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Q. Tough game, tough result. From your perspective, where do you think things went wrong for TFC tonight?

ALONSO COELLO: I think we started the game very well. We started putting some pressure on them. We got the possession from them, and then once they get the first goal, we come back in the second half and we kind of lose that edge and that territory and they start controlling the ball a little bit more, and once they start dominating, we are not able to get the ball back and play our game.

Q. Do you feel sometimes that if this keeps on happening, you had a good start in the game and then gave up a goal at a bad time and then the wheels fell off?

Yeah, I think that's something that we have to clearly look at, when things go sideways in a soccer game, for 90 minutes, sometimes it's going to happen. We need to be able to keep our head in and stick together and kind of trust in what we are doing, because as I said, I think before the first game, we were doing things pretty good, and as you said, it is something that keeps on happening and we clearly have to improve.

Q. With only five games left in the season and sitting in last place, what is the team's mindset as you approach the remaining matches?

I think it hasn't changed. There's five games left. We are thinking about winning them all, one by one. Obviously we are not in a great position, but we've just got to play for ourselves and kind of get some momentum going and start getting some results, and that way, the players, I don't know what the numbers say, but in any other scenario, we have to start building something maybe for next year.

Q. I think I asked you at the time when it was announced that Messi and Busquets, how that was going to be for you. I know it's difficult to separate the result from the occasion, but what was it like taking the pitch for those guys?

For me it was very exciting. I was looking forward to this game. Obviously everyone knows what kind of player they are and the respect that I have for them is huge because I think they have provided a lot to this game, and they are legend, of course. But more than anything, I was excited to prove myself in that pitch and try and show people what kind of player I am next to them. And I think it was a very good opportunity for everyone on this team to kind of make a statement, not just as an individual but as a team.

Q. Another quick turnaround, off to New York City. I know you guys are going to be spending a couple days in Miami before moving on. How do you shake this one off and get ready for the next one?

Obviously right now it's tough, but as we said, I think everyone in this group is professional enough for them to be able to learn and move forward and change our mindset coming -- going into Saturday. Yeah, I think we've got to learn from the



mistakes that we made today that clearly were there, and try and build something, come back together, and play as a team on Saturday.

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