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*Q. You guys sort of sets yourselves up to play the spoiler in this game, maybe having some patience and just how you play the second half, and certainly taking your chances whenever you got them. Does it feel good to have that game plan sort of work out for you on the road? Obviously, it's not a win, but the draw is a pretty good one.*

**JOHN NELSON:** Yeah, of course. In my experience in the league so far, playing here has always difficult. It's always tough. I'm sure Greg said that.

But yeah, second half, I thought we earned it. I thought we deserved it. We're the better team. We were pushing for a little unlucky there, I think with Christian off-side. So we deserve that point. And obviously with Lucas, I really good header from him.

Happy for him and happy for the team, we fought hard and we deserved it.

*Q. What did you see on the goal-scoring play there? You I think you came in off the corner of the box and found Lucas coming across, right?*

**JOHN NELSON:** Yeah, yeah, no, I saw Pec, you know, coming across. I thought he were going to shoot it, honestly. But, no, it was coming across and he played it perfectly so I could hit it first time.

I knew we had Maya in the box, we had a lot of numbers. You know, pretty much last play the game. Just put in a good cross, you know, give it a chance. That's what I did, and, you know, obviously Lucas, with a really good finish.

*Q. And as you guys look at the rest of these games coming down, how important is it maybe for somebody like Lucas to get a goal or even for you to get sort of get that assist as we're sort of playing this season out?*

**JOHN NELSON:** Yeah, yeah, very important. You know, this season it is what it is. Obviously, we qualified for Champions League, which it's huge, it's just momentum now. You know, can we get, you know, some rhythm, some momentum going into these last games. Campeones Cup coming up.

But no, it's huge for these guys, huge for me, huge for Lucas, his confidence. It's crazy what confidence can do for a player, and hopefully you'll have to see that more.

*Q. And then because I don't see anybody else's hand raised, I'll ask one more. Just in terms of you guys had a chance maybe to even steal that one. You know, Christian had a chance there at the end. Was there a thought there for a second, maybe you guys could have done what Houston did to you guys last year?*



**JOHN NELSON:** Yeah, no, that that's what we were saying in the locker room. Yeah, obviously last year, it was tough for us.

Yeah, I think we could have maybe sold three points from them. But it is what it is. We're happy. You know, we're dead tired. It's so hard to play here. You know, we should be tired, though. It's super humid, super hot.

But can we maybe steal all three points? Yeah, yeah, maybe we should, but, you know, I think we're happy with the point on the road.

*Q. Just want to get your thoughts on how you are approaching this last six or seven games here. Is it more to prepare you for next year?*

**JOHN NELSON:** You know, like I said, the season, it is what it is. You know, playoffs, I don't know. But honestly, for me, it's just one game at a time. You know, can we get points a the road, and then at home, can we can we win, not just for us, but for the fans, of course.

But for me, a woman game at a time, even if we're out a playoffs, 100 percent we're still trying to win, we're still trying to get the results. We're working hard in training. But yeah, for me, you know, I think for the team as well, you know it doesn't matter, we want to win. We want to play. We want to compete for us, for the fans. That's my mindset, and for sure tonight, really happy, really proud of us.

We deserved a point. That's what we did tonight. And hopefully we can keep doing that as we continue to finish out the season.

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