



# Postgame Quotes

## Wednesday, November 12, 2014

### Semifinal Game



## South #2 UC Irvine 3, North #1 UC Santa Barbara 2

### UCI Head Coach Chris Volk

(On victory) "Feels great to get the win. We had talked in the locker room tonight and said, you're going to score early...you're going to score late...somewhere in the middle. And they managed to do all three tonight. Last time we gave up a 90th minute goal and that stung a little bit and that's kind of been with us all season, that was our first loss. We knew what was at stake tonight and that was an opportunity to play in the finals for the Big West and we're excited for that opportunity to play in another final for the Big West Tournament championship."

(On key players) "I think Cameron Iwasa stepped up tonight. He got a little bit of confidence scoring that goal against Sac State and he played at a different level tonight. I thought he was very dangerous. The game-winner speaks for itself and [Matthew] Tilley had two great headers in the Big West Tournament. It got the game level and anytime the game's level it gives us the chance to win. They stuck with it and I'm really proud of the total team effort. Complete team effort, a lot of guys played tonight, we really used our bench. Every shift that came in played their roles and played well. I'm really proud of all of them."

(On back and forth play) "You never want to start a goal down in the first minute but we found the equalizer and took the lead and had a little trouble in the back but I never saw our players' heads drop."

(On back-to-back trips to championship game) "Different opponent. The makeup of the team is a little bit different the style is a little bit different but it's just a great opportunity any time you can play in a championship game. It's a lot of hard work and I know Fullerton will be a tough opponent to play against. They have the best attacking weapons that I've seen of every opponent in the Big West that we've played this year, they're multi-faceted in that respect. We've got two days to prepare, break out some film, get our legs back underneath us and play and leave it on the field on Saturday night."

### UCI Senior Forward Cameron Iwasa

(On UCSB's early goal) "It's tough to start a game going down that early, but we knew we had the entire game to score two or even three, and we got three. The mentality is that we can score at any time."

(On team's come-from-behind victory) "It shows a lot of heart – to be able to battle back. Take a lead, give up a lead, then just continue to play hard and come out with the win."

(On possibility of repeating) "You never get tired of raising the cup."

### UCI Senior Forward Dennis Martinez

(On game-winner) "We were able to get the ball on our final third, I was able to pull away from their two center backs, I was able to get the ball and just had a good touch with my right and finish with my left."

### UCSB Head Coach Tim Vom Steeg

(Opening statement) "We gave away the game tonight. I can't remember the last time we gave away the game when it meant this much. Things should have been 3-0 in the first 10 minutes. We didn't put them away and we gave them life. To me, this game was lost in the first 15 minutes."

(On postseason hopes) "Let's just say the game was in front of us tonight. This was the game we had to have and we made too many mistakes."