

## **POST GAME QUOTES**

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**LAFC VS. ST. LOUIS CITY SC**



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### **Re: Thoughts on the game**

“Fresh legs always help. They had that as well though. I think what you are seeing is St. Louis is a team who plays in an extremely disciplined manner, very pragmatic, direct, efficient and that takes a while to break down. Our message to the guys last night and in the days preparing for this match was be patient but you can’t get outworked and you have to be good in second ball situations and in those transition moments defensively and be quite narrow because we know against St. Louis and Philadelphia you know where the ball is going, it’s no secret, but they’re very good at it. It took a lot of hard work in that first hour to really take the wind out of their sails and then the game opens up. We believe we can do that against every team. Our quality will come out in the end and it did.”

### **Re: Stipe, Cifuentes and Ordaz**

“I disagree with the statement that Stipe and Cifuentes are supporting cast. Nathan is a young player coming up, delighted for him to get his first point/score a point. Stipe was very bright when he came in and it’s always important as an attacker to contribute as well. I thought there were a number of guys who played to their potential tonight. Cifuentes did exactly that, I thought Ilie was good again, Kellyn second half, Georgio for 90 minutes as always next to Denil and Palacios solid as well. There was a number of guys who performed better tonight and that’s the difference in these games. In a league based on parity if players perform to their ability then we believe we put a good group together in order to get a lot of points at this club so that’s what you’re seeing.”

**Re: After past few games, where did the fix come?**

“I thought the performance at the Rose Bowl was good enough to get more. I think we just in a few moments showed a little lack of experience, but the performance overall I wasn’t displeased with. The performance against San Jose was better, was good enough to win. I think statistics and expected goals proved that as well. So there wasn’t a whole lot to fix other than to remind our players we’re getting better step by step but it just takes a little bit to get over the finish line, a little more effort, a little more focus in our own box and in the opponent's box to become effective again and that’s exactly what you saw tonight. I think you saw very much of the same between the boxes. You saw a more lethal team and effective team in the opponent's box tonight and in our own box. Our box defending was excellent.”