



Postgame Quotes

Sunday, November 6, 2016

Championship



#4 Long Beach State 3, #2 UC Irvine 0

LBSU Coach Mauricio Ingrassia

(Opening statement) "I'd like to congratulate UC Irvine on a great season. They had 13 wins for a reason, the game went our way. We scored on the first set and we came out very strong, but you could see their quality in the second half, they made it difficult for us in the second half. I'm confident that Irvine is going to use this and move forward. I'm excited for our conference teams like Fullerton, Northridge, even teams like Riverside. Riverside was our toughest game this year. Hawai'i, Davis, Cal Poly. And UC Santa Barbara. We're hoping we can be like the men's side where we can put two, three team in the Tournament. I'm excited to be sitting here. After two heartbreak losses, to be lifting the trophy, at home, in front of our fans and alumni."

(On title "This was the elusive title for us, for this group. Coming up with this victory, I think it shows the strength of the program. This is a players' game. And I have two very talented ones right next to me and 29 others who have contributed blood sweat and tears. For us to do it at home, it's an indescribable feeling."

(On season) "It's a process, you grow week by week and we watched film today from the first time we played UC Irvine and we were able to recognize different things. When you go week by week, even if it's a set back, there's a reason for that setback. Maybe tweak a thing here and there. Mimi [Rangel] being able to float in between players, as you saw today. Ashley [Gonzales] is so competitive and addicted to scoring. We changed a couple tiny things in the formation and all of a sudden those couple of changes, make a difference."

(On Mimi Rangel's decorated career) "Mimi is the most decorated player in LBSU history, to get the individual awards she's gotten, it's not fair to compare. Nadia is Nadia and you can't compare anyone to her or anyone to Mimi or anyone to Ashley. They're stars in their own right. To see her humbled right now, it's a testament to her, she's our leader. This team is hungry. They're humble. They don't complain. All of these little things add up. For me it's an honor to work around the wonderful young ladies that I've been blessed to coach."

LBSU Senior Mimi Rangel

(On MVP honor) "It's a huge honor for me but I live for the moments with my team. Everything I've been through, I cherish the memories. It's all about the team I'm all about the team. I would not be here without them or Mauricio as well. I'm beyond blessed. We've all been working hard, we just have to keep motivating each other and see how far we can go."

(On her first thought after winning the championship) "We're going to the dance, that's the first thing for sure. The past two years we've gone to the final and the result isn't what we wanted. Our alumni is huge here. Nadia came today and I was just sitting in my chair and I couldn't wait to get out on that field. I thank the alumni for all the work they did to get us here. I'm excited. The first thing is we're going to the big dance."

LBSU Junior Ashley Gonzales

(On offensive success in championship) "I wasn't surprised. We've worked hard all week for it. We talked about it and talked about it but to execute it was amazing. To see us putting away our set pieces, it was just amazing."

UCI Coach Scott Juniper

(Opening statement) "Congratulations to Long Beach State, it was a big victory for them, we're disappointed but they played very well in the opening stages of the game. Congratulations to them on their season and wish them all the best in the Tournament next week. What I was reminded of today was that our conference top to bottom has really improved in a huge way in the 10 years that I've been here. It's a ferociously competitive conference and everyone deserves recognition."

(On "You look at our season in its entirety and it's difficult to sit here now, all we can think about is what happened in those last 90 minutes. But I told these guys after the game that now is the time to look back and really appreciate how well they've done. It's a huge season for them, we're coming off of a few years where we felt like we under-achieved and these guys have built a winning culture."