

**POST GAME QUOTES**  
**Saturday, June 22, 2024**  
**LAFC vs. San Jose Earthquakes**



**KEI KAMARA**  
**LAFC FORWARD**

**RE: On passing Wondo**

“I don’t want to pass Wondo. Being in California and growing up here I remember going to Cal State Dominguez Hills and I was one year behind Chris Wonodolowski who was at Chico State. We ended up playing in Houston together and that was where we started our brotherhood and love for representing CCAA and representing division 2 soccer because it wasn't easy for players to make it from division 2 to the league. He just kept setting the bar higher and higher for me every year and I said to him, “You keep going and I’m gonna be right behind you.” To be 1 and 2 is a dream. People are going to say, go and chase him, but I just want to be 1 and 2, me and Wondo, that’s good there.”

**RE: On how he approaches his game style now at his older age**

“Things look a little bit clearer now. When you’re younger you’re focused so much on yourself that when I came back from England in 2015 my soccer changed because I was more focused on tactics, what the coaches print out for you because it’s a script and if you read the script well enough then you will be able to deliver. When I started connecting those dots the game was a bit more clear to me. I also appreciate it more now, being a family man I know I’m playing for the kids because every day they’re celebrating and their friends at school. So I appreciate a lot of things more, so for me to be able to celebrate that is good, but I want to always set bars for the younger guys in the locker room because when I come in and train with them every day, being that young, and I am too [also] putting pressure on them.”

**RE: On Kamara’s reaction compared to the rest of the team about his goal last week**

“It’s great. To me that is what it is, I celebrate with the guys, I can’t score that many goals without people passing me the ball. I’m not a player that gets the ball and dribbles all the way, but to have those connections with all these guys around me. I give them trust so that they can also believe in my abilities.”

**RE: What would you have said if someone told you how many MLS goals you would score on the day he scored his 1st**

“No. I was just enjoying and that is what I have always done in my career. To reiterate, coming from Sierra Leone as a Muslim refugee to this country and becoming a US citizen and having this opportunity to do what I love doing is a blessing, it’s really a blessing. I went to Leuzinger High School, then Cal State Dominguez so to come back to LA it is full circle and I don’t want to stop now because I feel that good, so I’ll just say that before I get softer.”