



Postgame Quotes

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Semifinals



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CSUN Head Coach Keith West

(Opening statement) "Our young ladies battled hard tonight. It was a pretty good offensive output tonight with three goals. I've been saying all year to our team, if you make plays you're going to get the win, so we made some plays tonight and I was very proud of them."

(On defensive effort) "When your forward who breaks the all-time record is back playing defense, you've got a pretty good team doing what you need to do. Our back row has been amazing. Obviously JoJo [McCaskill] was Goalkeeper of the Year. Kirsten Von Meter has been a major factor for us defensively. I couldn't say enough about her performance tonight and her performance through conference. She's probably been the most rock steady player we've had all through conference. Everybody is chipping in. When you've got your senior captain leader playing defense, the team will follow, and that's what they did."

(On what you call Lindsay Kutscher's goal) "The goal of the year? The top 10 ever at Northridge? I look up and I just see her legs above everybody's head to finish off that play. That was absolutely amazing. That was pretty spectacular."

(On facing Fullerton) "Fullerton is one heck of a squad. First game of the year they took it to us a little bit. We're a little bit of a different team now. Sunday is going to say it all."

(On Cynthia Sanchez) "Sophomore year she had 11 goals. Last year she worked so hard, she gave so much into it, I just told her to keep pushing. She did. That's why our team won conference. She's recognized by our conference, why? She's a heck of a player. Tonight is her reward for just keeping pushing."

CSUN Senior Forward Cynthia Sanchez

(On 0-0 halftime score) "It's always frustrating when we keep powering to goal and they're not coming, but our team has been really good this season as to not be discouraged by that and to keep going. Our energy pushed that ball into the net today."

(On breaking the CSUN record for career goals scored) "Coming into the pitch I wasn't thinking about breaking the record. I was just trying to think about what I needed to do to get that game-winning goal to help my team. Today especially I wanted to do as much as I could to will that ball into the goal for us to win and be in the position that we're in today. I'm humbled by all of the support that I've had throughout the season and the five years that I've been here. It's a really, really good day."

(On what was going through her mind during second goal) "That we were in the finals. That was the first thing that came to my mind."

(On facing Fullerton) "We're excited, trying to prove that we're better than we were when we first played them."

UCR Head Coach Nat Gonzales

(Opening statement) "Northridge was very good tonight, congrats to them. We kind of strolled in, we were fortunate to be 0-0 at halftime. They were all over us early and continued in the second half and we just couldn't get our feet under us."

(On second half) "We knew what they were going to bring to us. They brought a different energy. The home crowd was definitely an advantage. We had lost to them earlier in the year and I thought that was an advantage to us."

"We're finishing up stretching today, the scoreline today was hard to take, but at the end of the day, to get here being voted 8th, to be honest the first few games we played like that. We made some changes tactically and the girls bought in. We had a target on our backs and that's a place a lot of the girls have never been in. I think the girls matured a ton. This is not the season people expected. This group is super tight and I thought they did a great job."

UCR Senior Goalkeeper Alanna Guzman

(On tonight) "It's lost for words. Being my senior season, you never want it to end. My backline always had my back. Tonight, they still had my back. When things break down it's hard to recover. I wouldn't trade my backline for anything."

(On senior season) "I'm a fifth year senior and over the past five years, I can say this year has been one of the best. I've never felt closer to my teammates. I've never felt more like a family more than anything."