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Q. Thanks for taking the time to talk to us. Just your thoughts on the game, seemed like maybe you guys did enough to get that point and a half to feel like maybe you guys are pretty heartbroken that you were not able to get that across the line.

DIEGO FAGÚNDEZ: It's tough right now. I don't even have words to describe what we're feeling right now. There's a lot we can say, but there's a lot we can't at the same time, because if not, we get in trouble.

But as a team we need to be better. I think today we could have left with a point for sure, but overall, I think we all know that it needs to be better. In three days, we have another game.

So we also need to put this one behind and make sure we are focusing on this. This league, it's tough. Especially when you lose two games.

But everybody needs to just forget and move on, and make sure the next one is ours. We're going to Costa Rica now for the CONCACAF, and we have to get a result there. It's not maybe; it's a must. We need to make sure that we leave out of there with a positive, even if it's a 1-0 goal or whatever it is. We just need to leave with a positive and turn this whole thing around.

Q. I know you guys are paying attention to it and I'm sure the locker room is aware, but you basically lost another three guys. That probably has to weigh on you guys a little bit, too; right?

DIEGO FAGÚNDEZ: Yeah, I think we are just getting unlucky. But this is a time where players need to step up and we need everybody.

I think this is when everyone realizes that it's not just about 11 players, 12, 13 players. It's about the 24, 25 players that we have. Like I said, we have another game in three games, and then another game -- three games in ten days or whatever it is. It's going to be a grind, and at the end of the day it's going to be a tough.

This is where veterans really need to step up and make sure that we guide our team to success. But it all starts, again, in Costa Rica in three days.

Q. Greg expressed frustration with the way the game was called throughout the night and questioning the calls, when they were called, what yellow cards were, and I added my two cents as well. What did you see from that?

DIEGO FAGÚNDEZ: We can't really say much. At the end of the day, everybody is going to be against us. We got a star last year and we got a ring and we got a cup and now everybody is going to be against us. You know who I'm talking about, and everybody other team.



At the end of the day, we can't say much. We have to just play our game. Maybe we need to be stronger and go harder on balls and hopefully calls go our way.

But at the end of the day, like I said, we'll let Coach take some fines there if he wants to talk about it, but for us, I think everyone knows exactly what we're talking about, and we just leave it there.

Q. You obviously mentioned frustrations right now. I asked this with Zanka earlier, but what's your level of confidence that you guys can move forward and get into the next gear and start to build that momentum?

DIEGO FAGÚNDEZ: Look, I've been on teams that it gets tough, when you lose one, when you lose two. But this is when a team becomes great is when you come together, you stick together, no matter the ups and downs, this is where we really need to focus on each other and make sure that, hey, you know what, things happen, we're going to learn from this.

Last year, we didn't really have a lot of losses so it's hard to learn. There was so many wins, and this year, I guess we started it the wrong way, and this is where we need to really focus on what we're doing wrong and what we need to do.

Like I said, we have a game in three days, and this is what we need to focus and turn everything around and get a result in Costa Rica, no matter what it takes.

Q. You mentioned earlier, too, that veterans on the team have to step up. Obviously the team right now is in a slump. What are some examples that you think of or come to mind that you guys need to say to the younger guys?

DIEGO FAGÚNDEZ: I think at the end of the day we need to know how to finish a game out. I think there's ways that we can -- even if we want to take a point away out of here, we need to be smarter on the way we want to play. That's including myself and everybody else.

We know we should have left here at least with a point, and now we have to go to Costa Rica and learn from that. Like I said, in these games, it's going to be so hard. But when we're away and we're against everything, all we need to do is make sure we are staying together.

If we get a goal early and stuff, we make sure we either finish it 1-0 or we get the second.

But at the end of the day, we can't let other teams comeback into games, especially the way it happened today.

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