

**POST GAME QUOTES**  
**Sunday, September 3, 2023**  
**LAFC VS. Inter Miami**



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**RE: Overall thoughts**

“Yeah, I think we were just on the front foot, we were taking it to them a little bit, to then give up a goal like that, it might’ve taken the air out a little bit, but I think we needed a minute or two after that, and we had a ton of good chances. I don’t think the fans stopped, maybe for the celebration they stopped, but it was loud in there, they kept it up.”

**RE: You had a big moment, a big save on that one on one against Messi, just like down the line what those moments represent for you as players. If you’ve given it some thought of what do you do with those jerseys - do you have others in your collection?**

“Yeah, I have a couple of jerseys. Obviously, there’s none like Messi, but Messi is Messi, I think we can all agree upon that. I got to watch that moment back; I’m sure it’s one of those moments that’s pretty cool, but like I said I would much rather have 3 points and getting the shirt as well, but it’s not our day.”

**RE: Who was your most prized jersey before this one?**

“I have a Michael Jordan one - so a different sport - but that would be my favorite jersey. Michael Jordan signed jersey, pretty cool.”

**RE: To go back to the first goal, what did you see there? Did you expect Aaron to get a block on that, caught you by surprise a little bit? What did you see in that first goal?**

“Yeah, I got to watch it back. I think maybe I was moving half a second still, I wasn’t fully set, but when I see it back...that would be my take away from it now. It was obviously out of my reach because I couldn’t get to it. I think it might’ve went out to in and was one of those ones that once it hits the ground it starts curling away from me and comes back in, but hit the inside of the post. Think it’s a frustrating one because we were on the front foot at the time and was a weird one.”

**RE: There is a saying that you learn more when you lose then when you win; what are those that went wrong tonight that you’re going to improve in future games?**

“I got to watch the game back; I think that’s where we start. I think we learned tonight that we hate losing at home, for sure. It was definitely a game that got away from us.”

**RE: What was the energy afterwards amongst you guys? Obviously, Charlotte was not the performance that you wanted; you came back with a lot of energy tonight, but it didn’t work out from the score line perspective. In the locker room afterwards, how are you guys managing this in your minds? What do you think about this outcome? Is it a statement against LAFC for them to come in here and do that? How do you guys process what happened?**

“I think it’s frustrating for us; I think it’s more so frustration with ourselves. I don’t think they knocked the ball around us and broke us down. They had some good goals and good moments, I think a lot of teams know they have some pretty special players, but I think it was just

frustrating for us to just not find a way to get a result at home. I think we were on the front foot; I think we had a lot of good moments, but that's part of the game - some days you have some highs and those highs go for you and some days you have some lows stay once or twice, it's tough."