

**POST GAME QUOTES**  
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**LAFC vs Tigres (Campeones Cup)**



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**RE: Thoughts on tough loss**

“Not happy about it. It’s hard when it comes to a shootout anything can happen. We felt like we had the better chances and having our goal called back the way it was feels unfair, illegal, but we put ourselves in a good spot to win the match so there’s a lot of positives to take from it for sure, but sometimes that’s football.”

**RE: Did the refereeing decisions play a part in the loss?**

“Yeah, it was terrible on both sides of the field. These guys are more experienced than that, it needs to be better. The fact that the play goes on for 45 seconds and then he says that a ball was rolling is just... I don't know what to say besides getting fined for saying something bad, but he knows it's unacceptable and when you have a cup on the line, he needs to get a fine for that too. He needs to be held accountable for a call like that. So, if it's rolling – he's saying the ball was rolling – when Giorgio puts it back into play and if that's true the play gets called dead 30 seconds before. The fact that there's two passes, a give-and-go, a dribble, cut inside the box and then a goal... I don't even have a category for it.”

**RE: How do we move past this for the remaining MLS matches?**

“We look back at this game really proud of what we did, lots of positives the way we played we were the better team that created more chances, they had nothing dangerous, they had one little scrap in the 80th minute, which was just deflections and bounces, sometimes that’s football, but they created nothing. That is something that we can take as a positive and be ready to move forward. We also had our chances to put some goals in the back of the net and we need to be better at finishing, even if it’s just one or two or three good chances. We’re used to having ten really good chances in a game and therefore we score three goals, and we need to be better in the games where we only create three solid chances and we’re still scoring.”

**RE: The first half didn’t feel like a final, but the second half it really ramped up:**

“Both sides were a little bit cautious trying to not to let anything happen early in the game, not to get undisciplined and let up a goal early and you could see that from both teams, a little bit cautious, and then in the second half both teams were going for a cup, so that’s to be expected in a final like that.”

**RE: Was it the plan to put McCarthy in for penalties?**

“We didn’t plan for penalties, we planned on winning it in 90 minutes. So, I don't know, but I know McCarthy is good in penalties, and so is Max, so it was a coach’s decision that I trust.”

**RE: Comparing the Leon game vs the Tigres game?**

“You talk about the goal being called back and things that are out of our control are out of our control. It’s something I’ve never seen in 13 years as a professional, it's unbelievable. Sometimes it just gets taken from you in that way, I think we put ourselves in the spot to win a shootout and win a cup, but shootouts can go either way. It’s hard to be frustrated by that, I think there's a lot of positives to take from it.”