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**Q. Not the result you guys wanted. Seemed a game you had in the bag at the end of the first half but you weren't able to put away. Does it feel like a missed opportunity?**

**ALONSO COELLO:** For sure. As you said I think it's a game especially after the way we lost the last game, I think we came strong in the first half. I think we showed the kind of team that we are and the kind of team that we are suppose to be every single game we play, especially at home, and I think we deserved more in that first half. I think obviously when you deserve, you have to be clinical and earn it, and we didn't. And approximate hit us back in the second half and I think we were not able to close the game out. We allowed them to start to take control in the game, and at the end, take the game.

**Q. It was a great finish on your goal. Did you anticipate Fede was going to play it back like that?**

**ALONSO COELLO:** Yeah, I think you have to try and give him as many options as possible because you know when he gets the ball, the other team puts a lot of focus on him and try and double, triple team him.

I've been around there a few times during the season, and finally today I get the chance to get the ball from him and be able to score a goal, which obviously felt nice. But something that I really can't enjoy right now after the result.

**Q. Do you have any insight into why this team is giving up so many goals in the last 15 minutes?**

**ALONSO COELLO:** I think it can come down to a lot of factors. I think it's on us, the starters, to close out the game whenever we can, and we feel like we're dominating and getting chances, and maybe sometimes we get a little too casual around the final third when in reality we can probably make it simpler and punish them earlier.

And then obviously, I think players coming in maybe making an impact a little bit more than we are as a team, whenever some of us come in, and yeah, I think the way they made changes and the players coming in for them, I think they did that, and you could feel a difference in their intensity and their hunger that we weren't able to find in that second half.

**Q. How did you feel about your performance tonight?**

**ALONSO COELLO:** I felt good honestly. Especially I had a rough night the other day with one, two, mistakes that led to a goal.

So I was coming into this game to try to reset a little bit from it and keep it simple and go back to the basics. Yeah, from early on, I was feeling pretty good about myself and obviously getting that goal also helps and it's just not great that it wasn't enough to get the three points at the end.



**Q. The on-field huddle was a little longer tonight. Can you give us a sense of what that dynamic is?**

**ALONSO COELLO:** Yeah, I think it's whenever you are in this situation, you have to look at yourself. I think you have to get back together. Look at each other's eyes and tell the truth, be honest. We are in a situation that we don't want to be, and we weren't expecting to be because of how we started the season.

So we have to do whatever it takes for us to get back on the track that we were a month ago, a month and a half ago, and yeah, I think that's it. Obviously whenever you are in these situations, people say things. People express the way they feel about it, and the way they think that it can be solved, and you have to try and let everyone say whatever is in their mind and take the positives and negatives and build from there.

**Q. Fans would like to see you get more goals for TFC. Are you setting any personal targets for yourself?**

**ALONSO COELLO:** Well, I would like to see some goals some more. I don't think I can set any personal targets in regards to goals because that was my first in I don't know how many games so it would be kind of unrealistic.

Yeah, I'm trying to get a little closer to the box. In many occasion, I think obviously having David this year, it allows me to maybe be a little bit more free than I was last year. I trust my strike from there. I score a nice one in the preseason as well. And yeah, I would like to -- especially because I think as I said before, our DPs get a lot of focus from the other team and it opens up a lot of opportunities for the rest of us to get a nice series and get the ball.

**Q. What's your message to the fans after this loss?**

**ALONSO COELLO:** Just I think we understand, obviously, that they are frustrated and we want to tell them that we are, too, and we are working for us to come here every Saturday, every Wednesday, and show them the team that we are and the team that they deserve to see every day.

So just understanding their frustration and thanking them for the support that we get from them every weekend.

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