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Q. Wanted to get your thoughts on your first start since 2021?

JONATHAN KLINSMANN: Yeah, felt good. Obviously the shutout, as well, really proud of all the guys for the fight we had today.

You know, it was a great team effort. I feel like we should have come away with three points but again, just really proud of what we did as a team and as a group. The guys came in and helped as well, especially Preston with his first MLS start did a great job I thought.

Yeah, and I think we'll be positive bringing this back home. Although we did want to get, obviously, the win.

Q. Seemed like you had sort of a pretty quiet night until the 89th minute. How did that play develop? Took a bounce off Cáceras and fell to their striker?

JONATHAN KLINSMANN: I remember there was a cut-back cross. It got through, I guess, and then at that point, as a goalkeeper, you just do what you can, you know. Ended up working out, obviously, and yeah, I'm not exactly sure.

Q. Just wanted to get your thought on your defense in front of you, both the back line and all over the field. You guys seemed to defend very well today.

JONATHAN KLINSMANN: Yeah, I totally agree with that. Super confident in all the guys that were in front of me today. Made my job, like I previously said, like a lot easier.

Yeah, very, very proud of the guys, and then, you know, the steps we've taken defensively as well as a group, as a unit and the back line as well. I do feel really, really confident with those guys in front of me, and that is just a great feeling to have as a goalkeeper.

Q. Are there any specifics that you feel like you guys are really on top of right now in terms of defending?

JONATHAN KLINSMANN: I just feel very solid. I feel like we all kind of understand what each other, our tendencies, what we need maybe in certain situations. You know, and again, as a goalkeeper, behind these guys, behind the four, behind the three in the midfield, it's very confidence-inspiring throughout the whole team to have guys on the back line that perform the way they do and then the way they perform today as well as last week.

You know, I think right now, we are just building and building and it has me very excited for what will come next.

Q. What did you see from Lucas today?

JONATHAN KLINSMANN: Sorry.

Q. What did you see from Lucas in his debut today?

JONATHAN KLINSMANN: I thought he played great, and obviously very athletic, very quick. Great guy to have on the back line. Very technical, as well. A lot of confidence going up and down.

Again, like I said, like that whole back line gives you a lot of confidence, and for him to step in the way he did today in his first start in an environment that's not the easiest to play in, yeah, I thought he did great.

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