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MEDIA RELEASE

Revolution Media Assets & Transcript: Richie Williams & Tommy McNamara (August 19, 2022)

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. – The New England Revolution face another road test this Saturday, August 20 at CF Montreal. The match at Stade Saputo kicks off at 7:30 p.m. ET on WSBK-TV38, myRITV, 98.5 The Sports Hub, and WBIX 1260 AM Nossa Radio.

On Friday morning, Revolution Assistant Coach **Richie Williams** and midfielder **Tommy McNamara** met virtually with the media from Montreal to preview Saturday's match. View the links below to access footage of today's interviews in addition to a complete transcript, game notes, and additional media assets.

Revolution Media Assets: August 19, 2022

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Revolution Media Schedule: August 19 – 20		
Date	Media Availability	Notes/Links
Friday, August 19	Video Press Conference feat. Richie Williams and Tommy McNamara	VIDEO HERE
Saturday, August 20	7:30 p.m. – Kickoff at CF Montreal MLS Regular Season Match #26 TV: myTV38, myRITV (Rhode Island) Radio: 98.5 The Sports Hub, 1260 AM Nossa ~9:30 p.m. – Postgame Press Conference	CLICK HERE to participate

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Revolution Assistant Coach Richie Williams

On the team's recent play and closing out a challenging stretch of games:

Williams: "It's been a great team effort. Everybody that's been called upon has come in and done a good job for us and played well. Obviously, that's why you create the teams you create at the beginning of the season, so that when you're called upon you can get some players on the field that will do a good job for you. So, you have to credit the team, reserve players that have come in and done a good job for us."

We've played very well defensively, which I think has been key. As I mentioned, we've had injuries, a bunch of injuries have been in the attacking players, so I think we've had a really good, solid defense. We've picked up goals from some players that usually don't score, which has been very helpful, and again, I just think it comes down to really good competitive mentality, good team effort from everyone and we move along here now to the next match against Montreal."

On reports about the Revolution signing Nacho Gil:

Williams: "Nacho [Gil] was out of contract in Spain and wanted to come over and have an opportunity in Major League Soccer obviously with Carles [Gil], with us. He's come in and trialed with us and has played well so we've decided to bring him in, and we feel like he can help our team and again as we just talked about with the injuries with the attacking players on our team, Nacho's another attacking player that can help us and he has shown well. He seems like a very good guy, seems like a good team guy and hopefully he'll get in sooner than later as we wait on his visa."

On where this game could be won or lost, and the threats Montreal poses:

Williams: "Well, Montreal's had a really good season. They're high up in the standings. They've gotten some good results. They've got good players and so it's going to be a challenging game. We feel like they are a good possession-based team, they pass the ball very well. They have a lot of good attacking players that can score at any time, so we have to continue to play very well on the defensive side of the ball. And we're just hoping again that we can play a good team effort, play smart. We're on the road, so we try to keep it compact and then when we have opportunities to get in the attack like we did the other night, scoring some goals. So, I think they're a really well-rounded team from front to back and it's going to be a challenging game, but we just have to make sure, again, that we go out there with that great mentality and we feel like when we do play well, we play as a team, we can get a positive result."

On his newfound Instagram presence:

Williams: "Well, Willy Whitelaw, our social [media manager], has got all us coaches involved in it. I think it's a nice way just to show the team – primarily do it after games to show when we play well as a group and obviously, we celebrate with the players and congratulate them for having played very well and doing a really good job. So, I just think it's a nice way to be able to share that with them quickly for the fans and for the organization."

On if he anticipates a similar tactical approach from the match against Toronto in Saturday's game:

Williams: "Yeah, I think going into the games you always have a certain tactical way you're going to play, and obviously for us, the other night was more of a defensive shape in terms of the way we played with a back five and sat back and let Toronto have more of the ball, and that was our tactic going into the game. For us, it worked and we were able to get out with a point. So, there's always a tactical way of looking at things going into the game and I'm not going to share that right now with how we're going to approach the game, but we will have a way that we want to play and hopefully again we can execute the way that the players did this past game against Toronto and get a really good result."

