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Q. How did you guys come back in this game? You're down 2-0. The set piece got you guys that goal. You were sort of on the back side of it there. What does it say about this team that you guys have been able to fight back in these last couple games and get the draw?

MAYA YOSHIDA: We showed some stabilities, at least. Of course, we're not winning, which isn't great. But, well, probably beginning of the season, it would be 3-0, 4-0. Instead, we are showing stabilities, and finally today we came back, same as Houston, and got one point. Of course, we need the three points, and probably too late.

Still, this is Seattle, away, tough. It's a really difficult place to get points. Same as Houston. So I would say happy with the performance, stability, two games in a row. Of course, we play against Seattle only the third time this time in a short period. I didn't want to lose three times in a row. Even we had a lot of injured players, and we show stabilities and great spirits. I feel better than the game against Houston a little bit. They are a good team to be honest. They are a really good team.

Q. Maybe it was a little bit of Team Japan tonight. You got a goal and Miki got his first MLS goal were the L.A. Galaxy. I know you would make him talk in front of us if we were sitting in the same room but what did he say to you whenever he scored his goal?

MAYA YOSHIDA: He's very happy. He said, "I'm happy!" But he said the most important thing today is we defend together and attack together. That's the most important today. So that means the same as mine, my feeling, like stability we show, and we wait, even they dominate the game a little bit in the second half, we had patience a lot and finally we got one point, even we play with me on the front. We showed great spirits. That's a point for myself and Mikisan, as well, and we almost need it to be honest. I don't want to finish at the bottom of the league. We try to go up as much as possible. We have to have that kind of mentality as a Galaxy mentality. We have to show every game from now until the end.

Q. Novak had seven saves tonight. What did you see from him performance, just sort of keeping you guys in this game and how much, especially in the second half, did his aggressiveness help you guys?

MAYA YOSHIDA: Still, he's young. He needs to improve many things. That's normal. But of course, that's part of our stability today, and even we conceded two goals, as I say, it could be three, it could be four. He performed well but I expect more.

Again, we need to build a better team for next season. I feel like this has already started. We need to restart good solidarity. We have to rebuild a good solidarity again.

Q. Going back talking about Novak, how have you seen him evolve, now that he's been the starter for a couple of games?



Obviously start of the season he was benched and now he's back at it. What noticeable differences do you see as a goalkeeper and personality-wise, as well?

MAYA YOSHIDA: Personality, he's very quiet, especially after Dejan left, he's even more quiet.

But it doesn't matter off the pitch how you behave. This is personality. But on the pitch, the goalkeeper always has to show strong character, great spirit and fighting identity.

So that's kind of what also he need to improve, that's very clear. The goalkeeper career is very strange to be honest. Everything happen very quickly, then boom, then one thing happens and everything changed. John McCarthy left, and now it's competition between J.T. and Novak. I don't think J.T. is -- J.T. is still a good player, so there is competition. This kind of environment is very important to improve young careers and we have to keep pushing him and helping him, as well.

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