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## Richie Laryea

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Montreal 2, Toronto FC 1

### Q. The sense that in the first half --

RICHIE LARYEA: Honestly, two really fucking shitty y goals. So I didn't do anything to break us out, and one comes from a set piece goal down our way, and the second one as well, I mean, very preventable, so just really, they are shit goals. So yeah, we come back and did well to get one back and then yeah, it's not enough. Obviously we pushed hard in the second half but when you're down two goals and then they start setting deep, it's difficult. So obviously I think it's a good response but obviously it's not enough.

### Q. Richie, it's always been a special tournament, but this early exit, can you talk about that,?

RICHIE LARYEA: Yeah, it's not good. Obviously it's not good. This is a tournament we want to win the trophy, we want to bring back to Toronto. So not being able to advance is not good enough for this club. It has bigger aspirations and expectations. That's not good enough. We need to be advancing this this tournament and winning it because we have the group to do it, players, and obviously fell short tonight but yeah it hurts to exit this early.

### Q. You play Montréal again at the weekend. Does this help you in preparing for them a bit better on the weekend? Looking ahead, does it help you tactically on the weekend?

RICHIE LARYEA: Yeah, playing them, we have a sense of what they do. So we take what they did today and stuff we can improve and obviously go for three points on the weekend. It's going to need a massive turnaround from this point forward.

### Q. Does it feel like you guys can't catch a break right now; that tonight was the first time you had back-to-back -- as long as I can remember -- two goals against --

RICHIE LARYEA: Yeah, it does feel like that right now

actually. But I mean, that's up to us. We need to start it from the next training session and put it back in and obviously hope that Alonso is okay. He's been doing really well but yeah, just get back to it and try to turn this around. We have the players to do it. We need to change the results. It's very early in the season as well. The house isn't burning, so still have a lot to play for. There's a lot of games to be played. I think we just need to take it from this weekend on and just keep pushing forward. Yeah, as of late it's been a little bit unlucky for us but I think we need to keep pushing because again it's very early.

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