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Q. Congratulations. Not only on the goal, but on the win. Just can you tell us what it's like in the locker room, what you feel getting that first win finally?

JOSEPH PAINTSIL: It really feels amazing because we been wanting this for so long time. We had a feeling. We had a feeling but we couldn't really reach that. Especially when we were close to it we always lose it.

Today we just need to give our all because we have nothing to lose. We have to go all out because the fans have also been with us for a whole long time, even with the loss and whole a lot of game losing and everything. We have to just give them something they also deserve, especially today.

We made our mind that we have to go all out, just do what we need to do and be aggressive and see whatever is going to happen. We know they're going to step up and we have to also use the space. We did a collective in the team play today and resulted on the win.

I'm really happy we had our first win.

Q. You've been wanting to get on the score sheet for a while. How does it feel to put one in the back of the net, extend the lead and really put you guys in the position to win that game?

JOSEPH PAINTSIL: I really feel relief now because it's something that I always wanted. Now that I have it, I just give thanks to God for how far he has bring this team and me having my goal in my second season.

It was really great and amazing, and we hope and just keep fighting and see what will happen. The main focus is to help the team and for the team to have three points. It's not an individual game. For me, if I don't score or make an assist but if the team wins that's the most important thing.

And then afterwards we become one together, and individual. At the end we also show up when we work and win as a team.

Q. We have seen you guys sometimes score first and the other team might come back and tie it up. But how do you see the mindset being different tonight? What was the talk like coming off the San Jose game?

JOSEPH PAINTSIL: Yeah, because we said to ourself enough is enough. We need to go all out. Like I said, we have nothing to lose. Everybody was really eager to give everything to the supporters especially because they were really, really not feeling so good as long as they were also really supporting us no matter what. So for us to have our first win, we don't have to almost like almost 15 games, 16. So as you can see, it feels really great to have this first win.



Yeah, the guys inside are really happy and we are wanting for more, and we will see what will happen the next game. We just go all out and take the three points. That's one game after the other. Thank you.

Q. Congratulations on the goal and the win. Greg mentioned that all year he's been saying that the game has been in the margins, been very close, been competitive. I asked him if you guys did anything different this week in preparation. Did it feel different for you or business as usual?

JOSEPH PAINTSIL: Just the usual play. Just the usual information we always play. He told us he going to use that same team we played Wednesday. That's the same team we are going to use today. As you can see, the last time was really a good game but we were just unlucky with the goal last minute.

So it's just the same mindset and philosophy. Nothing has changed, but it's just the mentality of the players that has really changed today to give everything with the blood and everything, the sweat. We was really defending today. Most of the players and everything was giving everything.

I think that was the change that really happened in the game, but the philosophy and the game plan was still the same.

Q. What is it like combining with Nascimento there who got his second start?

JOSEPH PAINTSIL: Yeah, he's an amazing striker also. Everyone here is really doing whatever we need to do. He's really a good striker and playing alongside him is really a good feeling. He also has the speed. Playing alongside him is also a really good feeling.

As you can see it was really like a good play between I, him, and Pec. I'm not saying only him. Also Ramirez (ph)? Is a great striker, really great striker. So we have people who can be in and people we can rotate and everything so that's a good mark.

It's the coach that decides who starts and whoever plays in the first 11. But, yeah, me, I feel really happy that I'm playing alongside him and it's really going well for him also.

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