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## Jacob Shaffelburg

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**Q. Can you give us an idea how that feels, getting your first MLS goal.**

JACOB SHAFFELBURG: Feels great. Feels like a weight is lifted off my back. I know you're not supposed to do it, but I kept on myself to get a goal and it was getting a bit much. It was a breath of fresh air getting that weight off my back.

**Q. Wanted to ask you about the relationship that you feel you're having with Patrick. You set up his goal in the Champion's League and now he set you up with that nice pass today. From your perspective, what's the relationship on the field like between you two? Why does it seem like this is a burgeoning duo?**

JACOB SHAFFELBURG: I think it starts in practice. Every practice, I'm spotting him or he's spotting me. We know each other's strengths. If I get it, he's making that run and if Pat get it I'm making that run with my speed. We know each other's strengths and use those to our advantage and it paid off.

**Q. Big role off the bench. What do you put on yourself to bring the energy?**

JACOB SHAFFELBURG: Chris has been telling me every single day to take my time, calm down in those situations. So for it to come off and get a goal, as well as other opportunities, I thought I was better on the ball than in other games. I just thought I was taking my time and just looking for the right pass. That's pretty much -- Chris has been saying that to me ever since he's got here, calm down, take your time and I think it was one of my better games.

**Q. Did you get a sense coming into preseason this year that you might be getting some chances under Chris? And is there anything happening inside the locker room after a guy scores his first MLS goal?**

JACOB SHAFFELBURG: Start of the year, I think everyone felt like they had a chance just because new

coach, new everybody, coming in. I thought I would just try to work my butt off and get an opportunity and it's worked out well.

After the game, Mike stood up and said congrats on my goal and gave me the match ball and I had to give a little speech. It wasn't my best one but I had to do that. We were just happy to get the point on the road.

**Q. You talked about it being a weight lifted off your shoulder after it went in. What was going through your mind after the ball tell to you in front of goal before you took the shot and put it in?**

JACOB SHAFFELBURG: I just hit it across the keeper hard -- that's all that was going through my head and it worked out. I was a little bit nervous once we got back to half -- the referee -- was supposed to give me a call back but I'm happy.

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