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San Diego FC 2, LA Galaxy 0

Q. Congratulations on your MLS debut. Outside the results of the game, how do you think you played? What did you see from the atmosphere?

ELIJAH WYNDER: I would say the atmosphere is great. Fans are very loud and very supportive. Even after the game, they are still there showing their support. I came in, just tried to bring some energy to the match. We obviously didn't get the result, but it was nice to get the debut under my belt.

Q. Your first game in MLS, we always talk about the difference between USL and MLS. Throughout the whole preseason and now through the first game, do you feel like there's a significant jump up? Do you feel comfortable?

ELIJAH WYNDER: Yeah, I feel comfortable. Obviously there's a jump up. Faster, a lot more physical.

But going through preseason and getting my debut under my belt, I do feel comfortable.

Q. Guys coming into a championship team, usually every position is set. There's opportunities for you now through injuries and trades and stuff. How do you approach that? You have a chance to solidify a position on a championship team because you get a chance to play now.

ELIJAH WYNDER: Yeah, obviously you approach it, you come in every day, you do your job the best you can do and then you can control what you can control. And at the end of the day, it's the coach's decision. You just control what you can control and put yourself in the best position possible.

Q. Curious, what have the conversations been with Coach Vanney about what he wants out of you and what role he seeks out of you, and do you think it's the best fit for you as well?

ELIJAH WYNDER: Yeah, so we talk a lot because it's a new, like, different formation from what I'm used to. So we speak a lot of what he wants from me, what he sees in me, like what my strengths and weaknesses are and how often he wants me to play the position.

Q. Obviously you guys are champions right now, and everyone is going to be coming at you with the target on your back. Did you expect the level of intensity from San Diego that they came out with today?

ELIJAH WYNDER: Obviously, they are new team. First game in the league. We expected them to come out with everything they have, which typically you expect that from every team you're playing, specially first game of the season. But they came out and played well.



Q. Did you have family here today? How many people came out to celebrate your debut?

ELIJAH WYNDER: No, my family is still in Kentucky.

Q. Did they watch it on TV?

ELIJAH WYNDER: Yeah.

Q. Before this transfer, you obviously were at Louisville for your entire career playing alongside your brother for most of that, having your family around you for most of that time. How are you feeling being here in Los Angeles? Are there any major differences or anything you've been missing?

ELIJAH WYNDER: It's a very different city. I think I'm finally starting to settle into the city itself and settle in with the guys. It is very different being this far way from home. But talk to my family almost every day. So they support me from over there and we catch up every day.

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