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Q. Kosi, congratulations on the goal. Really well done. Maybe you can just take us through the play. Jacob made a great run down the wing before cutting it back. How did the play sort of play out in front of you? Did you anticipate him making that sort of pass back?

KOSI THOMPSON: Honestly, from the beginning of Shaff's run, I know that he's just going to go straight to the byline. He did incredible to get past a couple of guys. As I saw it started building up in him past the first guy, the second guy, I knew I had to get on my horse and get into the box.

Once I saw him take it to the byline, I know it's going to be cut back, so it was just sitting there. I paused in the same position and screamed to him leave it, and I just made a good connection with the ball.

Q. Obviously tonight you don't have history with Real Salt Lake, but no doubt you know how difficult a place it is to get points, but on a performance like tonight, it's still early days, but I just wonder if you can talk a little bit about how high you think the sky can be for this team. What's the limit? It seems like there's a lot of positives.

KOSI THOMPSON: For sure, the sky is the limit. There is no limit with this team. Everyone comes in 100 percent every day to play the football that we want to play, and everyone's 100 percent dedicated to it. Every day guys are chatting and talking, trying to figure things out and trying to further their game.

So I really do think that this squad has a really bright future.

Q. Kosi, is there some kind of internal competition amongst you academy grads that you can only score bangers? Is it a little bit special to share this night with Jayden?

KOSI THOMPSON: Oh, yeah. I mean, going through the

ranks with Jay and just being able to share the night with him, scoring two incredible goals, I mean, it's amazing. It's an incredible feeling.

In the changing room, I came up to him and said congrats, and there was nothing but big smiles between us.

Q. Maybe on a bit more of a serious note, to go down twice in Salt Lake, it's a tough place to play. What does it say about this group that you were able to find a way back in the game after both those goals?

KOSI THOMPSON: The dedication and the hard work, the passion that we have to know that we -- and the trust in ourselves to know that we can come back from down twice, it just shows what the group's capable of.

There's a lot more that we could have shown out tonight, but it is what it is, and that's what happened tonight. But everyone saw how strong we are and how we can come back from 1-0 down, 2-1 down. So it's a group effort, and we all just believed. We all just believed.

Q. Kosi, congratulations on the goal. What's it mean to you and the other young guys on the team, the fact that so many of you sort of young guys have stepped up at various times this year and sort of escalated your development? Is there some kind of vibe going on in the locker room?

KOSI THOMPSON: Yes. In a way, yes. I would say that this year has just been a year where the young guys have been looked down upon in terms of being able to show what they can do, and all of us know that. All of the young guys know that. So everyone kind of needs to carry a bit of a swagger, and that's what young guys are doing. We need to continue to do what we know to do and continue to learn and just keep playing the football that we want to play.

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