



Postgame Quotes

Thursday, November 3, 2016

Semifinal Game



#1 Long Beach State 1, #4 UC Riverside 0 (OT)

UCI Head Coach Scott Juniper

(Opening statement) "That was one of the most memorable games I've been a part of and one of the most memorable teams I've been able to coach. Super excited to get back here and to take on Long Beach."

(On the win after dropping the regular season head-to-head) "The massive satisfaction has been being able to go through what we go through every day, the opponent is incidental. It happens to be a team we just lost to a few days ago but these guys know what it's about now and it's about the next opponent."

(On Grayson's playing time) "If Grayson's cleared to play, she's playing. She's one of our team captains and we trust her. She was cleared to play and she wanted to play. It's an easy decision for us."

(On overtime) "They were unbelievable. I lost count of how many times they put a big long throw into our box. When you start to get tired you aren't always perfect. What you saw today was 10-11 players who were throwing themselves in front of that ball. They were ready to do whatever it takes to stop the ball from crossing that line."

(On rematch with Long Beach) "We've played Long Beach a few times, we know them very well, they know us very well."

UCI Junior Grayson Galbraith

(On game-winning PK) "I've prepared all my life for that. It's just another PK. Earlier in the week we addressed it and tonight it was just place it and let's go."

UCI Junior Noel Baham

(On PKs) "After our first miss I don't think there was any doubt that our keeper would come through. Maddie [Newson] came up, they missed the next two and we finished it off, Grayson [Galbraith] finished it off."

(On determination) "It all started with the preseason poll that ranked us 77th that lit a fire. We put everything into training and we leave everything on the field. It's our first year at the Tournament so I think we're going together as sisters, I've never been a part of a team that's so close."

CSF Coach Demian Brown

(Opening statement) "Extremely impressed with my women, definite congrats to UCI for our two programs to battle the way that we have. We wish them all the best as they go forward. For our women, Jen [Stuart], Sarah [Fajnor], I just think over the last five years for our program to be in the conference tournament, represents the program for what we've been. And what we continue to be. Major congrats to senior class."

(On 'what went wrong') Nothing. The game ebbs and flows and that's the sport. I think you can pick it apart and there are things you'd like to have back, but I'd say more things went right when it comes to what we want our soccer to look like. For that reason I'm very proud of our women."

CSF Senior Jennifer Stuart

(On not advancing) "If that's what it takes for us to lose, I'm ok with it. I'm so proud of my team. I couldn't be more proud of my team and the season that I've had here, I'm really optimistic about our future classes coming up."

(On her CSF career) "I'm just so thankful. I'm thankful that God gave me this opportunity. I didn't have to, I got to. I loved coming out and grinding it out every day and every game. I'm ready to move on to the next chapter."

CSF Junior Sarah Fajnor

(On becoming a scoring threat) "Going into my first two years I struggled finding the back of the net and we hit conference and something clicked. As a senior and a leader on this team I will take responsibility for not having a streak of however many minutes we had being scoreless."

(On comfort up front) "I wasn't close anymore. I focused on doing the little things right. It wasn't about power it was about keeping it on frame. Some of my goals have been really ugly, toe pokes. But that's ok, because a goal's a goal."