

YURA MOVSISYAN'S EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW FOR ARMENIAN SOCCER

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Armenian Soccer: First of all, our congratulations on impressive games the Armenian National Team had played against Slovakia and Andorra! How do you feel after these games?



Yura Movsisyan: I think that these games have shown myself and the rest of our Armenian people that our national team has come a long way and that we are ready to start competing for better placements in our qualifiers for the rest of the time.

AS: Please estimate your own performance in those two games.

YM: I think personally I could have scored more goals but at the end of the day we won and that's all it matters.

AS: Over a very short period of time you have become one of the National Team's leaders. No

regret that you have preferred Armenian National Team to the US one?

YM: no regrets at all. I have made decisions on my life that some people have questioned it a lot but I myself always believe in everything I do. I wanted to come to play international football at a time in my career where I would make a big difference and that I was ready for the challenges that would present itself.



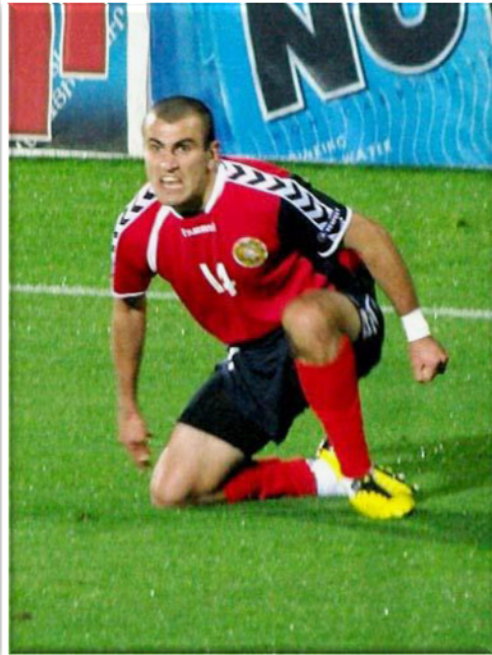
AS: How would you estimate the Armenian side chances in the current EURO12 campaign?

YM: I think that we definitely have surpassed that opponents' expectations but again we are a very young group of players and it's very difficult to predict what will happen because it's going to be a rollercoaster ride when you don't have a lot of big game experience.

AS: Armenia plays well at home, whereas away games are usually unsuccessful. Which one of the next year's away games do you think will be the hardest: against Russia, Slovakia or Ireland?

YM: I think that all of the games remaining for us will all be difficult and that we need to take a game at a time

AS: Arthur Petrosyan, the all-time Armenia Team scorer, says that he wants his record of 11 goals to be beaten very soon. Seems like you are the No.1 contender to do this...



YM: I think that it's a very big accomplishment to score 11 goals in international football and as a striker I will always want to beat records ahead of me.

AS: You have started very well both for the club and Armenia. Does that mean you have no adaptation problems?

YM: I think that my teammates and the coaches have made it a lot easier for me to adapt and also I think that I'm the type of striker that is very versatile and I can adapt to any system very quick.

AS: What are, in your opinion, the reasons why most Armenian players do not get along well in European clubs?

YM: I think that they have really never been given the right opportunity and also they need to be really confident in

their own ability when they go to different countries.

AS: FC Randers is not a top side in Danish football. What did your move to Denmark give you in particular?



YM: it has definitely made me a better football player and also has thought me to be able to play any condition that is out there for a footballer.

AS: You have scored 20 goals in 32 appearances for FC Randers. Do you feel you could have scored more if playing for a stronger side?

YM: it's always a lot easier to score more goals when you play for a better team but I don't think that I have lacked the opportunities because I do create chances myself.

AS: There are lots of rumors going on about you moving to this club or that club. How much does this distract you?



YM: not at all. I think that rumors are part of what we do and if your good at it then there is always going to be rumors

AS: Your agent once said that you “wouldn’t turn down Wenger or Mourinho” and that you want to play the Champions League football. Are these words supported by real offers from bigger clubs?

YM: no

AS: Would you consider staying in Superligaen if an offer comes from, for example, F.C. København?

YM: yeah sure why not. FC Copenhagen just tied Barcelona.

AS: Do you know anything about the interest from Russia’s champion FC Rubin Kazan? Would Russian Premier League be a good move for you?

YM: Russian premier league is a very competitive league and it's also ranked top ten in the world. They always have teams in the CL and EL

AS: In that connection, which country’s championship would you prefer to move to?



YM: I'm open to and big league that wants me

AS: Is there a club you like the most or maybe dream to play on?

YM: Arsenal and Real Madrid

AS: What elements in your game do you feel you need to improve for further progress as a player?

YM: all around

AS: Every footballer needs a right coach to demonstrate his best game. Is there a coach in modern football you would definitely like to be trained by?



YM: Arsene Wenger

AS: What interests do you have apart from playing football and scoring goals?

YM: playing FIFA. Being with my family and friends

AS: Thank you for your time and we wish you success both in club and the National Team.

YM: Thank you

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