



# Postgame Quotes

## Saturday, November 7, 2015

### First Round Game

### (N2) Cal Poly 1, (S3) UC Irvine 0



#### **Cal Poly Head Coach Steve Sampson**

**(On the win):** "I hate to say that we've punched our ticket to the NCAA's, but I think regardless of what happens going forward, I think what we have done over the course of the season and the fact that we have a very good RPI, makes it very difficult for the NCAA Committee to leave us out. I think we deserve the right to go. Again, we want to make the job easy for the NCAA Committee, so it's important to go to Fullerton and win that game."

**(On Justin Dhillon's goal):** "The early goal was huge. The way that it was created, the great cross by George Grote and the tremendous finish by Justin Dhillon, did set the tone for the beginning of the game. They (UCI) were chasing the game for 85 minutes. To be honest, there were times we were holding on for dear life, and where we couldn't find our rhythm in the midfield, so credit UC Irvine for playing such a fantastic game."

**(On Wade Hamilton):** "Wade Hamilton is one of the best goalkeepers in the country. He came up big, even in the last 10 seconds of the game for us. Wade came up big on a number of different plays. I'm really impressed with Wade, and continue to be."

**(On going forward):** "I still think we have room for improvement. We did not possess the ball today the way we normally like to possess the ball. Obviously, the opponent had a lot to do with that. I think they played very well shutting down our midfield and our ability to play through the midfield. Our narrow field also helps in that regard because there is less space for them to have to cover. But I believe when we get on a bigger field like we're going to see at Fullerton that tends to be an advantage for us. I believe that this team has yet to play its best soccer."

#### **Cal Poly Junior Forward Justin Dhillon**

**(On his goal):** "I think we had a set piece kind of far out, swung it in and the ball was fortunate to bounce out to George (Grote). He just locked eyes with me and picked me out. From there it was pretty easy from inside the six. Credit to George on that one."

#### **Cal Poly Senior Midfielder Wade Hamilton**

**(On UC Irvine):** "Irvine did a good job playing against us, getting behind us and creating opportunities. You try to get the ball up and out, but if you can't, it ended up being a corner kick."

#### **UC Irvine Head Coach Chris Volk**

**(On the game):** "That was a playoff game. That's what you want the Big West Tournament to be about. Credit to Cal Poly. Defensively, very well organized and one of the top goalkeepers in the conference. We had plenty of chances to score."

**(On UCI's statistical advantages):** "It can be a cruel game sometimes. Statistically, I thought – even possession – was favorable for us, but at the end of the day people look at the result, and Cal Poly won 1-0."