

POST GAME QUOTES
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LAFC VS. Colorado Rapids



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RE: On tonight's victory

"I thought it was, from the start pretty much to finish, excluding the first ten minutes of the second half, was a complete performance with and without the ball. I was quite pleased with the way our players approached the game. The intensity and the speed of play was where we want it to be. I felt we were always dangerous going towards the goal as well. All of our attacks had a goal threat to it, which is important. We avoided the situations we wanted to avoid, which was Colorado getting some set pieces, which they are really, really good at. We were able to avoid those situations by stepping up a little higher, defending forward and keeping them away from our goal. I was happy with the performance. If I'm a picky coach, then it's maybe finishing a few more chances, but in the end we're happy with the result and the three points."

RE: On if there has been an added emphasis on getting goals from players other than Denis Bouanga and Carlos Vela

"I'd love to give you a really smart answer about 'I know who is going to score and when they are going to score.' I truly don't and I really don't care. We are a collective effort. Everything we do is as a collective, with and without the ball. If we are performing right defensively, chances will come through ball-ins in the opponent's half. If we are finding the right spaces with our passing, we should have opportunities with one-on-one's. [Denis Bouanga] worrying players, or Carlos [Vela] on his left foot coming inside, which are really difficult situations to defend. If we are doing things right, we will get a lot of players in good positions. In the end, who puts the ball in the back of the net I'm not too concerned with. But I will admit, it is important for scouting purposes, for other teams who are scouting us, if we have a larger number of players who can score goals. It's a little better for us."