

South Carolina

Head Coach: Shelly Smith

Opening Statement...

Well obviously we are thrilled to be here after a victory. From a couple of years ago we were in the position to just try to get in the NCAA's. Having this feeling where we knew we were going to get in, to putting ourselves in the position to actually, host we couldn't be more thrilled. We wanted to take advantage of being at home, and we did that tonight. This team has played with a lot of pride throughout the year, and at home it seems to be even more so. We are thrilled to be at home, and we are looking forward to Sunday's match. This is our first NCAA win ever. There is not something that we could be more excited about. This team deserves it from the way that they competed at the SEC tournament. Last week they learned how to battle against top opponents they had lost to in the season, and come back and beat them. So we are ready to face in any challenges we may face in the NCAA's. We can give anyone a good run for the money for sure.

#4 Kayla Grimsley

On whether they were frustrated not being able to score on early opportunities...

(Associate Head Coach) Jamie (Smith) said that a couple ranked teams have had to battle it out, and score late to beat teams. We knew that Davidson was going to come out hard tonight, and give us a run for our money because in the NCAA's everyone is ready to play. We just said to each other, "Look guys we scored a goal in the last ten minutes of the SEC's against Georgia, and against LSU. So no matter what we have to battle for 90 minutes." You play for 90 minutes for a reason. You don't for 10 minutes, or 15 minutes. You are playing for 90 minutes. So if it doesn't come right away don't worry we are going to get our chances.

#29 Mollie Patton

On whether there was extra incentive this year to get out of this first round...

I think it was awesome to get a victory at home. The fans that came out were amazing, and it made a huge difference. We always say that we don't lose at the Graveyard, and our fans really pulled behind us tonight. They really made the home advantage, a huge advantage. We had a lot of press, and people have been calling us all year long. It was great to see the whole state to come out and support us. We had people, and alumni come from miles away just to see us play. So we are just trying to prove to them that we are as good as we say we are. We know that we have been holding up to our expectations, and now everyone can see what we can do.

Davidson

Head Coach: Greg Ashton

Opening statement...

I am just very proud of our team. This is our first time that the Davidson's women's soccer program has been in the NCAA tournament. We were very privileged to play here. We went against a very good South Carolina team tonight, and little ole Davidson we gave it our very best. I thought early on in our first ten minutes we played fantastic. We had South Carolina on their back foot a little bit. They showed what a very good team they were. They have some very talented players. We wish them the very best going forward. I am just very, very proud of our team. We have battled all year, and we battled all through this game today.

On whether he felt that he frustrated South Carolina to start the game...

Obviously just hanging in there we have to give a lot of credit to our goalkeeper Jessie Baxa. She really made some amazing saves today. She is just a sophomore, and she has been in and of the lineup. She has been splitting time with our other keeper Loring Ward who is a senior. Jessie showed what a good goalkeeper she is tonight. Our back lineup has really improved over the course of the season. I thought if we could get through till have time that we might be able to have a bit of a breather, gather ourselves then get after things. If we could have hung in there it might have been different. They did hit some very good shots on target, and unfortunately we just couldn't hold on.

#8 Courtney Hart

Looking back on her four years at Davidson...

The first three years here we always felt we had a chance, and we always came out strong at the beginning of seasons. So it was a little different this year when we came out, and were not winning games. I am really proud of how our team fought, and we always put our goals at the back of our minds. We always came out and played hard, and fought hard. Then, we got to sneak in as the fourth seed and battle through the SoCon tournament. I am just really proud to be a part of the first team to reach NCAAs, and hopefully we can lay down for future teams to go.

#16 Kyri Bye-Nagel

On whether they felt they had South Carolina frustrated to start the match...

If we could have kept up our intensity for more than the first ten minutes maybe it would have been a little bit better. South Carolina transitioned it out, and kept piling shots on the goal. They also had some good opportunities before they did finally score.