

POST GAME QUOTES
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LAFC VS. FC Dallas



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RE: Opening thoughts

“I think it was a tough match today. We had to fight a lot even though Dallas was down one man, but we managed to get the win, that’s all that matters at this point. Of course, we’re happy the way it turned out because after a missed penalty it’s kind of hard to come back, but we managed that and that’s really good.”

RE: “Those first 15 minutes you guys pressed really well, especially from the midfield. Was that activation from you, Ilie and Kellyn, was that planned or something that as the moment presented itself from the front three that you guys were able to get closer and then more pressure.”

“Yes, of course it was planned. We are always trying to press high. I think a problem was, maybe, that they had a lot of players used for buildup and that’s why with the time we didn’t press that good and yeah... but still we got the win and that’s so important.”

RE: “Can you take us through the goal? How does the play, play out in front of you? What are you looking at?”

“We’re planning to press high, we did that in that moment, early in the game. Mahala got the ball, it bounced to a defender, he missed it, like he got a bad touch on it and I just took it and went for the goal, you know. I’m sitting here and I’m happy.”

RE: “You’ve stepped into this club and had an immediate impact. You fit in very quickly, how has that come so easy?”

“I think it’s just the way we’re playing, it fits me really good and of course everyone in the club helped me very much. I really appreciate that and I’m really happy to be here.”

RE: “What has he [Steve] done specifically to help you feel comfortable?”

“Of course, first step was convincing me to get here. I mean it was a big step for me, but yeah Steve is a great coach. I love the way he’s playing. I think it suits me really well, he thanks us in his system so yeah. It’s a give and take.”

RE: What needs to get better so you don't end up suffering towards the end of games?

“I think JODGER? Would be the right person to ask this question... Yeah maybe, I think we just need to be a little bit more aware defensively, working a little bit better together, having better connection, but there’s games that don’t work that well but there be games that work out better so we will see.”