



Postgame Quotes

Thursday, November 8, 2015

Final Game



#3 Cal State Fullerton 1, #1 Long Beach State 0

CSF Head Coach Demian Brown

(Opening statement) "Couldn't be more proud of the women and the program at this point. Going into the game it was always going to be one of those games where it wasn't necessarily based on skill, it was a final and you had to grind it out and be tougher than your opponent. Our women really stepped up for that."

(On half time speech) "It's a great group in that its not a lot of ra-ra motivation stuff. It's about reminding them who they are. Who we are and what we should do. It helps that we have outstanding freshman like Alba and in the most timely moment do the right thing."

(On last year compared to this year) "Long Beach as a group changed from last year to this year, we changed. I really liked the way we attacked Long Beach in the 2nd half. We never let a group of Long Beach players get comfortable. To look back to last year being on the road and having to save a PK, those were nerve-wrecking things, so this year I think we were more under control."

(On automatic bid) "Having the automatic bid is amazing. For us, it's another opportunity to play in a big game. We'll celebrate this and really enjoy this, then come Tuesday we'll get ready for our next biggest game."

CSF Senior Christina Burkenroad

(On what she said during half time) "I said that we needed to be more aggressive. We didn't have a corner the whole first half and that's definitely one of our strengths. We're a cross and finish team, and it was just a needed reminder."

(On being named MVP) "I'm honored, honestly. It feels amazing. I wasn't expecting it. To compete with such great teammates, I just feel honored."

(On team's disposition) "We stayed calm, we're not a frantic team. We're a possession-oriented team. So staying calm, collected, poised is just who we are."

(On senior year / team's growth) "It's now or never. Every game is the most important game of our lives. Nothing's going to stop us but ourselves. We grow tremendously, through every practice, every hardship, every great moment."

(On whether she's left her legacy) "Definitely, but I don't think we're done here."

CSF Freshman Alba Barrios

(On game-winner) "When I saw Becca do all of the work, she's so good at what she does and so dangerous, I knew I had to follow up just in case, it wasn't a pretty goal but I knew I needed to get it done. I did it for my teammates, I for myself, I play for the seniors, nothing else matters."

(On growth) "Looking at the season as a whole and going into the postseason, I've grown so much in this past year. It's my teammates constantly pushing me, having confidence in myself, it's so much easier to play with confidence when your teammates do the same thing. Their energy and vibe when we step on the field for practice... it's go time. You can't teach it. It's the program you just have to feel it."

LBSU Head Coach Mauricio Ingrassia

(Opening statement) "I'm very proud of my team. I'm very proud of their growth this year, I'm proud of their efforts. Today was a little bit of a bad day for us in terms of we had a hard time, technically, on the field. Hard time connecting with each other, and we made one mistake, and it cost us. They can hold their heads up high - I told them they're champions that just lost a game. We're very hopeful that our season is good enough to get an NCAA bid tomorrow, when the selection show comes out. We have three top 50 results because of our hard schedule, so we're hoping that tomorrow will bring good news to us."

(On Big West and powerhouses) "I just think that it goes in cycles, and we have a lot of good coaches in our conference that work extremely hard, so their hard work pays off. I'm proud that we always seem to find our way into the conversation - this is our fifth final in eight seasons."