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Miguel Navarro

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Q. In your opinion, what's the general takeaway from that match?

MIGUEL NAVARRO: I think that we played one of our best games both defensively and offensively.

Unfortunately there was that error that cost us but I think we played one of our best games, both on the defensive end and the offensive end and we kept going forward, so I take that away.

The attitude within the team, we kept going forward and we never dropped our head. We kept looking to attack and keep going, and at no time did we let up or did we stop. We kept looking to be in the game right until the very end.

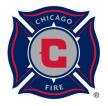
Q. You just said it was one of the best performances of the year, but how concerning is it despite that, you guys still couldn't get a result?

MIGUEL NAVARRO: Yeah, we leave with that feeling of having been so close, having been almost there to getting that goal that would have given us a little bit of tranquility and would have given us a little bit of peace of mind. We were there and we're so close, and it is frustrating. But we are going to keep trying and fighting until the end. This team has so many things to offer, and we are not going to stop doing that now. We have been showing from the very beginning that we have a lot of fight and we have a lot of spirit, and we are not going to stop that now. We are going to keep looking and keep going forward.

Q. How do you keep that fight and that spirit, though, even with the results aren't coming? How hard is that to keep that fight and spirit when you're not seeing anything really tangible for your efforts?

MIGUEL NAVARRO: Obviously it's hard because we have had a long time without winning any games on the road. But we are going to keep moving forward. We're not going





to give up. I think this team has shown -- and one of the characteristics of this team is we don't give up. We keep our heads up and we keep moving forward. We're going to keep fighting hard, and we are going to keep doing that. That's not going to stop.

I think that faith moves mountains and we are going to keep having faith and we are going to keep working hard and we are going to keep insisting.

Q. Just now looking ahead, you guys are a third of the way through this six-game swing without home games. Just how hard is it to play six straight games on the road even though you guys are going to be back in Chicago, but how hard is it to know that you're not having any home games for another month?

MIGUEL NAVARRO: We know it's a little bit complicated and a little bit difficult because all MLS games are complicated and difficult, but we are going to keep doing what we do, which is hard work. We are not putting our guard down. We are not dropping our head. We know that there are still 11 or 12 more games to go, and yeah, it has been a little bit difficult but we can't let our guard down and we can't get down. We just have to keep moving forward and looking forward to the next games.

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