



Postgame Quotes

Thursday, November 3, 2016

Semifinal Game



#4 Long Beach State 1, #1 CSUN 0

LBSU Head Coach Mauricio Ingrassia

(Opening statement) "An unbelievable performance by the Northridge goalkeeper and an unbelievable season she had. You saw her brilliance tonight. I want to congratulate their team and coaching staff. To go through the Big West without allowing a goal in six-straight games, I don't know if that will happen again. Hats off to their entire program. I'm ecstatic about our performance tonight. Our players showed a lot of maturity. We've been talking about our youthfulness in certain positions. Tonight I told them at halftime that we're all going to grow an extra year in these 45 minutes, show me that you're ready to mature. They never took their foot off the gas, they played an outstanding 90 minutes."

(On first meeting with CSUN and tonight's meeting) "Our team is way further along than the first time we played them and that's figuring out match-ups, systems... we had such a hard preseason that we started league with a little bit of a hangover. That really messes with you and your confidence. There was a lot to lose on our end, maybe that game we weren't as loose. It's a process. We're a much stronger team from every position and collectively now."

(On possession) "I think we were moving the ball super well. There were a couple plays where we had to make some plays when the service was in the box, or we were one extra pass away from something. But I feel like we suffocated their exit from the keeper. We didn't allow them to get in a rhythm. We wanted to work five percent harder at every spot on the field."

(On corner kicks) "I think it shows territorial dominance and also how well we were able to keep the ball. If a team doesn't have it they can't penetrate. Our back row has really stepped up. We'd like to cash in on some of those."

LBSU Senior Ashton McKeown

(On shutout and defense) "They came in ready to play and ready to step up. Our two center back are both freshmen but they play with so much maturity. The confidence I have in them is so high. I trust anyone that steps in our back line. They all have my complete confidence. We just trust each other. Our communication was great tonight."

LBSU Junior Ashley Gonzales

(On game-winner) "Moving it around like coach said before the game, that's what we did. Jessica [Vincent] found me to the touch and I scored. Us moving the ball and when to play that final pass."

CSUN Head Coach Keith West

(Opening statement) "I have to congratulate LBSU they played a hell of a game. We just didn't have it today."

(On first meeting with LBSU and tonight's meeting) "[Ingrassia] did a much better job of backing our team up, we have a pretty good defense and he did a good job. I think it just came down to individuals making plays. At this level if you can't find a rhythm and you start to doubt what you're doing... I don't think there was much of a difference."

(On Jovani McCaskill) "JoJo is fantastic. The last couple of games, she's been stellar. Our team in front of her has done a pretty good job. They made her life really easy early on in the season and the last couple games she really stepped up and showed that she was the goalkeeper of the year."