

POST GAME QUOTES

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LAFC vs. FC Dallas



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RE: On his biggest takeaways from the team's seven-match winning streak:

"I think the team is playing a mature, professional, complete 90 minutes. So we are dangerous enough going forward, some teams have better solutions defensively against us so we don't have as many clear chances, but every game we are creating chances which is always important to see. And we are not giving up any chances. I think our collective defending is very good. As I said last week, I think part of collective defending is also making good decisions with the ball in build-up play, you are not exposing yourself to too many transitions. When you do lose the ball, it's in areas of the field that don't hurt you as much and on top of that your reactions after ball losses are good, collective, and immediate, which is really important. So you see it all kind of come together. Misfiring at the beginning of the season, certainly away from home and some stretches of home games. Now you're seeing the team compete for 90 minutes and play a very, for lack of a better word, a very professional manner. That's something we asked them to do and I couldn't be prouder of the guys that they're being rewarded for their hard work, because it is hard work."

RE: On the biggest challenges FC Dallas presented today and what he would've liked to see the team do better:

"I think our press tonight was energetic and we were trying to be on our front foot and keep them as far away from our goal as possible. We got into trouble when both of our 8's were high-pressing and they were bypassing them and trying to find their 10's underneath. Not a lot of threat after that, thankfully, because they invested nine guys in build-up and so there wasn't a whole lot going on after that, so there wasn't a complete transition for them. But it did cause us some issues and we had to drop our lines a little deeper. I think that was, maybe set pieces as well, can always be an issue. One can always go in. Those were the two changes we saw. Those are the things we spoke about at halftime and we came out in the second half not in a great manner, but after that I think we had things under control. Again, finished the game in a way I thought was clever and good."