

## **POST GAME QUOTES**

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**LAFC vs. Austin FC (LEAGUES CUP)**



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### **RE: On tonight's performance...**

“Result for sure and advancing in the tournament within the 90 minutes, that all went as planned. I was not happy with the first half and we talked about that at halftime, mostly I talked. I was much happier with the second half adjustment and improvements. Seems the first half looked similar to the first 20 minutes against Vancouver and I don’t really have an explanation for you. You know, sometimes when I didn’t do my homework, my parents raised their voice and we had to do that at half and it seemed to work. I don’t really understand why, but when we step up and apply better pressure, we play with more intensity, pass in a faster manner, take less touches on the ball and we look really good. Those were the key messages at half and those will be continually messaged before our next game.”

### **RE: On the field condition...**

“It’s a busy stadium. It’s great to have people here all the time and our stadium operations do their best they possibly can. They’re excellent at what they do and it’s near impossible to have a perfect pitch here.”

### **RE: On David Martinez’s first half...**

“The game didn’t offer him much tonight and there was a lot of work for him and he had to work in areas where he’s not great at yet. His solution was to float around and try to find the game and that is typical of a younger player, tending to get you even further from your goal. We’ll sit down and work with him. It’s normal stuff, nothing alarming, but he is gaining fitness, so every bit on the field is positive for him right now.”