



2018 Big West Women's Soccer Tournament

Thursday, November 1, 2018

Semifinal Game

Final - (2) UC Santa Barbara 1, (3) UC Irvine 0



No. 2 UC Santa Barbara

Head Coach Paul Stumpf -

(Opening statement)

"I couldn't be more proud of our team playing against a team like Irvine. They are so talented, they do a good job of pressing at a high rate of speed, so for us to keep a shutout, and the players to play with more poise than the coaches, that's something that I'm extremely proud of."

(on Hannah Wendelken)

"Hannah [Wendelken] got into UCSB on her own, and faced adversity before finally playing for our team. So there is so much more to her story than just that goal, and I am very proud of her. I couldn't have drawn up anything like that. The quick goal was all them. And we were able to hold on."

Senior, Midfielder Madeline Gibson -

(on why she's proud of her teammates)

"Proud is an understatement, and we have worked so hard for every win. And with this being my fourth year and getting the farthest I've ever been, and all we can ask is for the team to work hard for the seniors, and they have done that day in and day out. It's been a special year and it's incredible to end on a high note."

(on early goal)

"We've struggled to score early, and we couldn't have scored any earlier than we did this game. It was a great goal and great shot, and Hannah definitely deserved it. I was hoping for more, but we were on top and we held defensively strong and it worked out."

Freshman, Midfielder Hannah Wendelken -

(on team's success)

"Everyone on this team is so hard working. The seniors set a precedent. It's been passed down that we need to work hard to not just get that starting spot but to carry on their legacy."

No. 3 UC Irvine

Head Coach Scott Juniper -

(Opening statement)

This has been an outstanding senior group, and they've grown so much the last four years. They've been through a lot and they've won some massive games here. Definitely disappointed that we couldn't get that win today, but they have so much to be proud of."

(on UC Santa Barbara's early goal)

"I saw the midfield pick the ball up and kick a world class shot out of reach of any goalkeeper in division I soccer. It was a world class goal. If there was going to be a winner, you want it to be a goal like that."

(on senior class)

"They took a culture that was pretty good already, and made it even stronger. This group, they only lost five regular season conference games in three years. They've put their stamp on the conference and we're going to miss them like crazy."

Senior, Midfielder Shelby Lee -

(on pressure of Big West Tournament game)

"These games are different, every goal matters in this environment. It doesn't matter if they score early, it was going to hurt no matter what. We couldn't get that goal back but we were fighting for it the whole time, regardless of the score."