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### Tomas Romero

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**Q. Obviously a disappointing result but what did you think of the overall performance of the team?**

**TOMAS ROMERO:** I thought we did a lot of good things. And then some bad things. That's just how the game goes. It's tough. I mean, I thought a lot of guys put in a lot of good games, good shifts. We worked pretty hard. But we just came up short. It's unfortunate but it's just how it is. It's the game that we play.

**Q. How has it been for you personally?**

I feel like I'm happy with it. Obviously you ask any player, he's going to be happy he's playing. It's hard to come in this time of the season as well. But I'm just taking it day-by-day and doing my best in training and trying to improve myself to help the team as much as possible.

**Q. Why do you think there was so much space for that header?**

It's a good question. I think on that goal, we did a bad job of letting Gold I think dribble up the field without putting any real pressure on him and we just reacted, I think to the play, versus being proactive and getting into good spots, and that's just how it is.

I mean, you can't let a DP dribble up the field like that. You give him time, he's going to do what he's good at.

**Q. Quick turnaround, what's the mentality going into another two tough games in the Eastern Conference?**

Yeah, we play Miami. That's going to be obviously a big game for everybody. All eyes are on that type of game. As a player, it's a high-pressure game, and when everyone is watching, you want to do your best and perform as a team and perform as an individual.

So I think if we can go into that game with that mentality, we'll make it as hard as possible for Miami.

And following that, you know, we'll see how the result goes on Wednesday, and we'll focus for Saturday.

**Q. Your view on the goal?**

Yeah, actually I have no idea how it started out but then I just seen him running in and it was like, please don't miss, DK is good enough to take that chance and he did. I'm happy for him and he gets another goal for himself.



He's a very talented player. I don't know how old he is, but he's a young guy, younger than me. I think he has a bright future and if he keeps training hard, he'll do well.

**Q. Given any thought what it's going to be like (going against Messi)?**

I just focus on the game and do what I need to do. I'm sure you ask any player of this past generation, especially of the younger guys, we grew up watching Messi but every player watched him and continues to watch him every week. So there's that part of it, but at the end of the day, he's just human and he's just another player, very talented obviously, the best of all of us. But he's still human and you just have to treat it like a normal game.

Obviously Terry, I'm sure the coaches, they will come up with a plan for dealing with that but we'll see. Then we'll do our best to defend against him.

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