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Richie Laryea

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Toronto FC 1, CF Montreal 0

THE MODERATOR: Questions, please.

Q. Your thoughts on the match today.

RICHIE LARYEA: Yeah, thought it was a good match. Obviously playing away, especially playing away against rivals, is always tough. Thought we had a good game plan, we executed it well. When we were on the ropes in some moments, we dealt with it really well. So yeah, positive. I think it was a positive performance from us as a team. A very solid away win.

We just have to kick on from here on out. This is just the beginning. We can't get too high on this result. I think we just need to keep going up.

Q. Your first goal since coming back to TFC. Walk us through how that play developed, what you saw attacking that back post.

RICHIE LARYEA: Yeah, Fede obviously did very well to dribble in, beat his guy. Lorenzo makes a really good run in behind. Fede finds him on a good pass. As soon as Lorenzo had the ball, I just threw myself on the ball and scored. It was good.

Q. Defensive effort, clean sheets have been hard to come by this season. The level of focus we saw on both sides of the ball tonight...

RICHIE LARYEA: Yeah, very professional performance on both sides of the ball today. Defensively I think last game we were very good on the ball. Especially in the first half of the game against Miami, we fell asleep on a few plays. I even said to the group and to John that the first goal, I could have done much better in Miami, maybe it's a different game.

I think laser focus from there, we really embarked on defensively being very good today, and just for the rest of the season. Yeah, it definitely paid off today. We just have to keep trucking in this direction.

Q. How big of a win was that for the side heading into this Leagues Cup break, double over Montreal?

RICHIE LARYEA: Double over Montreal very positive. I think we definitely needed that in the moment we were as a club. It's a morale booster. Again you have to narrow back down as soon as tomorrow comes in, start looking forward to the next game, building on it.

Obviously going into Leagues Cup with a win is a very positive result. Just brings a better feeling in the group leading into the match.



