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Q. You said the club needed three points but it was a nervous three points with Chicago coming back at you after that early goal. What do you think of this performance?

JAVIER PEREZ: I think these games where you score early, it's so difficult to hold. We saw that so many times in so many games. I think the team did a great job just holding into the result, trying to get a second goal. We knew that if we get a second goal, it would be much easier, our job, to take the three points back home.

We secured that goal but right away we considered one goal, and then we knew that we would have to support all the way to the end. In the end, all that counts is the three points that we bring back home. I will keep adding points to our scoreboard, that's what counts.

Q. Alex Bono was called into action a lot today. I think it was 13 saves he made, a career-high. Just wanted to get your comments on his performance and how important was it for him to come up big the way he did?

JAVIER PEREZ: Yes, I think we are fortunate that we have two very good goalkeepers, and Alex did an amazing job today. I know him for a long time, as you know, and he rarely disappoints us the way he address the game, the way he stops the balls going into the goal, and today it was a great night for him. I'm extremely happy for him, the team and we are looking forward to seeing more like that.

Q. Morrow was penciled into the lineup and had to be removed. What's the situation as best you know?

JAVIER PEREZ: You're asking for Justin, right? Justin is a warrior. We knew because of the games he played previously it was going to be difficult. This is precautionary. We just had to take him off team just because he couldn't perform. We thought that the message to the rest of the team is that everybody has to be ready and if someone is not 100 percent to perform, someone else is going to come can do the job, which that's

what happened tonight.

And he played a good game. He did the job and everyone is happy. Justin will come back to Toronto. He will get some treatment, some time to recover, and after that he will be back with the team, no problem.

Q. Nick was in the lineup and scored a huge goal for you. What's the situation as far as traveling across the boarder? Will he have to quarantine once you get back to Toronto, and will he train the next few days and week?

JAVIER PEREZ: As I said before, all that I think is about the next game. I had a game -- we had a game today at 7:00 PM. I have the ability to make him available for this game. So everything after that, we have to figure out logistically. I think we have a plan but everybody is working on that in the background. All that was important tonight is that he was going to be available to play this game. That was the No. 1 priority.

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