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Q. Just wanted to get your thoughts on the early season. Thursday in Panama and then tonight. Two games (indiscernible.)

JUSTIN HAAK: Yeah, I think it's been a fast start to the season. It's always difficult to travel to Panama, play on an interesting field, different circumstances, and then come back home. I agree with you that we probably should have gotten more from both of these games.

I think it's just about -- I think today especially we showed really good character to still come away with a point in a difficult situation going down a man.

Q. Greg talked about difficulties with the ball.

JUSTIN HAAK: Uh-huh.

Q. How did that make it more difficult for you guys at midfield defending? What do you feel like did you well within that? What didn't do you well within that? And then afterwards playing against your old team, what was that like?

JUSTIN HAAK: I think the difficulty with the ball maybe came from defending so much. When you're spending the majority of the game chasing the ball just on top of your own 18, once you do win the ball back you do have less energy than if we would've controlled the ball better, especially after such a good start we had in this game.

But playing against my old team was interesting. Good to see everybody play. Good to see all the guys I played with for so long. I wish we could have got the three points.

Q. Thanks for your time. First game here. Greg mentioned there has been a lot of games that ever since players have come in that's it's been game after game. Do you feel like you because of (indiscernible.) Happened do you feel like there may have been a kind of less...

JUSTIN HAAK: Yeah, I guess you could say that. Especially this past week we didn't have so much time to work on the game tactically, especially long travel coming back from Panama, just having one day really to prepare. Some of the guys were still recovering after that.

I guess that could play a role in it, but we're not looking to make any excuses really. At the end of the day I also still feel like we could have gotten or maybe deserved the three points and the win in both of those games.

Q. Justin, thank for your time. What did you like and what did you not like? What do you feel like you need to improve on?



JUSTIN HAAK: Yeah, yeah, I think first of all we started the game really well, and that really came from the whole team. We had a lot of energy going into the game. That's why you saw us go up 1-0. Like Greg mentioned, we weren't the best on the ball which is something we need to improve on, but with that being said everybody worked really hard. We kept running even going down a man. Being able to pick up the point is not exactly what we wanted going into the game, but given the circumstances I think it was a good fight from everybody.

Q. East coast, west coast, playing in front of the LA fans, how do you compare the atmospheres? How do you compare it?

JUSTIN HAAK: Yeah, I think the fans were amazing today. I think they helped us definitely towards the end of the game push through to get the point.

To compare would be a little bit hard because of playing in Yankee Stadium and this being a soccer field. But I would say the fans were great for us today.

Q. You miss the snow from New York?

JUSTIN HAAK: Not even a little bit. (Laughter.)

Q. Since you brought up Yankee Stadium, how does that change your game, does it change your game?

JUSTIN HAAK: Well, this feels much bigger than Yankee Stadium so I would say there is a lot more ground cover and a little bit more space.

Yankee Stadium is very I think probably the smallest field in the league so it's a little bit tighter those games.

Q. (No microphone.) More running...

JUSTIN HAAK: Yeah, I would say that.

Q. You prefer this?

JUSTIN HAAK: I prefer this field over Yankee Stadium.

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