



Postgame Quotes

Saturday, November 5, 2016

First Round Game



(N2) Sacramento State 2, (S3) UC Riverside 1

Sacramento State Head Coach Michael Linenberger

(On the win): "I thought the crowd and the environment helped us today. I thought we started to get a little bit fatigued in the second half, and I thought the crowd kind of kept us going, and we found a little bit more energy."

(On the program's first tournament win): "It's fantastic. Being able to host a Big West game for the first time and to win is great. We can't be happy just to be there. We want to have an impact and make a dent in the tournament."

(On the beginning of the game): "Although we scored first, I thought they actually had a lot of possession early on. I thought we looked a little bit tight and nervous, which surprised me. In training this week, our guys were really loose. In fact, that scared me a little bit because I thought we were too loose. There has got to be a little bit of nerves. But we kind of weathered the storm and scored first."

(On next opponent CSUN): "CSUN is a very good team and obviously they got a rest today. I thought when we went down there during the regular season, it was a really good soccer game. I thought both teams played really well – good, possession-oriented soccer. I thought it was a pretty even game – they scored late. But having been there and played them, hopefully that gives us a little confidence."

Sacramento State Senior Midfielder Ivan Ramirez

(On the win): "It was a great effort by our team. We started off slow but gathered ourselves at halftime. We weren't the best on the day soccer-wise, but definitely had the motivation and effort."

(On the penalty kick goal): "I was obviously nervous because it's a big moment in a playoff game. I just saw the keeper cheat a little bit, so I went the other way and luckily it went in."

(On the program's first tournament win): "It's big time because this whole season our big thing was play for ourselves and get respect from a tough league. Doing what we're doing with the veteran squad we have, it's just coming together. We're finding our chemistry right now."

UC Riverside Head Coach Tim Cupello

(On the game): "I thought our guys worked really hard and showed a lot of character. I'm very pleased with our guys approached this season and this game."

(On the seniors in the program): "It's always hard to see somebody's career end, and I can't thank them enough for what they've done for this program. They've bought in to everything I've tried to preach as a head coach, and they're leaving this program in a better spot than where they found it."

(On Romario Lomeli's goal): "He's been doing that all year. He's a heck of a player, a special player. He has the talent to really unlock a game and step up in big moments."