

POST GAME QUOTES
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LAFC VS. Real Salt Lake (Leagues Cup - R16)



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RE: Patience and capitalizing on mistakes

“More of the same. Before this tournament we had an opportunity to get the players in multiple training sessions where we can work with them and try to get back to our old habits, behaviors, and principles of play and that was helpful. We are seeing that; we saw that the other night against Juarez and again tonight. You spoke about being patient. RSL is a tough team, they are ranked down, a team full of confidence at the moment. I was quite happy with the way we approached the second half after -- sorry to track back, at the beginning of the game was very good and I thought we put enough effort into it to deserve a goal, we didn't, but to remain calm at the end of the half 0-0 and then come out with the same intensity and attitude second half was a great sign. It's always a great sign in the belief and that's the right way to play and that the players have internalized that and applied that in game situations. It was fun to watch.”

2. Carlos availability and Ordaz and Krastev

“No, I don't have an update for you on Carlos. We'll do our best to give you more information on a day-to-day basis. He wasn't available tonight and hopefully I can give you better news tomorrow or on Thursday but we just don't know. Anything further than that would be a lie. Nathan had a good game tonight, was energetic, had a goal which is always good, had bright moments, but also moments where you could see he's really young and still needs work. Everybody can see the moments where there's a lot of potential there and we'll continue to work with Nathan and hopefully get him more minutes. The further you get on the tournament the more difficult it becomes, but he has a bright future. Philip has had a good start with us, been a couple days in training and to get a goal in his debut is excellent. I think what you are going to see out of Phillip is technically a very very proficient player and consistent player at that age which is not common. He doesn't make very many mistakes on the ball, he has a fantastic strike and pass and we saw a glimpse of him tonight. He's a smart player and teachable. I think we're going to see a lot out of him as well. It's really important for players when they do get their debuts over the first couple of games to have a positive moment and he did tonight. It's really just a path to integrate him in the squad and to make him even better.”

3. Monterrey and Rose Bowl

“Big stadium, no parking and usually hot. It's a cool venue and hopefully we'll get a lot of fans out, hopefully more for Black and Gold. Monterrey is a top top team with no weaknesses. It's just a very well-balanced team, very hard team to beat. For me, not a typical Liga MX team. It's a team who you could place in a European League and it wouldn't look out of place. They're big, they're strong, they're physical, they're fast. They can play vertical. They can play slow. They can combine. They have some finishers and some excellent defenders. Just a very complete team, a very mature team, a really hard team to beat, but this is why we are playing this tournament to see these types of matchups and we are looking forward to it. We will do our best to recover and get some fresh legs on the field Friday night.”