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Q. Your thoughts on what happened tonight. We saw some good things but didn't see some things that are needed to win games though. How do you come out of this one feeling and as you're going into Real Salt Lake and a two-week break, what's the next couple weeks like for you guys?

JOHN NELSON: Yeah, I mean, this is tough. Obviously for us and the fans, they are supporting us through this. It's just not good enough. Tonight we had our chances. We just couldn't finish, not cleaning enough in front of the goal.

And then one play, we give them a chance and they punish us. That's kind of been the whole season.

You look at these games, and we're right there. Like, it's just one play. Of course, besides the Red Bull game, we're right there. It's frustrating.

But no, we are taking it one training at a time, one game at a time. And let's just get through Friday and tomorrow training and then we go again Saturday.

Q. The team seems pretty settled and defensively seemed like it had San Jose's number. What did you see on breakdown of that goal?

JOHN NELSON: One ball in behind. And he crosses it, and I have to watch it back again. I think there's two of us in the box, Zanka and Maya, or Zanka and Miki. I don't know, maybe we can do a little better there, just communication.

But I need to watch it back. I honestly haven't really seen much of it. So I don't want to say too much. But yeah, it's just one play. It's one little breakdown.

Q. Micovic has come back and started two in a row. What differences have you seen in behavior or performance difference between now and start of the season?

JOHN NELSON: The goalie situation, obviously has been different than teams that I've been on, switching back-and-forth. Novack is a young player trying to get confidence going. He's good on his feet, and if he continues growing in that department, I think that can help us a lot.

Q. How do you handle this as a competitor? None of you guys have ever been through anything like this.

JOHN NELSON: No, never. None of us. Not me. It sucks. This is so tough.



For me personally, it's keep your head down and keep grinding. That's all you can do. It's really not much to say. Like I said, it's so tough. It's just not a situation you want to be in. I think we are just waiting to are that one game that, one spark, that one momentum and then we go from there.

Q. You spoke about being one play away. What's the belief level as a team collectively at this point?

JOHN NELSON: The belief, it's still there. Like the effort is still there. That's what Vanney told you guys about and that's what he told us in the locker room; the effort's there. It's just the execution. It's just that one play. It's just can we find the back of the net; can we not have a you break down in the back. It's just that one play. Once we have that, we can go from there.

Really not much more to say. I'm just repeating myself but yeah.

Q. I know this may be a pretty broad question and might not be something that one thing comes to mind, but just what's the biggest difference between this squad compared to where you guys were last year? Is it a mental thing? Do you feel like this is just bad luck? What to you see that's the main difference between the championship level team you guys were last year and this year?

JOHN NELSON: I wouldn't say bad luck. Of course there's changes and all the salary cap issues.

But no one should be making excuses at this point, whatever, 15 games into the season it's just snot good enough.

Of course, some changes, maybe some injuries. Of course, missing Riqui.

At this point, the momentum. That's what I would say. The momentum, it's going the wrong way. It's hard to change the momentum of something when it's going in the complete wrong direction and that's where we're going.

But the belief is still there. The effort is still there. Like I said, just can we find one game, something to build momentum on. That's what I would say.

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