first MLS goal tonight:

Wynder: "First of all, more importantly, we got the win. I think that was huge for us. But that was an awesome moment for me to get my first goal for this club. It's been amazing since I've been here. And to have my family in the stands was an amazing moment."

On the team clinching a berth in the MLS Cup Playoffs:

Wynder: "I think we're happy, obviously, to clinch playoffs, but we're going to stay humble, and take it day by day. I think Marko [Mitrović] does well at keeping us grounded and keeping us focused on the task at hand."

On the team's defensive effort in the late stages of the match:

Wynder: "I think everyone did an amazing job. Obviously, we were under a lot of pressure. I think the players that came on [in the second half] helped us keep the score [where] it was. And I think the players that stayed on the field for the whole game did an amazing job. Tanner [Beason] came on and made some big plays. I think we all worked hard to keep the score in our favor."

On playing alongside Ethan Kohler in central defense:

Wynder: "It's awesome, Ethan and I have known each other for a while. I think we had our first [United States Youth] national team camps together. So, we have a lot of experience together. We played in the [2025 Under-20] World Cup together, so it's been helpful having that player beside me to help me adapt to some of the changes here on and off the field. And that was amazing. He's a great player."

On how Head Coach Marko Mitrović helps players improve and stay focused:

Wynder: "I mean, there's always the little qualities that coaches have. I think Marko [Mitrović] is really good at keeping players humble, and keeping players focused on the task at hand, day by day. And I think for me, from the first time I met him, he [gave me a list of things to improve on,] just like he did with Ethan [Kohler]. [After camp,] he sent me away [and told me] to focus on the little things, and I think that helps me every day."

On earning an assist on the opening goal and reuniting with former United States youth international teammates on the roster:

Wynder: "First of all, it's been awesome to be with the guys that I've known for a while. On that play, I kind of just looked up, saw Peyton [Miller], and we all know how fast he is, so I just had to put [the ball into] an area that he could get to, and the other player couldn't. And then Peyton and [Turgeman] finished the play off perfectly. So, it was not much on me, but it was all them."