



Postgame Quotes

Saturday, November 8, 2014

First Round Game



(S2) UC Irvine 2, (N3) Sacramento State 0

UC Irvine Head Coach Chris Volk

(On the win): "Tonight was a great team effort. We've struggled scoring goals a little bit, but we were really patient tonight. We knew the goal was going to come. It was just a matter of time, and it was a huge weight off our back when (Matthew) Tilley scored that first goal, and then to answer with a second goal within a minute or two right after, for Cameron Iwasa, one of our seniors and our captain, I thought put us in a good position to get the result tonight."

(On getting Matthew Tilley back): "I think Tilley had an immediate impact on the game. He's been out of the lineup with some injuries, and for him to step in and get the game-winner, and contribute at both ends of the field was tremendous."

(On the UC Santa Barbara game): "I don't think there's redemption factor. I think it's just our next opponent. We just happened to draw Santa Barbara. They've the No. 1 seed. That's the way the tournament is set up. We lost late on a spectacular goal, but I thought the game was probably the tale of two halves, and I think if we can come out and play a full 90 there, and give the type of effort we did tonight and execute, I think it will be a good match."

UC Irvine Sophomore Defender Matthew Tilley

(On the win): "We've been playing well all year, but the last couple of games we've just kind of lost a little grit and guts, and I think tonight we came and got the job done. Work ethic was the big key for us tonight, and that just saw us through the whole game. We were happy to keep a clean sheet, and I think because of that work ethic, that's why we kept the clean sheet."

(On his goal): "I just kind of pounced on it, and luckily I got there first."

(On the Santa Barbara game): "I know the guys are hungry for it. We've been talking about it ever since the last game we played against them and we're ready to go out and do our best, and hopefully we'll get that win and play in the finals."

Sacramento State Head Coach Michael Linenberger

(On the game): "Credit to Irvine. I think they're a good team, and I thought they dominated the majority of the game, and definitely deserved the win tonight. Proud of my team that even after we went down 0-2, two quick goals, I thought we continued to work hard and fight all the way until the last few seconds of the game where we almost got one back. We hit the post at the end, so I was pleased with that. I think it was a great experience for my young group. First step is to get to the postseason, and hopefully we're not happy with the result, and it gives us motivation moving forward to take a step further next year."

(On the season): "Very inconsistent this year. There were some very good moments and some not so good moments. I think overall it was a successful year. This is our third year in the Big West, and always our goal is to get to the postseason and get to the tournament. This is the first year we accomplished that, so I think that's a big step forward."