

POST GAME QUOTES
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LAFC VS. FC Dallas



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RE: Opening Statement

"We are very happy with the result. Luck and good fortune was on our side tonight, and we needed it to get the three points. We were not happy with our performance, especially with the ball and without the ball at times. I felt that we were a bit off-rhythm, sloppy with our passing, and impatient. We couldn't find the right windows to break down more frequently than we did."

"There is definitely room for improvement. It's a game we will certainly analyze and take some valuable lessons from both sides of the ball. It wasn't much transition for either team tonight. It wasn't our best performance. What I told the players after the game was that these are the games that are very important to win. When you're not playing at your best and you can still win, it's a great sign for the group. It's an important obstacle or hurdle to get over because Dallas is a very good team. These points are ours and we're happy with that, but we will certainly learn from this performance moving forward."

RE: On assessing the way his team played:

"Dallas had a pretty good game, especially with the man down. Their two midfielders did a good job of winning a lot of those balls. We were often caught in the wrong spaces and that has nothing to do with effort or awareness."

"Our lines were caught a bit in between theirs and they were in better spots, meaning they were more connected between the front, middle, and back. We were a little disconnected at times, which that's the difference you're seeing. We'll show the players what we will work on, and get back to our old ways."

RE: On Dénis Bouanga:

"It was planned, we knew he was coming back. You never know in what condition the player comes back. The door for Dénis will always be open. We were communicating with him at all times, and he felt like he still could contribute and help the team. It speaks volumes for his character, attitude and love for LAFC, because he said he really wanted to help, he really wanted to play, and he'll do everything in his power to make that happen. We're ecstatic that he was able to do that and also speaks for his professionalism. Dénis is in great form, and you can see he loves being here, playing here [BMO Stadium], and was able to contribute once again."