On Noel Buck and Esmir Bajraktarevic making their MLS debuts:

Williams: "Yeah, [Noel Buck and Esmir Bajraktarevic] showed that they can come in and play well and help us out. And credit to our Academy and to our second team for helping develop them along the way and get them to where they are now. They're still young, still inexperienced guys, but they did a great job to come in and help out and we look to the future for these young players to continue to come through our system and help out the first team, so really well done by them."

Revolution Midfielder Tommy McNamara

On what it means to reach 200 appearances in his MLS regular season career:

McNamara: "Yeah, I didn't even realize 200 games. I've enjoyed my career tremendously up until this point, and it's been a great time doing what I love. I've really enjoyed my past two years in here in New England. It's been great with the people I've been working with, the area I'm living in, the fan support, so I've really enjoyed it and hopefully it continues that way."

On Esmir Bajraktarević and Noel Buck earning their MLS debuts:

McNamara: “They [Esmir Bajraktarević and Noel Buck] are two very talented kids. They have a good mentality about them, they are humble, but they want to learn and they are committed to working hard. So, it's great to see them playing with Revs II, to have an opportunity with us with the first team and doing well being put in very big, important situations. Noel [debuted] last week to help us see out the 1-0 game and he did an incredible job for us. Then this week on the road, up a goal against Toronto, a very talented team, to come into a high-pressure game, it's great opportunities for these kids. We love having them be a part of the club and they've got a very bright future ahead of them.”

On the group's flexibility in using different tactical approaches over the past few weeks:

McNamara: “Yeah, I think the group has responded very well. Everybody that has stepped onto the field has been very committed to the team, has given everything, has fought in every moment of the game and I think we've seen that over the past five games with the results that we've had. It's been a total collective effort from everybody, from all 11 guys plus the substitutes that have come into the game, they've made differences for us. So, that's really what it's been all about: the mentality and the approach of we're all going to be committed to doing everything we can to fight for each other for 90 minutes.”

On the key to longevity throughout his career:

McNamara: “Yeah, especially someone like me, you have to be able to do different things. And so, over the course of my career, I started my career coming out of college playing as a number 10 [attacking midfielder]. Obviously, there's not a lot of opportunities for domestic attackers as a number 10, and particularly back when I was entering the league. So, then it was transitioning to playing more as a wide midfielder but playing inside. And then, over the past three or four years, kind of transitioning back into more of a deeper role in midfield but still having the versatility and durability to be able to be selected in different areas of the field and do different things, whatever the coach needs. And so, I've always been someone that's kind of just tried to put the team first, whatever is needed or whatever I can do, and to just to fight every day, to be healthy and be prepared and be available for selection, and then to fight every game to solidify my place in the team and to help the team as best I can.”

On the difference in preparations when staying on the road in Canada for two games:

McNamara: “Every away game is difficult in MLS. Traditionally there's a homefield advantage, and that's been around for a long time. So, it's always difficult going away from home. The crowd was great in Toronto, however many people it was. It was a great stadium and great access atmosphere to play in, and I expect the same in Montreal tomorrow. I enjoy coming up here [to Canada]. It has beautiful stadiums, the field is perfect, great support in the stadium, and two very good teams that are going to be very challenging. So, I've enjoyed it.”

On Andrew Farrell:

McNamara: “Andrew [Farrell] is a very, very good player and I think he's one of the most underrated players in MLS, to be honest. I had read somewhere, I think it was the last year at this point, that he's played the most minutes of any player since he entered the league as a rookie. It's a credit to him. He's prepared physically and mentally to play every game every week. Since I've been here, he's almost never been injured. There was one minor issue earlier this season, but other than that, he is out there every day at training. No matter if he has a little bit of an injury or pain, he plays through it and pushes through it. He's got a lot of talent, he's a great leader, and in my eyes he is kind of the face of the club. He's been here for 10 years now, and he's been a rock on this backline since I came in 2020. He's been a big part of the success that the team has had defensively, so he's a very important player to this club. As a person off the field, he's a great person, friends with everyone, welcomes everybody into the club from day one and wants to get to know them and to make sure they feel comfortable. So, I think, both on and off the field, he's very underrated and he's a very, very important piece to this club.”

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