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INDY ELEVEN INTERIM HEAD COACH MAX ROGERS

On tonight's effort on the defensive side of the ball:

"It was generally good. In the transitional moments and when we lost the ball was really when they were their most threatening. They only had three shots on target and a lot from distance. If a team's getting 17 shots but the majority are from distance, then fair enough. Obviously, we don't want to allow them to shoot from distance and want to try and get more pressure on the ball, but I thought we were pretty comfortable for the majority of the game."

On the insertion of Gordon Wild, Manuel Arteaga & Cammy Smith:

"They gave some freshness to the attack. Gordon had some good moments with some balls into the box and Manuel had a good header and an opportunity that was missed with a push in the back. They all came on and worked hard."

"We might have lost a little organization and shape toward the end as we tried to push for a winner, but sometimes that happens. The disappointing thing is this is the third game in a row that we've been a goal up and we've conceded after that, so that's something we really need to focus on going forward."

On the play of forward Nick Moon:

"Nick was good, very bright. Looked to try and make things happen, and we probably could have tried to get him the ball a little more, especially in the first half. I'm pleased for him that he was able to get the goal. He's had a good impact in recent games, so it's important that he finishes that end product and keeps that competition level up as well."

INDY ELEVEN FORWARD NICK MOON

On what he attributes his recent string of scoring opportunities to:

"It's starting from our pressure. We're pressing up the field and it's giving us good opportunities coming from their turnovers. With the width, having Rece [Buckmaster] behind me and having him have my back the entire game, it helps me to kind of press forward and have that freedom to go up."

On his second goal of the season this evening:

"Again, we've been focusing on that trying to pressure higher up into their defensive third. The turnovers that we get put us in better position. I think it was either Jordan [Hamilton] or Peter [Vassell] that won it initially and it just popped up to me. From there, I just found a way to get it back onto my right foot and finish."

On if breaking the three-game losing slide at home tonight was a satisfying result:

“I wouldn’t say it’s good enough. I thought we had plenty of chances to put away, and then you see what happens when we don’t take advantage of those chances that we have, they find their one chance, tie it up, and that’s how it finishes. So, it’s a fine result, it’s obviously not a loss, but we also really need to start finding these wins, especially at home.”

INDY ELEVEN DEFENDER RECE BUCKMASTER

On his recent placements in the club’s starting XI:

“Once you get that opportunity you have to take it. You can’t take it for granted in this league, so once I was given that opportunity coming back from injury, I just wanted to give it my all and give as much as I can for the team.”

On his recovery run in stoppage time that thwarted a late Memphis counter:

“I got caught out a bit and the ball was played in behind. I was supposed to be the last [defender] but we were playing and pushing forward for a goal obviously since it was late, but I got put out of position and I just took off running because I knew I was late and I knew I had to make a play for the team.”

On playing to the technical staff’s game plan against Memphis:

“We expected them to be pretty direct so we wanted to, if we could, block their shots because obviously you don’t want shots on goal. As a team and a total defense, I think we played well. Obviously, we wanted to keep the shutout, but with 17 shots and a bunch of blocks, I think that’s pretty good for the team defense as a whole.”