



Postgame Quotes

Sunday November 5, 2017

Championship



#4 Cal State Fullerton 1, #2 CSUN 1
Cal State Fullerton wins on penalty kicks, 4-3

CSF Head Coach Demian Brown

(Opening statement) "I couldn't be happier for our program, on top of the fact that our nine seniors, for them to be able to finish their outstanding career as Big West Conference Tournament champions again, it's almost a speechless type of moment. We talk about these things, we prepare for these things, and to be able to be at this position advancing into the NCAA Tournament again, is just a tremendous compliment to the women of the team, to the nine seniors, to the program, to our Athletics Department for the support they give us. Now we lick our wounds a little bit and get ourselves ready for another very, very important game."

(On overtime plan) "Northridge is extremely dangerous on set pieces, so we just had to keep reminding people to be mindful of the things they're good at, while at the same time not forgetting what we were good at. I think the result of the game is a credit to Northridge, it's a credit to Cal State Fullerton, I think it's a credit to our conference that our conference is doing so many good things from the eight different schools that we compete against. To be able to have a final like this that ends 1-1 and has to be settled by PKs, is just a measure of how strong and competitive our conference is."

(On Fullerton legacy in the Tournament) "As a coach it's outstanding. Obviously I have the absolute benefit of being surrounded by fantastic individuals who happen to be really good soccer players and for a group like Sarah Fajnor's group as seniors, to come through and have as much success as they've had since they've been here, now we look towards the future to what Nana Oronoz's group is going to continue to do. Again, as a coach to be associated with that, there's a lot of pride that goes into that."

CSF Senior Forward Sarah Fajnor

(On Bertsch for PKs) "How do you not have confidence in your Co-Goalkeeper of the Year? Mo's been a rock for us back there all year and during conference she saved a PK and we practice PKs all the time. I can't think of another person I'd want in there. All of the confidence in the world."

(On Raising The Cup) "I was in this exact same position last year, on the flip side of a loss in PKs and it was one of the worst feelings I've ever experienced. To be so close and to have PKs decide and end your season is not what we wanted and to come back here, to be in the conference final, and to win in PKs is sweet revenge for us. A different opponent for us, but to raise that cup again is everything. This is a goal we set the day we lost against UC Irvine last year and for us to get it done is unreal."

CSF Senior Midfielder Nano Oronoz

"I didn't have a single doubt that Mo was going to come up big. We practice [PKs] and she's Co-Goalkeeper for a reason. When she stepped up, we knew she was going to come up big and we're extremely proud of her."

(On Raising The Cup) "Being able to be with a group of girls that you grind with, that you train hard with, you've been through the ups and downs, to be able to come out and raise that cup, it was a very surreal feeling."

CSUN Head Coach Keith West

(Opening statement) "It's a tough way to go down, in PK's, but I was proud of our group, I thought we responded well after the first half. We didn't have a great first half, and we responded well."

(On senior class) "Great people, unbelievable students... Every day they raise the bar for what they're doing off the field. I love them on the field, but what they did off the field in their career here, I couldn't be more proud as a coach."

(On the mindset after equalizer) "Keep going for it, don't sit back, just keep going for it. We haven't been a team to sit back much all year, we weren't going to start then."

(On moving forward) "We got some pretty good young players in our program, and hopefully this hurt them a little bit so they start preparing. This game wasn't won or lost today, it was won or lost in January/February, right? You've got to prepare, and everybody out there, when they get that Division I level and get to this level is it takes months - it takes months to prepare, even years. This is a culmination of all the hard work for all of our seniors and everybody else in this program, over the many years to get to this point. It's not easy, especially in this conference. This conference is a monster."