

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



**SERGI PALENCIA**  
**LAFC DEFENDER**

**RE: How the moment feels after losing so many**

“Super happy. We definitely feel relieved. I arrived here after the club had won the MLS Cup and the Supporters Shield. Last year we had a lot of finals that we lost so I was a little worried that I was the problem. Today we were finally able to lift that weight off our shoulders and now to continue our ambitions and finish the season.

**RE: His role on the team**

“I’m a really passionate soccer player. I always try to analyze the teams that I like. I watch Inter Milan. I watch all the teams that play with three center backs. It is pretty common in Europe now. You see their movements and using the space. There’s a way Steve understands the game and I understand it the same way. There are a lot of things that we work on and today went well. I feel really comfortable in that role. I always feel comfortable playing a wingback. Today was about putting energy forward and we all did it,