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*Q. We just finished talking with Zanka about the goal that you scored. He said, "Screw it, 17 is somewhere up there." What do you feel like, hearing that, and knowing that your teammate, he's also a new guy, that he had that confidence in you, and the anticipation that you're going to be in the right place at the right time?*

**CHRISTIAN RAMIREZ:** It was a very similar clip that we saw on film from an opportunity that he give up last week. So when I saw that Nasci was coming underneath and Zanka was winding up, I took a chance.

And yeah, it was a great ball and was able to provide a goal today for the team; and just glad we got on the board in MLS play with a point, and it will only continue to help us build.

*Q. Back-to-back games with the goal for you. On mentioned on Wednesday, you mentioned how much it means to score here. Feels like you're on a hot streak right now. How much confidence does that help you heading into the next sector of the season?*

**CHRISTIAN RAMIREZ:** Like I said before, my confidence never waivers. I believe in myself and I put too much hard work into this, and I know the goals will come.

For me, the main thing is results for the team, and I'm glad today I was able to get on the board. Once I got the first one on Wednesday, things opened up. I have a decent average, I think one every three games.

I'm not too worried about scoring, and I know it will come. It's coming now, and it's no obvious thing that we're starting to play better and we're starting to understand each other.

We've all been bought in and you see from top to bottom, guys like Tucker and Harper stepping up, Julian. It's a full-team process and it's the full team that is buying in and seeing the results of that.

*Q. If you can talk about, I don't know how often you've played in Providence Park but obviously a tough place to play. Just talk about your experience there and obviously getting a point here. It's not a win, but it must be a net-positive.*

**CHRISTIAN RAMIREZ:** Yeah, like I said, we are on the board with MLS points, and that's always a plus. This is a tough place to play. We knew that coming in.

I scored my first MLS goal here in 2017, I believe. And so yeah, I understand how difficult they make it. Their crowd gets behind them. They play really well with the surface.



So to have the guys come in and grind one out and control most of the game is a very good step in the right direction.

*Q. You've been here a short time, and you've scored in two games in a row, but in terms of understanding your role in the tactical system, how do you feel that's going for you and off the field, how are you getting acclimated to Los Angeles and settling in?*

**CHRISTIAN RAMIREZ:** I'm getting acclimated to the guys around me. That's the main thing. Tactically, I'm aware of where I need to be. Just instead of coming into different pockets, reading the play more, and putting myself in scoring positions, and I've done that over the last three games. I'm just continuing to do that.

On the personal side, we moved out of an Airbnb, and we are back at my house in Long Beach. Still sharing with my folks because they are not able to move into their place yet until May. So that's part of the process.

But yeah, we're making due. My kids are in school. Everything's going to plan. It's easier now once everything and everyone is more settled in. It gives me my routine back and gives my wife her routine back, which, you know, really takes a load off of me.

Yeah, I'm just thankful of everyone around me. Having all my family definitely helps ease the burden on my wife, especially. It's been good.

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