

POST GAME QUOTES

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LAFC VS. San Jose Earthquakes



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LAFC MIDFIELDER AND CAPTAIN

RE: Con esta victoria LAFC sigue con vida en este torneo

“Sí, una ronda más para nosotros. Teníamos enfrente a San José que venía de un gran partido contra Necaxa y sabiendo también que sería una de las últimas barras que tienen para hacer una buena temporada en esta Leagues Cup. Nos hemos tomado el partido muy en serio desde el primer minuto y creo que al final el intentar ser superior aquí en casa ha sido lo que ha cantado el marcador para nuestro favor. Así que nada contentos sabiendo que tenemos que arreglar ciertos detalles, con y sin balón, pero ahora vamos a Seattle en los cuartos de final y volvemos a estar en los momentos importantes en una competición como es la Leagues Cup.”

“Yes, one more round for us. We knew we were facing San Jose coming off a great game against Necaxa and also knowing that it would be one of the last opportunities to have a good run in this Leagues Cup. We took the game very seriously from the very first minute and I think that in the end, trying to be superior here at home, has been what turned the match in our favor. We are not all happy because we know that we have to fix certain details, with and without the ball, but now we are going to Seattle in the quarterfinals and we are once again in the important moments in a competition like the Leagues Cup.”

Re: On what it means to continue to add players with leadership qualities to the locker room, specifically Olivier Giroud:

“It’s a player that is adding so much quality, his pedigree to this group. More help coming our way on and off the field, just because he’s a world class player but also because of his character and personality within the group. His experience is going to for sure add all that to our mix of players, and help coming our way for now until the rest of the season.”

Re: On playing without Timothy Tillman and how his role changes when the team plays with two in the midfield instead of three:

“It does not change or we don’t want it to change, in the way that no matter the formation we start the game with, there are always spaces that we need to cover with one player or the other, right? So I think we are adjusting and improving into this new system of play, but if I’m not doing something or covering some spaces on the field, it’s because someone else has to do it in this new system of play. So it’s all about balance. Same with the 4-3-3, then the 3-4-3 or whatever we’re starting the game with. But it’s all about the players and the connections we have on the field that makes it better and better over time.”