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## Bob Bradley

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BOB BRADLEY: A lot of guys had good games.

### Q. What did it mean for Deandre, that goal?

BOB BRADLEY: Yeah, that's probably his best position -- across the front three but we still think that as he continues to grow, that's a good spot for him.

Yeah, there's still things, timing of runs, he put in a big effort tonight. We need to get him to where he's training and playing and training and playing, so that he can put even more into a game, and he can do it over 90 minutes and stuff.

But look, he's a young player that I've told you guys many times has good starting points, and he's had another one. We told him tonight, listen, just go play. Be one of the best players on the field. Give us what you have. So another good effort.

### Q. Do you know how serious the injury is --

BOB BRADLEY: No, not yet. Some type of -- I think -- I'd better not say just because I could be wrong. I haven't double checked. I have an idea but I'm not sure.

### Q. Kosi coming in, interested in your take.

BOB BRADLEY: Yeah, look, whenever called in, Kosi gives you good effort and a young player that is still developing but defensively, always gives you -- he tries to run. He tries to tackle. Great to see him get a goal. He had a goal last year. Great to see him get a goal tonight.

### Q. What do you think of the team's defense?

BOB BRADLEY: Yeah, I said it at the beginning, asked for a bunch of guys to step up, have big games. Sean, yes. Matt, yes. Aimé, yes. Kobe, yes. I've already mentioned others. Mark, yes. Lorenzo, yes. Jahk, yes. You know, so sometimes with everything that goes on, there's a thing that when seven, eight, nine guys have big games, and your chances of winning go up.

### Q. What did you see that you liked tonight? At times the team seemed to move the ball quickly and leave D.C. in a tough position.

BOB BRADLEY: We moved the ball quickly. Sometimes we played games where depending upon who is on the field and how teams press. It's not perfect. But we still move the ball pretty well. That's not been a big part of our issue at all.

### Q. So what did you see that you liked?

BOB BRADLEY: I saw a bunch of big efforts.

### Q. It's just an effort thing?

BOB BRADLEY: Effort, passes, reaction, the whole thing.

### Q. Earlier this season, you said the guys in the dressing room, they need to feel a big victory and what the feeling of victory was. Given what you guys have gone through during this stretch, how important was this?

BOB BRADLEY: I've said this other weeks and I'll say it again. It's all about wins. It's all about results. And I've said that when you step into a situation, a big project, a small project, a medium project, you still have to show results. And when you show results then confidence and understanding, those kind of things, start to be developed. Then you start to feel like guys are all coming together, so that's important.

### Q. What went through your mind --

BOB BRADLEY: Happy for the group of guys, for the club.

### Q. You don't seem that happy with the win.

BOB BRADLEY: I'm happy. But I tell you guys all the time, there's a lot of work that gets done. This week there was a lot of would work. I told you that. There will be a lot of work next week. That's where it is.



**Q. A quick turnaround on Wednesday. How big is this run going forward?**

BOB BRADLEY: Yeah, got to recover quickly and see if we can get in, again, a number of guys that step up and play for each other and play football and enjoy it and compete and aren't afraid and all that kind of stuff. That's how you become a good team.

**Q. Before the game, the fans seemed to voice their frustration a little bit. Do you understand their frustration?**

BOB BRADLEY: Like I just said, what I told you, I say it every week. It's about wins, and if the results are not as good as they need to be, I take full responsibility. I said that five times, ten times. Say it again tonight.

Good? See you guys.

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