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Q. The first start, probably not the way you guys wanted to finish the game but your overall thoughts on the game and what you guys could have done better.

ZANKA: Yeah, obviously, a game where we didn't start great first half. We were just a step behind, it felt like most of the game, or most of that period, the first 20 minutes, came back into it a little bit better.

But we didn't really figure out how to figure out how to play here, road game, on turf. So second half became a game on the will of Vancouver. You know, at the end of the day, it hurts.

Q. On that last goal with Brian White coming in behind your back shoulder, did you know he was there? Were you expecting Novak maybe to come out and get that ball?

ZANKA: I think it's one of those things. When you get to a new team, everything is a little bit different. You have to get used to everybody. We had a lot of changes: Obviously players being hurt, Emiro getting hurt, Johnny having to come over. I kind of take that one. I feel like I should have been in a better position to clear that ball.

And so it's definitely with a heavy heart sitting here because other than that, the game was all right from a personal standpoint.

You know, a point here would have meant a lot.

Q. For MLS, your first sort of taste of real MLS action for a sustained period here. What do you think of the league? What do you think of the surface, playing on turf? All those fun questions.

ZANKA: Well, it seems like an exciting league. Definitely I'm still getting my bearings. Getting settled in L.A., on the team and everything. But you know, I'm very positive about, you know, my experiences so far.

Obviously turf isn't the surface that a football player wants to play at but that's how it is. It's equal for every team that has to come here and play.

So yeah, but if you're asking that, I prefer grass.

Q. Talking to Greg earlier and we my row coming out and John playing at right back, Greg mentioned how it affected the build ups and maybe how you guys belt position. From your point of view on the back line, did you notice how different you guys had to play having a guy who is left footed on the right?



ZANKA: Yeah, I think all in all, when you're trying to, you know, get a few new guys integrated, and we are in some ways quite a new team. It's always going to be different, and right now we are trying to figure it out.

First half was, you know, getting better, and better, and obviously us having to change a few things, and Vancouver changing their pressure made it difficult for us and we made it difficult for ourselves.

Q. You mentioned you guys feel like a new team and obviously there's some new players on here. What's your confidence level that you guys can get into that rhythm and how soon do you think that is?

ZANKA: That's a good question. Obviously we hope that it's right around the corner. The only thing we can do is try to keep our confidence high and get out there on the field. We've got a lot of games, so we won't have that much time to do it on the practice field.

We're just going to have to figure it out. That's on us, and that's on Greg to kind of give us the opportunities; and then for the players to execute come game day.

So right now, we're 0-2 and that's definitely not what we want to be and where we want to be, especially for a club and a team that we're champions.

So we're eager to get out there on Wednesday again, and obviously on the weekend.

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