

**POST GAME QUOTES**  
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**LAFC VS. Loudoun United FC**



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**Re: On scoring his first goal for LAFC and his journey leading up to that moment.**

"I think it was a great night for me. It was the debut at home I imagined. Obviously, I haven't played in probably 9 or 10 fixtures. It was a day that I was hoping to get, the opportunity, and that was why I was training hard and doing all of the working. And obviously, the relationship with my teammates is very good and it obviously reflected in the celebration of the goal, like you said. The celebration is a little bit of me taking out all that little bit of emotions I had since I got here. Obviously, because I wanted to play and I knew I had to be patient for these moments, for when I was going to start, to respond."

**Re: On the biggest challenges he's faced since signing for LAFC, how he got through them and how much further he has to go to get to his desired level.**

"I think, as an athlete, you're always going to have tough moments. I had an injury, I picked up an injury in January. I tried to work through it but I wasn't able and obviously I had to pay the price, in some way. So it was a day by day journey to keep myself relaxed and obviously not torture myself. When I felt 'I'm at 100 percent', I just thought 'I have to be good each day'. My way of thinking and my philosophy has always been 'The sky is the limit'. We don't stop here and we want to keep on going. Obviously, keep on scoring a lot more goals. This week, I saw the Golden Boot and, for you as a forward, it's obviously a lovely goal."

**Re: On being a striker who does a lot of work off the ball and finds goals at crucial moments.**

"Obviously, how you said it. The high-class player, they have to show that if they have one opportunity, it has to be a goal. Thankfully, it was that day for me. I think, when I start to play with the team and start to get to know each one of my teammates better, I'll have a little bit more touches because it's also my play style. I like to help with the ball also. But I knew today was the first game in a while, first game with my teammates and I knew I had to run, help them, stay calm and I was going to have an opportunity. Obviously, with players like [Denis Bouanga] and [Cristian Olivera] on the wing, it's inevitable."



