

Postgame Quotes Saturday, November 15, 2014 Championship Game

(S3) Cal State Fullerton 0, (S2) UC Irvine 0 Titans win 3-2 in penalty kicks

UC Irvine Head Coach Chris Volk

(Opening statement): "It was a great final. Two equally matched teams. When it goes to penalty kicks, somebody is going to win and somebody is going to lose, and unfortunately we were on the other side of the penalty kicks tonight. But I thought there were some quality chances. Their goalkeeper made some good saves. It could have gone either way tonight."

(On NCAA at-large candidacy): "We were No. 17 RPI going into this final week. A road win at Santa Barbara I think should help our cause. Tonight's result actually goes down as a tie. We finished with a record of 14-5-3. We have good results against other top 50 RPI teams in the country. I like our chances."

(On Cal State Fullerton): "UC Irvine and Cal State Fullerton will be a rivalry for many, many years. There's probably a little bit more to it this year just with the coaching change, but it's an amicable, professional derby now."

(On going forward): "I have full confidence in our team if we are fortunate enough to make a selection to the NCAA Tournament, that we can make a run ourselves."

(On Cal State Fullerton): "I look at the big picture. We played Fullerton three times. We had two wins and a tie, and all three of them were shutouts – 1-0, 1-0 and 0-0. Because of the tournament, the winner advanced on penalty kicks tonight. I think we played them straight up all three times."

(On the game tonight): "The fans went home with a great soccer game here in Orange County tonight. It was a tremendous crowd. I think it was our largest attendance for the season. We're going to need that support for postseason. Hopefully we can get a home game out of it. We'd love to have the community support again. The guys thrive on it."

UC Irvine Senior Midfielder Cameron Iwasa

(On playing against his former coach in the final): "I think there was more hype around the first time we played them. By now, the coaching change didn't really matter as much. The first game it was just kind of seeing what it would be like with him (George Kuntz) on the other sideline, but by the third time it doesn't really come into play."

(On the NCAA Tournament): "We should be able to get a spot, and once we get that spot, it's six games to win a national championship. It's all business. Tonight's very disappointing. Everyone's going to be pretty upset for at least tonight, but when we get back to practice on Monday it's all business."