

POST GAME QUOTES
Saturday, April 8, 2023
LAFC VS. Austin FC



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RE: Overall thoughts and starting the game

“It was a beautiful experience. Getting the experience along Giorgio [Chiellini] gives me a lot of confidence. Thanks to God we played a great game. The coach had put confidence into me. We were able to respond on the pitch but I need to continue working hard to have more minutes.”

RE: Internal competitiveness for minutes

“It helps a lot because each teammate wants to have minutes. I think today demonstrated that it does not matter if we have not played or played little minutes, it shows that we are always ready for any competition. We just have to work and wait on word on whose turn it is to play and be ready for the best.”

RE: Running in to play offensively

“We have been working on that on a daily basis. Coach always wants us pressuring up top and we’ve gotten used to playing with that pressure up top. That shows that we are a strong team.”

RE: Playing against the Austin FC attack

“We knew the potential that Austin FC has. We first wanted to have a closed [defensive] line. We wanted to control the forwards are fast and aggressive. With Giorgio, we responded well and we did a good job keeping the scoring to 0 goals.”