

## **POST GAME QUOTES**

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**LAFC VS. Seattle Sounders**

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**Re: Thoughts on tonight?**

“It was good. It's a lot of games and I think I've said it before, you gotta take it one at a time. Seattle is a good team, a good opponent. It's nice to win at home.”

**Re: What is it like playing with Giorgio Chiellini?**

“Awesome. Giorgio is really good, he's the best center back I've ever played with, by far. His positioning, knowledge, personality, he's got everything you want as a player and a pro. On and off the field he's great so to have him each week is nice. I hope he gets to stay healthy and gets a good run of games because we need him because he's that good.”

**Re: How is your relationship with Denil Maldonado? [Asking about a conversation they had during the match.]**

“Denil is a great guy and he's putting in a good shift for us week in and week out. There's obviously some up and down moments that everyone has, but when Denil is on he's good, he's very good and tonight he was really good. So I just wanted to relay some positivity and let him know that whatever happens just keep going – I think I remember it now, it was after a pass to Hollingshead – Just keep going, if you miss the pass just keep going, no problem, it happens, that's life, so don't dwell on the mistakes, everyone makes mistakes. Something along those lines, but my Spanish isn't the best.”

**RE: Seattle was trying to control the game. What was LAFC's tactic to get around this?**

“They have a good 3 to 5 guys that set up in a good block. ... he made that first pass and I think they do well with trying to predict where they want the ball to go and I think they got a few times in the first half and maybe once or twice in the second half. It's just managing if we play short or we play long and I think we worked our way into that, in a good way because we did have some

bad moments and bad kicks, but like I said, it's part of the game. I think we managed it well as a team as a whole and just figured out how to play through them or behind them.”