

**POST GAME QUOTES**  
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**LAFC vs Minnesota United**



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**RE: On if there were any tactical changes that led to the surge in shots and goals today:**

“Nope. That’s what I expressed this week in the pregame press conference, but also last week in postgame. Just continue the course and keep working. Put your head down, put in the hard work on the training field, which guys have done, and that’s it. It’s a little bit like riding a bike. Guys know how to do it. They know how to play, they know how to score. We were quite happy with our ball progression tonight, from back to front. The speed of play was a little quicker. The speed of passing was faster. Less touches on the ball, which will increase speed of play automatically, and the end result of trying to get off the edge and create chances was more of what we like to see and what we’re striving for. Tonight, it worked.”

**RE: On Denis Bouanga’s hat trick and the team’s overall attack:**

“Well, I think as a coach you’re always trying to get better. For myself and the other guys on the staff, I can speak for them, I think we’re more upset with [Cristian Olivera] than we are happy with Denis [Bouanga]. Our answers for that and our response will be giving him more repetition in situations it looks like he had tonight to try to improve. He’s a young player still, a lot of talent, as we see, getting in very good spots. He seems to understand our model well. I think our initial integration for him, getting him in those spots to understand how we want to play, where we end up beating teams and breaking teams down, he’s got that. Now, it’s just the final touch of just cleaning up his finishing a little bit, but he’ll figure that out too.”

**RE: On if today’s improvement in attack was a natural progression or if there was a tactical change:**

“Maybe a little bit of both. We tried to change a few things on the training field, maybe scheduled things a little differently, tried to change things up a little bit. Those can affect a play and most likely did not. Those are just things we try to change when things don’t go well. In the end, it’s the players deciding, ‘Okay, enough is enough. It’s now the time to start being more effective.’ And they did today.”