POST GAME QUOTES Wednesday, August 2, 2023 LAFC VS. FC JUAREZ (Leagues Cup - R32)

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Re: Start of tournament confidence from 10 shots on goal

"Thank you. Any time you can score goals, win games it's great for confidence. A lot of these games been going to penalty shootouts so it's nice to end the game in regulation as well, at an early moment too the game was decided. We're really happy with that. 10 shots, 7 goals, that's pretty effective. Effectiveness, defending our own box and finishing plays in the opponent's box is something we're working on and talking about and it's nice to see that come together tonight.

Re: Tournament going to ruin fresh legs for final push

"It's possible. The only good thing is, looking at the schedule for the remainder of the season there are only normal weeks ahead of us, not very many midweek games. Plenty of opportunities to rest the players and to prepare for matches. I don't really see that being an issue. It's more of an issue short term for this tournament. I think if we win the next match then the turnaround to the semis is really quick, so that could be a disadvantage but we have to get there first."

Re: Maintain focus after scoring so many goals

"Whether you win a game, I know this sounds crazy, even in tonight's game the result is 7-1 it sounds very one-sided, my words to the team I can share to you were there were plenty of things that we saw tonight that were not okay and whether you win a game or lose a game I can find things that are great and find things that are bad. We will work on the things we didn't do well tonight. Positive results also allow players and coaches to talk about things that aren't so great and to criticize and in moments when the team is winning much easier to accept so it's the time to still work on our deficits which we still have and that's where the focus will be in the next few days to get ready for the next match."