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Cincinnati 3, Toronto FC 0

Q. Tough result tonight against a very good Cincinnati team. Obviously who have yet to lose at home this season. Wanted to get your general thoughts on the performance tonight, not so much the result but the performance from TFC?

AIMÉ MABIKA: I thought we started the game really well. That was kind of what we wanted to do. Obviously away from home but we still wanted to take the game to them and I think we did well in that first 25 minutes, I think, up until the goal. To give up a goal off a set piece, obviously super disappointing.

And then after that, yeah, I just felt like we stopped doing what we had been doing to begin the game, and after that, it's really just a game of moments. Because on the second goal again, we start the second half well, kind of dominating and then they score. After that, it's obviously really difficult.

But yeah, just quite not good enough from us in terms of big, defensive moments I think.

Q. What happened on the third goal and how do you guys sort of stop that from happening again?

AIMÉ MABIKA: Yeah, I think just doing things quicker. I believe I had a foul high up the field in the opponent's half, just for us getting back quicker, because it was one pass really, and then obviously I think I can do better on that initial tackle. Not sure if I got fouled or not but yeah, doing faster and getting back into shape quicker.

Q. Pretty tight turnaround, back to New England. You always hear that guys, when you suffer a setback, you want to get back out there. Is that the case?

AIMÉ MABIKA: Yeah, I mean, yeah, we were really excited for this game, obviously a good test playing a really good team away from home. Didn't quite go how we wanted it to, so yeah, the schedule gets pretty hectic again.

So just have to recover as quickly as possible and try to get a result against another really good team in New

England. So yeah, hopefully that game comes quick.

Q. Frustration has been a word that's been bandied around a lot this season. Especially on a night like tonight when playing against a good team, you had a good start to both halves. Does the frustration level keep growing or do you see the glass half-full; that there are good moments?

AIMÉ MABIKA: There are good moments, but I would say in this moment in time where we are in the season and sort of how the season has gone, I mean, there's no time really to sulk. We need results which I feel like we've done that recently. I know we had a few draws but we had gone four games unbeaten when maybe we could have gone four games -- four-game winning streak but at this moment in time, we could be frustrated all we want. We need results. That's the bottom line.

Q. For you, what needs to change for these results to get turned from a night like tonight to turn into a draw, for some of those draws to get turned into a win? What do you want to see?

AIMÉ MABIKA: Yeah, going back to the draws that we had before even the four-game unbeaten streak and with the three draws that we had in a row, I said it earlier, I think it's just moment, really. So last week where we put together a really good game, really good first half and we scored, maybe we score again in that first half and make it 2-0 and maybe the game is over then. So attacking moments and defensive moments for us because we are doing? Really good stuff over the course of 90 minutes. I think we could continue playing and then yeah, I think in this league with so many good players, you could be dominating a game and then one of the special players on the field does something, so just in terms of staying concentrated because we are so close, but obviously not tonight because the result was a big margin. But in the draws that we had, even a couple of the losses that we had, it's really moments. When you go back to Austin, moments there; Minnesota, moments there; even last week, where maybe we put the game away 2-0 and then also giving up a goal.

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