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Q. Tell us about the goal you scored, one of the stranger ones imagine. How did it come to you?

JONATHAN OSORIO: Deflection, I have to see the replay, but I think it was Michael who tried to whip in a ball, and then it got deflected. I think one of their players tried to clear it, and I think maybe the spin on it, I don't know, they had trouble with it and it ended up, you know, coming to me luckily and I just tried to get it on net as quick as possible. I actually didn't hit it the best, but luckily it had enough to kind of, you know, I guess put the keeper off balance. Lucky enough the ball had the spin to get away from him and go in the net.

Q. Tell us how nice it felt to get back on the field again and maybe a thought on what you think of the new coach's style of play and how your team is adapting to it?

JONATHAN OSORIO: Yeah, of course I think it's great to be back on the pitch. The guys have seen how much it always bothers me when I'm not able to be available for the guys and try to help them. And also, after such a long time without playing, to wait a little bit longer because of injury, it was tough. But you know, I got myself right, and credit to the staff for helping me out and everything, you know, for little bumps in the road that happens in football, but I'm back and I'm happy for that.

As far as the coach's playing style, I think we're all bought in. We are all bought in. We believe in it, his philosophy. It's going to take, you know, a little bit of time for us to really start getting it right. I think to think it's going to go perfect from the first couple games would be, you know, naïve to think.

So we are learning about ourselves each game and learning more about how to impose ourselves in this -- in this system, and you know, game by game, we are only going to get better.

Q. Big moment for Luke Singh early in the match, his first goal as a professional. Do you take a moment in that split second there to say something to him and what have you thought of the young guys stepping up and contributing early in this year?

JONATHAN OSORIO: Yeah, I think it's great for the coaches putting faith and giving these young guys chances in really big games. You saw them play in the Champion's League getting good results, and then to start the season, it's great for the kids. They are only going to learn every time they step on the pitch. They are only going to get better and for Luke, he's done so well for a guy that has been patient, patiently waiting for his time, and he was with us for -- while we were in Hartford last year, and it's paying off, his patience, and working, his work ethic. You know, amazing to see a young kid like that get his first goal in only his third game, I think.

He's got a bright future as well as all these other young players on our team. I think we are all very excited to see where their careers -- how far they can go.

Q. Curious from your perspective what you saw from Vancouver today in terms of they went down early but then battled back nicely and had you guys on the back foot a little bit. What did they do right to make things uncomfortable for you?

JONATHAN OSORIO: Welcome back, John. Good to have you back with us.

Q. Thanks.

JONATHAN OSORIO: Vancouver, this is a team that believes in themselves, and you saw that last game, last week getting the win, and this is a team that's ran on confidence I think. This is a fresh start for them I think, and they are riding that. You saw that in the game, going down a goal, they didn't stop. They kept going, and yeah, I think we're going to see a different Vancouver this season and credit to them.

But nonetheless, I still think that our team feels that we should have came out from this game for a lot more. I



don't think we're satisfied with only getting a point.

Q. Quick turnaround. How do you switch your focus?

JONATHAN OSORIO: Very easily, now we put our focus on them. They either played today or play later today, I'm not sure. I know they play today, so we are going to have to watch that game and see, you know, kind of plan for them and see what we are up against. We know we are up against a really big opponent, really big team in México, a team that's doing very well in the League. You know, it's going to be a tough match, but something this club is always up for. It's competition. It puts out, you know, great games and great quality, and you're always putting out against the best in the continent, and as a player, that's the kind of games that you want to be a part of.

So, easy. We put this to the side now for now and we look forward to Tuesday starting now.

Q. It was pretty hot from what we understand. Are you used to the heat and humidity, or is it still difficult conditions to play in?

JONATHAN OSORIO: I don't think you can ever get used to the heat totally. Are we -- I think now it's not like -- it's not really a shock for us when we play. We've trained in temperatures like today now. But the heat is the heat and it's going to affect your body. It's not really the same as, you know, as if you train in altitude for a long time. It's a little bit different.

So the heat is the heat. It is what it is. It's not an excuse, and I think little by little, we will mentally and physically be stronger to cope with whatever the temperature is.

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