

POST GAME QUOTES
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LAFC VS. Inter Miami

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RE: On how the game changed after Miami's goal:

"I think that we did a very good first half. We created a lot of chances. We deserved to score and probably the game could be different. But in that type of game, against [those] type of players, when you do some mistakes, you pay that. At the end of it, that's what happened in the second half. We weren't able to maintain our balance and to play within our ways. I think that's the big mistake we did today. We have to maintain calm. The game was so long and after a few minutes of the second half, we were too hard about what happened in the first half and the chances we wasted. We weren't able to maintain a good focus."

RE: On how this defeat impacts the tight race at the top of the Western Conference:

"Three points would be very important for the race to the top of the West. We missed this chance. We have to start to take it game-by-game. We have to play in St. Louis, but now we have, this month, a lot of difficult games in a row. Galaxy, St. Louis, [Philadelphia], Campeones Cup. We have to take it one by one. Step by step. We are not happy. Obviously, we are sad about this game. We have to start from the first half, just finish better and fix some defense."

RE: On the atmosphere in the stadium tonight and what Messi's arrival means for the MLS:

"Today was, maybe, better than usual. And usually, it is so good. I think the arrival of Leo [Messi] in this league, it's very good. Not just for Miami, but for the attention that everyone will give to the MLS. It's a huge step for this league. I said that from one year ago, when I arrived. Fortunately, with the arrival of Messi, everything is changing, everything is opening eyes. It's a step. Part of that has to be a step, then many will want to invest and they could have the opportunity to do it. This league has huge potential. Now it's time to show this potential."