

POST GAME QUOTES

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LAFC VS. Vancouver Whitecaps FC

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Re: Opening thoughts

“Yeah, wasn’t good enough from the group. We gave up three goals at home and that’s just not acceptable if you want to win the game. We put two away and that’s enough, especially in a home atmosphere, to get the result. It’s a lot of games, and it’s not an excuse; we steered away from our game plan and game model. We were low on discipline so it will be good to get this little break so we can refocus.”

Re: It looked like there was a shift multiple times in the positioning middle field, sometimes a double pivot sometimes a single, you obviously played in both - the single and the double - what do you see the difference is in those positions and what is asked of you?

“The game changes - sometimes they come out in a different way that we didn’t anticipate, so it’s kind of just in the single you have to cover a little more ground. The double helped us counteract it a little better; we didn’t execute it good enough still, but kind of just focusing on what the team needs at that point.”

Re: Danny you have gotten significant minutes over the last couple of matches, can you talk about what you have been able to take away from having that playing time out there and any positives that you see ?

“Yeah I think it’s great for any player to get more minutes; you know it helps with your confidence and to get rhythm as well. I know earlier in the season I wasn’t getting as much time, and that happens - I was just prepared to seize my opportunity and take advantage of the moments that I have. So I am happy about that, but still very disappointed in the result. Obviously the team comes first, whether I play or not, it doesn’t matter to me. The success of the team is what’s most important and that’s what makes this group special - we all believe that.

There is no hatred towards the guy in front of you; we're a family and we want to all do good together, no matter who's on the field."

Re: You've mentioned it before but how does it feel to finally not have to worry about a game mid-week - that hasn't been the case the last few months - how does it feel to finally get some normal preparation?

"Yeah I mean it's more of a mental break for us. It's a long season and back-to-back games is hard on the body and mentally, so it's good for us to take some time away from it. We can come back into the next week fresh, with a new mindset, and go back to our fundamentals, have time to actually have a full week of training and come prepared. That's gonna be really big for us."

Re: Ahead of the game, Giorgio spoke about one of the things you guys could add was that little bit of quality when you get the ball and space, the ability to play the ball forward - tonight it looked rushed. My question to you is was it rushed because of the multiples game or was the legs not there?

"Ultimately I just think we weren't clean enough on the ball. You could say the legs, you could say the multiple games, but matter of fact is there was enough time and space for us to play. A lot of the passes that you could see were just unforced errors and that's on us. Whether it's tired legs or not, it's a 5 or 10 yard pass to an open man to a correct foot, and those are things you should do, and we just weren't good enough in those fundamentals in the entirety of the game. Like I said, it's a time for us now to refresh our minds, go back into the new week, go back to the basics and get it done. If we want to win games, we're a team that loves to be on the ball; we're a team that loves to counterpress so we need to go back to those things. So us giving away sloppy passes impedes us."

Re: [Translated] Danny, a very difficult game, but it is almost impossible to rescue a victory when you make too many mistakes in defense and for you as a youngster, you keep looking for opportunities. How difficult is it to enter in these moments when it is a bad run for this team?

"[Translated] Yes, but in the last two games we have won and it is the third game of the week. And as you said, if we are scoring 2 goals at home, we must win, but we failed in easy things. Our defense, we did not do our work today and it cost us."

