

**POST GAME QUOTES**  
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**LAFC VS. Houston Dynamo**



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**RE: What see in team, scheduling effect?**

“I’d say the latter is the majority of the truth and then things start to snowball. I think you’re just seeing a really fatigued team who put a lot into the first third of the season, until the champions league final, which was how we wanted to approach the season. I think what we are seeing now is somewhat expected. It’s literally impossible, if you look at the next three weeks as well, to get through this unscathed. I think it would be a mistake to panic, which we certainly have not. We have some injuries we are carrying, and a few guys are carrying a brunt of the minutes. You can see that in the performances, when results don’t go your way, bounces don’t go your way, calls don’t go away, that knicks away at your confidence as well. I think you are seeing all of that come together. There’s no major issues or things we can fix right away unless we can pray to the weather gods, cancel a few games. It worked once this year. I’ll try again.”

**RE: What need to win? How move past these past few games?**

“No, of course not. We try to win every game we play. I think all you can do is keep working at the little things. We always worked on it. We are not changing the way we train, we’re not changing the way we play. For me to say or to change things now, I would change things while we were winning too. I don’t really understand why I would change things and why we’re trying to change the way we train, the way we play. When we played a couple weeks ago it was just fine and everyone was happy and hugging each other. It’s perfectly normal. It’s certainly not the moment to change things and to panic. We will continue down the same path we’ve always been going down and I assure you LAFC will start winning games again.”

**RE: Why shape and formation change?**

“Diego Palacios playing in the midfield is not a change in shape, just a personnel change, it’s the same formation. Dropping Ilie between the center backs when we build is something that we’ve been doing all season. There were no differences that you could have observed prior to this match. I think the amount of times it happened is what you are seeing because of Houston’s low block.”

**RE: 0 goals in 4 games, something want/looking for?**

“Yes, you do have to score to win games. We will continue to score. There are moments like this, these dry patches. There are teams who are defending very well against us, sometimes goalkeepers have good games. Certainly, our final product can be better and we will work on that.”