

WHAT DO YOU SAY ?

Taking stock for the first time after two months together, David gave a long speech to his players on Thursday afternoon... Having given them time to digest his words, we meet six players at the end of Friday morning's 'explosive' and tactical session for a short debriefing on the 'David' method.

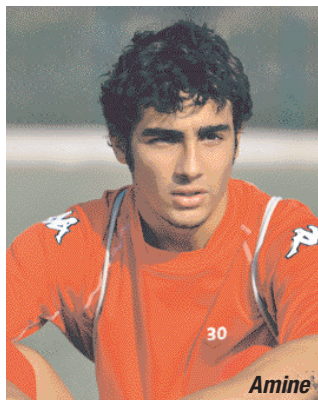
>>> Paroles de joueurs

AMINE BEKRAR

"He gets inside our heads."

"The coach really likes discussion. He gets inside our heads so he can try to understand what holds us back. So he does the technical stuff, the football, but he also does social stuff, and whenever we have a problem off the pitch, he helps us to solve it. He helps us to be free in 'real' life so we can be

here with him, his team talks have always been very positive. He has improved his listening skills a great deal and, at the moment, as there are lots of new players, he's letting us find our feet. He's good at taking a step back, letting us manage ourselves. I understand him and he's starting to understand me. He talks a lot about determination, desire, seriousness... and enjoyment."



Amine

free on the pitch. In the three years I've been here, I've seen a positive change in him, in terms of his willingness to listen. He's very close to his players... He is also someone who gives lots of responsibility, which has helped me to develop and mature. He likes to get us talking, even though we're not a very talkative group, by speaking to us very positively. Then sometimes he says something negative to trigger a positive reaction. It's a way of working that suits me perfectly, both in life and on the pitch."

LAMINE NADIR

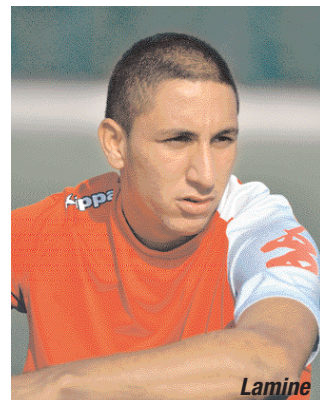
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CHRISTOPHER M'BOUNGOU

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"He always gives lots of information, but he keeps repeating it so that it gradually sinks in. He shows us that he enjoys being with us and, given the effort he demands, that's important. I worked with two coaches at Auxerre and they were very different, especially one who didn't want to listen and thought I was a nobody. He works differently with each one of us, which is important because he takes our personalities into account. He knows us well and his team talks show that because they're always very precise."



Lamine

JOSY YANDZA

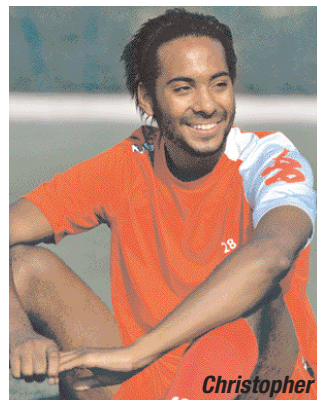
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"Of course, the coach talks to us about desire, precision and excellence, but what he also says is that, to be effective, to take chances, to play with freedom, as he likes us to do in the last 30 minutes, we have to be confident

leap' ones, so I need a bit of that. If we're ever worried about anything, we can go and see him one on one. When I don't understand something, he takes the time to explain it, calmly... It's always very constructive and it's for our own good as well. We sense that he likes us..."

LOGAN KLEFFER

"What he says is spot on."



Christopher

and feel good about ourselves. That's what he tries to give us on a daily basis. Among ourselves, we put ourselves under a stupid amount of pressure... We think too much, we lack spontaneity. I'd love to be able to pay him back on the pitch for everything he gives us. Even if he tells me I'm wrong, I know that, for me at this stage, this is my last chance."

ALLAN RODRIGUEZ

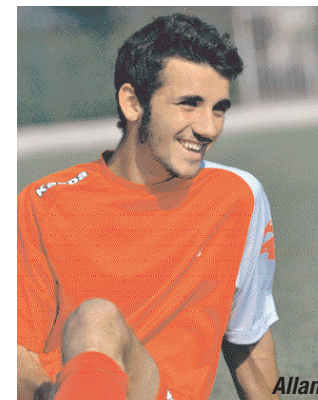
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"He's kind, always there for us, always there to help us. He's very positive. He can also be a bit harsh to wake us up, but we know it's for our own good. I'm one of the 'half-as-

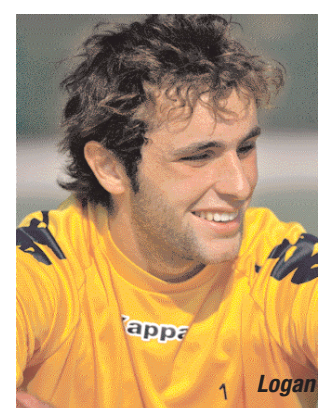


Josy

"He's a coach who's very willing to listen. When I arrived on the Côte d'Azur from my native Alsace, it was a shock... I was withdrawn, kept away from everyone else, alone in my room. He helped me to take the first step; he put me in a twin room... For my next individual assessment, he asked me to find out everything about my team-mates: where they came from, who they were, what they'd done, what they liked... If I ever have a problem, if I don't understand something, I can go straight to his office, he's always available and I like that a lot. Whether he gives praise or criticism, you take it, because everything he says is spot on. He trusts us and I trust him. Ever since I opened up, I've really made progress."



Allan



Logan