

**POST GAME QUOTES**  
**2024 U.S. Open Cup Final**  
**Wednesday, September 25**  
**LAFC vs. Sporting Kansas City**



**HUGO LLORIS & OLIVIER GIROUD**  
**LAFC GOALKEEPER & LAFC FORWARD**

**Re: You have both won at the highest level: domestic cups, world cups, everything - what is it like to win an Open Cup?**

Lloris: "I think we can agree - a trophy is a trophy. I think it is the first US Open Cup for the club, so it means a lot for the club. I think we celebrate it with the fans because they deserve the trophy as well - like a family, all together. And we've been in a difficult moment, to be honest, but we expected this game, we expected this performance, and we expected to lift this trophy together and to give a little boost for the MLS season."

**Re: Thoughts on the first cup in the United States?**

Giroud: "I played that final in Leagues Cup when I first arrived - I really hoped to bring the trophy to the club, to the fans. It was a tough one because a final is always difficult to win that kind of game. It doesn't matter if it's a World Cup - when you have to play a final, you have to just go for it and that is what I like. The boys stick together, when were in a tough moment, we do it together and I am really proud."

**Re: The ball comes across and you put it in the net - just the emotions of getting that goal in this game**

Giroud: "In the moments just before I scored, I was expecting the ball just before and it didn't arrive - I was frustrated, but I stayed in the game and stayed offside and I had a good feeling and Mattie [Bogusz] did really well and I was so happy to score another goal in final for the team. Then after we had to suffer, one more time where were stayed together as a team, and we just really wanted to win the trophy because of the Leagues Cup. We are so happy for our fans, for ourselves, and for our families."

**Re: Your adaptation to the team has not been easy. In what way does tonight help in that regard and where do you think you are in that adaptation?**

Giroud: "No I think we are still getting through this and our understanding and our relationship on the pitch. We need to work at training - you don't get a good understanding of the players after a few weeks - it is going to take time but at least we are in a good spirit. We just want to help each other, especially in that tough moment. You have to play a final; you didn't win I think the past 6 games. We were not really confident but most important is the team and we need to work on it. We know we can improve. This cup will bring us confidence for the rest of the season"

because we don't want to stop there. We know we have to be strong the rest of the season to qualify for the playoffs and to go as far as we can in the playoffs. We are hungry. We know our potential, our qualities, and Hugo and myself - we are competitors and we are here to bring our hungriness to win trophies. So yeah, even if we are getting a bit older, we still have energy to bring to the team. That is most important."

**Re: Hugo, you mentioned the team was in a difficult spot right now - what can a trophy in this moment of the season do for the group for what's coming? For Olivier, the team when they signed you, they wanted you to contribute in big moments like these. What does today mean to that?**

Lloris: "I think we got a little bit of tiredness. We had a busy August month and unfortunately we could not win the final against Columbus - it was not easy to get back into the routine of the MLS league. I think this team showed character tonight - personality. When you are ready to face difficulties, when you are ready to step out for the big moment, it means a lot. So now is the moment to enjoy it. But I think it is going to bring a lot of positive energy for the rest of the season. We have a game on Saturday - Cincinnati is going to be tough. But we know that we still have 5 games in our hands to finish as high as we can. Then the playoffs, anything can happen. We know that. At the moment the focus is to finish as high as we can in the league. Then the playoff, who we are going to face - we will be ready. With our talent, with our experience, we are going to try to go as far as we can. And again, to share emotions together with the fans as well - they deserve a lot. They are so amazing. The first thing we wanted to do is share this moment with the fans, and celebrate them, and lift the trophy for them."

Giroud: "Yeah that is what we are here for - to share emotions with our teammates. I think we have had a warm welcome from the first day, and just I want to give it back to them on the pitch. They expect a lot from us and we try to give 100%. As a Striker, I always want to make a difference to help the team. So dealing with frustration sometimes when you are trying, but you don't get the chance to score. Tonight was special - I stayed onside and I was a fox in the box. Mattie [Bogusz] did well and I was so happy for the team. Two goals in two finals - I hope to score more important goals for the team."