


# POSTGAME QUOTES: Nov. 21 vs. Philadelphia Union

*Soundbytes from Head Coach Marko Mitrović, W Peyton Miller & W Jack Harrison*

**Revolution Head Coach Marko Mitrović**

***On the importance of scoring the first goal in today's 2-0 win over the Philadelphia Union:***
**Mitrović:** "It's always great to start the game and score an early goal. These situations can really determine what direction the game can go in, but scoring or conceding the goal in the very early stage of the game, you still have a long game to play after that. [Philadelphia] is a very demanding team and a team that keeps you on your toes for 90 minutes. Those games with Philly are always games of margins and we just have to be sure that those margins go on our side."

***On goalkeeper Matt Turner's clean sheet performance today:***
**Mitrović:** "Matt [Turner] had a couple of very good saves, but I also think that the team was very good on the defensive side overall, the whole team. It's great to have a clean sheet because every time you have a clean sheet, you have a higher opportunity to win the game. You need one goal to score and win the game. In the games where we are right now, those defensive performances have to be the foundation of our success, while waiting for our moments higher up the field to score the goals."

***On winger Jack Harrison returning from injury in today's match and his impact on the field***:
**Mitrović:** "We all know that since he arrived, Jack [Harrison] had a great impact on our team. We talk about a player that has really high-level qualities, I would also like to emphasize that Jack is someone who truly belongs to our group, because he shares the same values as the rest of the team. He's amazing professionally, an amazing human being, and we're all happy to have Jack back with us. We know how hard he fought the last 9-10 weeks, because the predictions at the beginning were not great, that he would not be available for playoffs, but just his mindset and the amazing work from our trainers put him in this situation to help us today in the game."

***On scoring the second goal after withstanding pressure from Philadelphia:***
**Mitrović:** "I don't think if I say this, it's going to be something that is really smart, but when you are winning and you're up 1-0, and have a team that is on the front foot in that moment and then you score that second goal, you can kill the momentum. You know, Philly is a team that is really attacking in waves, and when they find that wave, it's very difficult to get out from there. I think in that last game that we played a few weeks ago, there was a similar situation and through that, we fought through that and found a way to score the second goal. I like that our mindset is there. We know that when those winds come, we have to put a shield and protect ourselves and push that wind back, and in one moment, we'll open a space for ourselves. I like how the guys embraced those challenges today and every time we play against Philly."

***On winger Peyton Miller's effort:***
**Mitrović:** "That just shows how much [Peyton Miller] has grown in his maturity, if I can say it like that, because that shows you that he's really ready to compete. Yes, he's a very young player, but he's converting from being potential to being a performer, and that's what a performer does. I have to track 90 yards or 90 meters back and protect my goal. I have to do it, and if I have to attack, I have to do it. I think that level of maturity is actually the biggest progression that we've seen from Peyton this year."

***On the maturity of the two center backs in their first playoff game:***
**Mitrović:** "With Ethan Kohler and Josh [Wynder] – listen, we have Mamadou [Fofana], and we have Andrew [Farrell there]. But Ethan and Josh have so many games playing together and I also think if young players – same with Peyton – if we don't show them that they believe and trust in them when the games come like this, I think it's actually the best moments for them to grow as players. You know, because when you play the season, you always have time to fix games like this. Games like this, you have no time to fix. You have to be urgent and you have to perform. Again, I truly never think about the age of the players. When we select the team, we purely go [on] who we believe can perform best for us in that moment. I'm happy that two young guys have a strong mindset and perform in those crucial games the way that Ethan and Josh performed today."

***On what went into substituting midfielder Carles Gil out of the match in the second half and the team's mentality as they aim to build a postseason run:***
**Mitrović:** "First on Carles [Gil], I hope that there is nothing serious. He had something that he's carried for a longer period of time, but Carles is available every game, and he played every game this season. We'll see, but I believe there is nothing serious and he'll be available for the next game.

"And yes, it's kind of like learning all those new adversities and we're learning about all of us, learning about myself, learning about the coaching staff, learning about the [support] staff, learning about the players, how we're going to behave. Something that I really love about this group, and we spoke also about it, is that same mindset we had in our first game, we carry that same mindset [all season]. I know when guys come into training on Monday that they'll carry the same mindset they've had for the last 11 months, and that is encouraging."

***On his 'one step at a time' mentality and Revolution fans echoing his message with today's tifo:***
**Mitrović:** "I actually saw that, it was fun. Thank you for the question. I kind of love that we never talked to [Revolution fans] about that, but we kind of share the same mindset. The further you go, the higher you go, it's more difficult, and we know in our environment how challenging it is going to be every next game. Every next step is going to be more and more difficult, it is what it is. We have to go and confront that, and I like that our fans see the same picture. I really appreciate their support, not just today but throughout the whole season."

***On the best-of-three format in Round One of the Audi MLS Cup Playoffs:***
**Mitrović:** "I had a question before this first game about that. For me, what matters is that everybody has the same circumstance in front of them. I think before this game, every team that is in this round of the playoffs has the same circumstance, and that circumstance was clear a few years ago with how this format is going to look like. Everybody was preparing for that, and I think if they were to change something a week before that, you would be shocked like, 'Okay, we haven't thought about this.' But no, I think every team is ready to compete. And trust me, whatever the outcome of this round is, it's not going to be an excuse like 'Oh we have a three-game format and we won or we lost because that format is there.' No. Everybody is facing the same format."

**Revolution Winger Peyton Miller**

***On his takeaways from today's 2-0 victory over Philadelphia:***
**Miller:** "I think it was a great match from the boys. At the end of the day, it was just mentality, and we've been working for this moment all season. Now we have to go on the road, and we have to get the three points, and that's what we're focused on."

***On playing in his first playoff game for his hometown team:***
**Miller:** "Yeah, it was definitely surreal being able to play for this club, my childhood club. It was a surreal feeling, and it was great support from the fans. And I'm just happy to be able to help the team get the win. But at the end of the day, it was the mentality of the team that helped us win the game."

***On what it would mean to bring home the MLS Cup:***
**Miller:** "It would mean everything to bring it here for the fans and for everybody here. But our focus is the next game."

**Revolution Winger Jack Harrison**
***On making his return from injury and immediately impacting the game with an assist off the bench:***
**Harrison:** "I mean, everything you said there is an incredible feeling. I wasn't sure if I was going to be able to make it for this game, so I know I worked really hard to get to this point, and now that I'm here, it's just a bonus. Everything's a bonus. So, I'm definitely not taking it for granted. I'm just trying to make the most of this opportunity and help the team the best I can."

***On celebrating today's win while staying focused on the rest of the Round One series against Philadelphia:***
**Harrison:** "I think for myself, it's been a while since I've been playing in playoffs. I just see it as another game. I think it's another game that we have to win and prepare the best that we can. I think the coach said it perfectly. We're going to take the day off tomorrow and get right back to work on Monday and prepare again."

***On the setup of Peyton Miller's second-half goal:***
**Harrison:** "I think it's definitely something that we spoke about, exposing the back post. I think it has happened before in games that I've been in, where we're able to find that back post. So, Peyton [Miller] had an incredible finish and made me look good. I think it's something we definitely work on, something we talk about a lot as a team, finding different ways to expose teams, and that's definitely one way."