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Q. Can you start with your overall impression of what this whole experience has been like, the intensity of the match, the whole experience?

JONATHAN OSORIO: It was good. Obviously I think these matches are important for our country and both of our sport and honestly it was a great experience coming over here and seeing the atmosphere here.

I imagine it's probably one of the better ones in the CPL and it was great to see their fans come and support them and push their team and give their team belief. That's great. That's great for our country for the CPL, for everything, the soccer and yeah, we got the win, so that helps. That's good.

Q. Can you walk us through the second goal?

JONATHAN OSORIO: It became a little bit of a chaotic game obviously and they got a lot of confidence off the goal. Obviously the pressure is on us to finish it. So I don't really remember how we got off the field. We got off the field and I think somebody slipped to Jacob and he took a touch wide, I think, which he had a chance to go on goal and be the hero but he took a touch wide and he did really well to put it back across.

As soon as he touched the ball wide, I see the opening in the back. When he puts it there, it leads for good things and luckily I hit it -- I didn't hit it the way I wanted it to be honest. I hit it a little too high but it was close enough. I hit off the crossbar.

Q. You've played for the international team and you've mentioned the importance of those games, is there anything surprised you that you weren't expecting playing a team from the CPL?

JONATHAN OSORIO: No, I played with them -- we played them twice last year. Surprise me, no. I think the level in the League gets better every year. It's good to see the young players there. I think there's a couple there that they perform really well, and they brought the intensity as they

should. In these games, I think it's a bit easier for the CPL teams to really get up for it and bring the intensity especially at home against -- you know, when you're the underdog, that comes naturally, and they brought it to be fair and I don't think we did for most of the game but -- so yeah, credit to them. They gave us a hard time today and they played well.

Q. After the goal, I noticed there wasn't much emotion. It was a game winner in a cup match but you were pretty stoic after the goal. What was your reaction? What was going through your head after you scored that?

JONATHAN OSORIO: There was still time in the game left. So game wasn't done then. That's all. We had to regroup and that's all. There was time in the game and we needed to finish it on the right way.

Q. You mentioned the smart play that Jacob made instead of taking that shot, he had enough presence of mind to play it across the box and find you. Aside from that, just wondering if you can speak to the impact that Jacob had tonight coming off the bench with the 7th minute because it seemed like that was a -- really gave you guys an extra step in the attack when he came on.

JONATHAN OSORIO: Yeah, Jacob is a direct player. He can really hurt you with their speed and energy, and that's what we need from him when he comes in or he starts games, and he brought that today.

I'm very happy for him and that he got to play this game fortunate his home crowd and family and friends. It was amazing to see. He was a little bit nervous going into this game, and I think the nerves showed in the first couple plays. But he shook it off and got into it and got the confidence. Coming off the injury, I thought he played really well.

So yeah, it was great on him. Like I said on the play, I thought maybe if he didn't take the touch so wide, he would have been the hero in his hometown. But no, he played a great play and put it across. It was a huge play for us in

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