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"I'm pleased to win the game. There were parts of the performance that I was pleased with, the opening period in particular.

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"I was excited to seeing them on the pitch tonight because they have been good for me in bounce games and in training and as I've said for large parts of the game they were good.

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