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Q. Your team had put so much emphasis on this final given the way the season went, and despite the statistics, your team had a chance to tie it late in the 90th minute. Can you give us a sense of the emotions going through the dressing room right now?

JACOB SHAFFELBURG: It was quiet right now in the locker room, obviously, just because it's never the best feeling, losing a final. I don't think we were upset because we lost it by a lot. We were upset because we knew we could win it. It's just a hard one for everybody to get over.

But we'll be back next year, and better.

Q. Just wondering, to get your perspective on how you thought the team's overall performance was tonight, I appreciate that you were missing some key players, but it just seemed like it was a little bit lump and a little bit just lifeless, not until coming until like really the last five minutes. I mean, how would you characterize the team's overall effort today?

JACOB SHAFFELBURG: I thought we were solid. We stuck to our game plan. We just -- we defended well majority of the game except that one hiccup we had, but everyone mistakes, so it's, whatever. It's just how it works out that we couldn't get a goal.

And I thought we had a few opportunities in the first half, and we hit the post in the second. It could have gone either way, and today it went Montréal's way.

Q. You sort of pre-exempted my question a little bit there with your answer. So maybe I'll just sort of ask: A lot was put into this final as a way to being able to make something of the season. How will you remember this year, and what could you auto look to take from this and bring it into the off-season?

JACOB SHAFFELBURG: It's motivation. We're all upset and we don't want to have this feeling again. We don't want to have the feeling we had the entire season honestly.

So we want to go into next season and we'll use this as motivation, this entire season, to push ourselves for next season and have a better season next year.

Q. With the way the game is growing in this country and we see what the national team is doing on both the men's and women's side, but just wondering what exactly does it mean to you to take home this award?

JACOB SHAFFELBURG: I didn't actually know there was an award, so it was cool to be awarded at the end. It was a really cool feeling. It's like the first personal award I've ever won, so it was a really cool feeling, and just my parents, my family, are all really proud of me, so it's a cool moment and I can't wait to get back home and kind of celebrate that personal achievement with them.

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