

POSTGAME QUOTES
Saturday, July 13, 2024
LAFC vs. Columbus Crew



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RE: Opening thoughts on tonight

“Pretty bad performance from all of us. Great performance from Columbus, it’s something that was expected, but apparently, we were not prepared for this and we deserved to lose. I’m very disappointed with the result because that is not acceptable, especially here at home. Thank you to our fans that supported us tonight even while we were getting beat pretty bad. I want to apologize to those fans who stick until the end because this is not who we are and definitely not who we want to be. Simple analysis of what happened tonight, and we have to do better in our next game at home again, against Salt Lake.”

RE: On what impressed him most about Columbus today, and how Columbus responded to LAFC not performing at its usual level:

“Nothing surprised us about Columbus. We knew exactly the kind of team that they are. Also it’s very clear and specific, the way they play. So we were just not good enough with the ball, without the ball, in transition and on set pieces. I think that they were better in every phase of the game. We just talked about it and that’s what Steve [Cherundolo] said about our performance. I agree completely with him. Credit to Columbus, but definitely not good enough from LAFC.”

RE: What does it mean to you that you are captain for one of the worst LAFC losses in history

“My performance needs to be better, not just because of the armband, but because of the position I play on the field which is key to this game model. Tonight I wasn't performing, I wasn't communicating and I think the team felt that from me. Again, this can make me, us, learn from until the end of the season and we are in the race to do something great again at LAFC this season and we must have a response on wednesday. This is not what we expected from us, definitely from me, but one thing that I expect is that we stick together as a team and we work harder these next couple days and that we improve for Wednesday and Leagues Cup.”