

2017 NCAA® DIVISION I WOMEN'S SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP

Quarterfinals · South Carolina vs. Florida

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POSTGAME QUOTES

SOUTH CAROLINA COACH SHELLEY SMITH

"We as a program, as a staff, as players, as everyone involved, are so excited to be moving on. Achieving this is something we have never been able to do before in our program's history and it is an amazing feeling. We are definitely thrilled and love to represent the University of South Carolina in the Final Four. That's something we have worked hard at and (we're) so excited especially for our seniors who just finished a momentous occasion in their last home game at the Graveyard. I'm thrilled, amazed, in awe, and we probably don't have the words to express what we are feeling but it is thrill. I also want to congratulate Florida on an amazing season once again...the standard of the SEC that has been there since the SEC began. What a great game, as we knew it would be. We were thrilled that the SEC was going to be represented in the College Cup which I think is well deserved in our conference. We are glad to be representing, but congratulations to Florida who gave it everything they had and obviously showed how good of a team they are. Obviously we are thrilled and congratulations to Florida on a great season."

On containing Stanford's offense...

"We will definitely watch them this week. We haven't thought too much ahead about anything. We have really focused on trying to get there and worry about the next opponent when we needed to. We have seen all of these teams play at some point during this season, not really studying them, but we know how strong Stanford is—all of these teams that make it to the Final Four are. We probably have one of the best defenses in the country so making it harder for them to find the back of the net will be our goal and we'll make sure we capitalize on our chances."

SAVANNAH McCASKILL

On feelings about going to the Final Four...

"It's definitely exciting. It's kind of hard to grasp all of the feelings at this point but it is definitely an exciting thing and it's just, again a testament to how hard this team has worked all season long from the first day the freshmen got on campus in July, through July workouts, through preseason, and all through the regular season. The show we've put on as a team through this post-season run has just been amazing. It's just really a testament to how hard every single person on this roster has worked to get us to where we are and it is an amazing feeling."

On playing this tournament at home...

"This fan base is one of the best that I have ever experienced. Even when we travel, other schools don't get near the amount of fans that we get here at Stone Stadium. Being able to play all the way through the Elite Eight with that kind of support behind us was an instrumental part bringing energy in those last 10 minutes of the game where teams are just trying to pump balls forward. It kind of gives you that little bit of extra energy and that extra determination to say 'alright, let's finish this game off.' We have people cheering us on to that win and that victory. It's just a crazy environment to be in. It's not even just games, but its people that you come across on campus... Everyone really pays attention to women's soccer and that's a rare thing for a lot of schools across the country. I think that is something special here."

LINDSEY LANE

On what has helped push this team from Elite Eight to Final Four...

"I think definitely just taking one game at a time. We didn't look on to any future games, we just worried about that next game. Not thinking about getting to the Elite Eight or Final Four was a big key to us and just going out each day in practice trying to get better."

On playing a role in both goals scored...

"We were practicing corners a lot this week and I was just trying to hit the backside of the six. Gracie came through, got her head on it and put it in that spot that is hard for the keeper to get to so that is exactly what we wanted to do. On the second goal, I saw an open opportunity, Breukelen laid off a great ball to me and fought off the defender for it, and then just tried to hit it on target. It was a great team effort."