

POST GAME QUOTES
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LAFC vs. San Jose Earthquakes



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RE: On the victory:

“We finished up a good week. Two away games and a home game, seven points is really good. The point in Austin, tonight, becomes more important. We capitalized on it. I was really, really happy with the start of the game. Almost the entire first half until the last action. Exactly the game plan, we figured out where to be and what spaces to exploit, how to stretch them a little bit and then finally, how to expose them and create some chances. So I was very pleased. There’s a lot we’ve been working on and it’s always fun for coaches to watch when it actually works, because it doesn’t always work. And after that, I think you saw why San Jose is so dangerous. At any moment in time, they can score a goal. They have four to five very gifted attackers on the field at all times and the way they play, it’s risky but they’re quite dangerous going forward. Thankfully we were able to punish them on the other end to secure the three points.”

RE: On the reason for having Denis Bounaga on the right wing and Mateusz Bogusz on the left wing for the majority of the game:

“We tell the players where to start and we tell them, if they do switch, these are the movements on each side that we’re looking for and these are the weaknesses of the opponents. So they’re aware [of] what to do when they’re on each side. But during the game, that’s not me. That’s them speaking, talking, feeling the game and trying to be as dangerous as possible. I love that they have the freedom to do that and it makes us very difficult to figure out.”

RE: On Mateusz Bogusz’s recent form:

“He’s turning into more and more of an attacker. It’s really good. His finish is quite clinical. His runs are good. He’s always, always looking to get in behind. [He’s] always looking for the dangerous pass or the shot. So he’s just a handful and I think Denis [Bouanga] was always the one to attract the attention and now [Bogusz] is attracting quite a lot of attention too. So it should open up things for other attackers, like [Kei Kamara], who had a goal tonight as well.”