

POST GAME QUOTES
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LAFC vs Real Salt Lake



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RE: On the team struggling to score goals:

“I think tonight, you saw as well, just lack of quality in the key moments to set up real chances. Reasons for that; I think I did see a little fatigue creep into the legs tonight. Then you see a lack of concentration, a lack of coordination and that results in poor passing of the ball, a poor first touch. All of that, you need, in order to create real chances and finish your chances. I think that’s one of the reasons for tonight, I also think just some of our attackers are not performing at their highest ability. That’s somewhat explainable or understandable, but these are professionals and that needs to improve.”

RE: On if any big-picture changes need to be made for the long-term:

“No, I don’t want to make too big of a deal out of it. It’s just kind of a phase. You’re trying to play in a very controlled manner, control matches, but at the same time create more chances than the opponent. Which we’ve been able to do in all of the games that you mentioned, as well as tonight. Tonight, was the first time we conceded, which obviously was not ideal. But playing in a controlled manner and having enough offensive firepower to be better than the opponent is fine. There’s nothing wrong with that. I think we saw it all last year, we were quite effective. It just took one better moment than the opponent and we’re not having that moment right now. But I believe it’s just a phase.”

RE: On the mood in the locker room:

“I think you can imagine. Players are tired, disappointed, also upset. They have all of their individual pride and honor, and they want to correct the situation. We would all prefer a more of a break in between games, but that’s not the reality. So, my message to the group is, ‘Look, this is what it is and let’s make the most of it. Let’s not make excuses. Let’s not cry about it and let’s move forward.’ And that’s exactly what we’ll do.”