

POST GAME QUOTES

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LAFC VS. LA Galaxy



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Re: On the importance of tonight's victory.

“We got to talk about this a little on the podcast this week, this being a great chance for us to just change the momentum. Get a big-time rivalry win, three points on the board and get us in a good mode going into a really tough stretch for the next three weeks, with a midweek game for each of the three weeks. So it’s going to be, our athletic trainer knows the exact amount of games in how many days, but it’s a lot. So, this is good for us. We showed a lot of resiliency, giving up what I felt like was two soft goals, I didn’t feel like they had a ton of chances. If we can sure that up, obviously our offense and our attack scoring is huge for us. A lot of positives, for sure, to take from this game. Still things to clean up, but a lot of positives.”

Re: On what this victory says about the mentality of this team as a whole.

“We know we have that DNA, and it’s the type of team that you need to go far in this league and to win trophies. So, being able to show that, I think now at this stretch of where we’ve been, the kind of season we’ve had, the amount of side tournaments we’ve been fighting for. To show that resiliency now, I think it’s going to be huge for us as we make a push for top spot in the West, make a push for the MLS Cup. So, yeah, really proud of the guys.”

Re: On what was going through his mind leading up to his goal in the first half.

“As soon as I get into that spot with the ball at my feet, I just get so excited. I try to make the best decision in the moment. It’s not always easy. Sometimes you’re so excited you’re wanting to do something yourself. For that specific play, Carlos [Vela] was trying to feed it through to [Denis Bouanga], it hits off my foot, comes down in front of me and it’s just one-on-one at that point. The best option for me was to do what I did, which was cut inside and take a shot. I was able to get the shot off quickly, so [Jonathan] Bond couldn’t set his feet. Sometimes, I try to tell the strikers that it’s not all about the beautiful, curved whip, Carlitos [Vela], back post. If you can get a solid shot off, keep it low, keep it on the ground, make the keeper make a save, they go in a lot more often than they don’t.”