



Postgame Quotes

Saturday, November 11, 2017

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Championship Game

(S1) Cal State Fullerton 0, (N1) UC Davis 0 (2OT)

Cal State Fullerton Head Coach George Kuntz

(On the game): “Very proud of this team. They have worked extremely hard. We’ve gone through some tremendous adversity this season. We showed quite a bit of resiliency and depth, and we showed persistence. Just a great example for these young men to carry on in their lives, if they just keep persisting, things will get better.”

(On Fullerton’s defense): “The organization of the backline was just really to defend a little higher up the field. I thought our midfielders did a very good job to reduce the number of attacking opportunities and quality shots.”

(On making switch to Alfredo Cortez for PK’s): “It was a selfless moment for our team. It was absolutely the epitome of what sportsmanship is all about. With a guy that is the MVP of the tournament (Paul-Andre Guerin) giving up his spot for a young man who is a great goalkeeper PK saver. To give that up is pretty amazing, and he didn’t even flinch.”

Cal State Fullerton Senior Defender Nicolo D’Amato

(On winning third tournament title): “I feel very blessed. One of them is sweeter than the next. I couldn’t be happier.”

(On the penalty kick strategy): “We take a lot of PK’s at training. Actually, I was more nervous when my teammates were taking it rather than when I was taking it. I felt great when I was taking it. I felt calm. I know my teammates do their routine, and I trust my teammates.”

Cal State Fullerton Sophomore Paul-Andre Guerin

(On making saves): “I dreamed a lot about this game. I think I was ready.”

Cal State Fullerton Junior Samuel Goni

(On switching to Alfredo Cortez for PK’s): “We trust Freddy. He saved a lot in practice. We knew he was going to make saves. We just had to score.”

UC Davis Head Coach Dwayne Shaffer

(On the save by Paul-Andre Guerin near end of regulation): “The header back across...I don’t even know how he got to that. My oldest brother was a goalkeeper in his day and he pulled me aside at the end and he said ‘Three world class saves.’ You don’t throw that term around very loosely. To have three in one game? That was the difference. One of those go in and I know we win that game.”

(On his team’s performance): “Let’s make sure we know, ‘We did not lose the game.’ The game goes down as a tie. It’s just that penalty kicks is what determines it. It’s just unfortunate that it has to go to PK’s.”

UC Davis Senior Forward Noah Wilson

(On the game): “Whenever it goes to penalty kicks, it’s a coin flip. Their keeper had a fantastic game. I thought Wallace (Lapsley) was playing really well too. It’s a hard way to end any soccer game.”