

POST GAME QUOTES

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LAFC VS. ST. LOUIS CITY SC



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RE: On the last 20 minutes of the match - What did the team do? What sparked it?

“That felt like us. One of the key factors is persistence. Having the belief that we were creating some opportunities, but we knew that if we could continue breaking them down the opportunities will be there and then first and foremost just being clinical. Our attacking four, five guys coming off the bench were immense and defensively we were sound. For us it was a collective effort and definitely a lot of positives going through this game.”

RE: On the impact small details and individual efforts have in the buildup to scoring goals:

“Those little details go a long way. Everyone sees the goal and all of that, but it’s about the little plays that come before them. It comes from our defense. I thought today they did an excellent job. Especially our outside backs, defensively, center backs, Denil [Maldonado] and Giorgio [Chiellini] were immense for us. They were able to build out of the back, go around their pressure and build it from the back with [Diego Palacios] and Ryan [Hollingshead] able to find Denis [Bouanga] and Carlos [Vela] going forward. They were able to create a lot of numerical advantages and create a lot of opportunities.”

RE: On the team’s defensive effort:

“As cliché as it is, defense wins championships. The previous games we were bleeding goals. It’s not a tale of who can score more, but about keeping the shut out and going from there. With the attacking power that we have we create opportunities, but, for us, we want to be defensively sound. It gives us an opportunity to win the game. I know today was a testament to that and hopefully we can build on this shut out and more to come.”