

**POST GAME QUOTES**  
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**LAFC vs Vancouver Whitecaps**



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**RE: Thoughts on this new playoff format:**

“It’s weird, we’ve never experienced this before. The MLS is always mixing it up, trying something new. With the way the international break falls in the middle of the playoff run instead of pushing it all before that, they [MLS] wanted to extend it, so this is what you have. I’ll answer this question better on Sunday in Vancouver if that helps.”

“We’re going to Vancouver to play our third time against them in a row so they know what we’re gonna bring and we know what they have. It’s going to be another battle and our goal, one hundred percent, is to go there and end the series.”

**RE: Thoughts on LAFC’s set pieces:**

“In playoff games set pieces can change a game and we knew that coming in. Oftentimes it’s that set piece that opens up the scoring, opens up the game and that’s exactly what happened tonight. As soon as we got that first goal the game opened up a ton, they got a couple goals back and forth and then we responded well in the second half. Strategically that’s a good game plan for us.”

**RE: On his goal scoring prowess:**

“That’s one of the strengths of our team. We got guys that can step up at any moment and score, our eights can score, Carlos playing as a nine, of course, can score, both of our wingers are phenomenal, our defenders, Murillo getting a goal today, I can score. Having that sort of firepower offensively is huge because in a set piece who are you going to mark?”

**RE: Has something been clicking for you lately?**

“I feel in good form. With the amount of games we had there were moments throughout the season where my legs were just so tired and couldn’t recover well and with personal stuff too you have so many ups and downs throughout a season. I’m in a space personally where things off the field are going great, things on the field are going great. My confidence is there, that I’ve had at points in my career, it’s back to that high level of confidence.”

“Even more than scoring goals I’ve been a lot more proud of my defending. Defending hard and making it really difficult for guys to get by me and when I can combine the two of those things well it makes our backline really strong and difficult to get through. I need to continue that form and we need everyone in that form and the guys feel that at this moment that we are in that form.”