



Postgame Quotes

Thursday, November 6, 2014

Semifinal Game



#3 Long Beach State 0, #2 Cal Poly 0
Long Beach State wins on penalty kicks, 5-4

LBSU Head Coach Mauricio Ingrassia

(Opening statement) "I want to congratulate Cal Poly on a great season. They came to our place and they were ready to play and we weren't. We learned a lot from that game. The players showed a lot of guts today and a lot of heart. We live to see another day."

(On penalty kicks) "I felt the game had ebbs and flows and we did a great job of staying in the game and turning the tide our way. I felt like we found our legs at the end of the game. I felt good going into overtime. The PKs, we practiced and we executed. Ashton [McKeown] is a great shot stopper. We knew she was going to get one for us. There's nobody that deserves this more, to get that last PK, than Vania [Robles]. She has come a long way and I'm super proud of her."

(On Sunday's championship game) "I have a lot of respect for Cal State Fullerton and Demian [Brown]. We're looking forward to it. We're looking forward to playing in the Big West championship. This group has done a lot to get us here, we're looking forward to representing Long Beach State in the Big West finals."

LBSU Sophomore Goalkeeper Ashton McKeown

(On penalty kicks) "It all goes blank to me. I just focus on what I need to do. Mauricio was saying how the team is so solid and how the team supports me so when it's my turn to do something, I'm expected to step up and do my job how they all do theirs."

(On what stood out tonight) "One of the things apart from the Pks, one of the big things I want to recognize, was one of our defenders was hurt so one of our freshman had to step up and she killed it, Allie Emmons. She really stepped up. She showed up."

LBSU Junior Forward Vania Robles

(On penalty kick) "Going into it I knew that I had to block everything out. I just knew that I had to stick to where I was going to go. Afterwards, it was just the best feeling ever. To be able to say that I was able to help my team get through means a lot."

(On Sunday's game) "This is just the start, it lit us up. This is the start of everything, we still have a long way. Everything we've been through this season, it's all practice. This is where it really starts."

CP Head Coach Alex Crozier

(Opening statement) "I thought we played well. We stuck to our game plan, we came out, we pressed a little bit. We created some great chances we just didn't finish them."

(On switching goalkeepers for penalty kicks) "In the course of practicing goalkeepers over the season, it became apparent that Heather was better than either of them. I wouldn't change that, she did a good job, she's very active in goal."

CP Sophomore Forward Megan Abutin

(Game from offensive standpoint) "For the team, it was back and forth. We definitely, I thought, had better opportunities than they had, a lot of close ones, overall we just didn't put away the chances we had."