

**POST GAME QUOTES**  
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**LAFC vs. Colorado Rapids**



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**RE: If it feels different getting to these finals compared to last year**

“I am not sure if it feels different. It is still a lot of work, getting to a final is very difficult, whether the schedule is congested or not. We are proud of what we achieved, qualifying for the Champions Cup already. Raising the trophy is the icing on the cake. I am not sure it feels different but there is fatigue in our legs as there is in other teams who go play late in tournaments. The disadvantages are still to come. You have to turnaround after Sunday and play Wednesday in Seattle and travels thousands of miles as well as sleep in a hotel. It could be tough but there is a lot of opportunity for us and there is a lot of hunger in our group.”

**RE: If not winning the finals last year makes this one special**

“It’s interesting. I think both clubs know each other a little better now but I am not sure it makes it more or less important or special. Any opportunity to win silverware is important for us and that’s our goal and all we’re thinking about.”

**RE: Matchup against Columbus**

“They have quality players. They are very set in their ways. They have ways of tweaking their formation a little bit to deal with solutions from opponents. They’re quite good, very confident and excellent at home so we have our work cut out for us but I do think tactically nothing crazy is going to happen to either group. It should be a tight game. I know our group is looking forward to a rematch.”