



Postgame Quotes

Saturday, November 8, 2014



First Round Game

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Cal State Fullerton Head Coach George Kuntz

(On the win): "I've been here so many times. We've tried to teach these guys a winning culture and they're really absorbing, they're learning. They've really been great students, and I've really got to give it to these guys. We started 0-3-2, and they've come back, learned a lot of lessons on how to get in tight games and win them. So I'm really proud of them not to give up. They showed a lot of discipline and composure."

(On Nigel Patterson's game-winning goal): "We tried to create a pinball effect. At that time, we've only got a few seconds left, so we just tried to put it in the mix and see what happens. And that's exactly what goes on when desperate teams are under siege, they do desperate things."

(On the goal by Ian Ramos): "We've been looking for him all season to step up big. And he's picking the right times because he had a slow season to start with some injuries, and he's come back from those injuries. He's playing with a lot of confidence right now, so we've inserted him back into the starting lineup up top where he's most dangerous, and he's showing what he's worth. He's a game changer when he wants to be."

(On next opponent UC Riverside): "Riverside is a great team, and we're playing there. Whenever you play there, you're dealing with the lights, you're dealing with the crowd, you're dealing with the synthetic turf. It's the only field that we play on that's synthetic turf, so everything is different for us. And we've got to prepare wisely. It's going to be a tough battle for both teams."

Cal State Fullerton Junior Forward Nigel Patterson

(On his game-winning goal): "We were battling it out until the very end, but then we got a corner kick, and right then it was the perfect play we needed. It (the ball) went out for a rebound, Spencer (Johnson) got a hit on it, and it went right into the scramble. I just ended up toe poking it in."

(On UC Riverside): "It's a tough game. We're going to come out strong against them."

Cal State Fullerton Senior Midfielder Ian Ramos

(On his game-tying goal): "As soon as I saw that ball coming to me, I just had to take a shot. Took a touch, followed through, and it went in."

(Better goal in his career?): "Not that I can think of. But it was a really clean hit, and it felt really good."

(On how the goal changed the team's attitude): "It gave us a boost of energy. I think some of us felt like the game was almost over, and we needed hope, and that goal gave us hope."

(On the upcoming game against UC Riverside): "It's not going to be an easy game, I'll tell you that. The last two times we had ties. It's definitely going to be a battle."



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UC Davis Head Coach Dwayne Shaffer

(Overall Thoughts): "I thought it was a good overall game. It wasn't the most exciting, intense, game we've played all season, but I feel disappointment, I feel for the seniors. I felt like we had a very good season and today did not just go our way."

(On Cal State Fullerton's second half push): "After scoring first, we should have been able to close out the game a little bit better than that. Unfortunately, it didn't happen for us. I thought my team played really well all season long. Today, it seemed like our energy level and our intensity were down a little bit, but that's gotta be expected after playing 14 overtime games. Maybe today, finally all of that got to us."

(On the atmosphere): "It was a beautiful day to play. We had a great crowd, I appreciate all the support from the Aggie Pack, the students, and the UC Davis soccer supporters. It just wasn't our day."

(On what he told the team after the match): "I told them to keep their heads held high, they should be proud of themselves. We lost only four games on the season -- four out of 20 -- and, anywhere around the world, those would be great results. Two of those were in overtime, one was to the No. 2-ranked team in the country and, today, we lost with just nine seconds left on the clock. My team does everything right, but it just didn't go our way."

(On the senior class): "They've established themselves as great players in our program. Ramon and Brian did a phenomenal job defensively throughout their careers, Andre Brown was a force in the center midfield for us, Matt Sheldon was our leading scorer, had a great career. I thought all of them had great careers, they were awesome people to work with on a daily basis at training, always came with a great attitude, always willing to work hard and improve everyday, and they're all on course to graduate. I couldn't ask for anything better."