



NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP

POSTGAME QUOTES

First Round • Columbia, S.C. • Eugene E. Stone III Stadium
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(3) SOUTH CAROLINA 0, CLEMSON 0 - SC ADVANCES ON PKS 4-3

South Carolina Head Coach Shelley Smith

Opening Statement...

Obviously, I am thrilled to be moving on in the NCAA's and for this team. They played their hearts out tonight. It was a great effort by Clemson as well in a good game. That's what we thought it would be, first round of NCAA action play with two ranked teams. It was going to be a battle, and that's what it was tonight. Luckily we put the ball in the net one more time than they did in the PK's, and that's what we needed. Sabrina (D'Angelo) obviously came up with huge saves for us, which was fitting for this team. She has been tremendous her entire career and a mainstay in goal. What a great way to finish her career here at Stone Stadium. We are thrilled to be moving on. Credit to the entire team and the players that stood up there and were really sound in their PK's and making sure that we moved on. It was an excellent all-around effort.



On flow of the game...

It looked someone was going to get a break there. I thought we had times where we looked like we were in pretty good positions. They have a tremendous goalkeeper as well, and it's difficult to score against then. I thought we maintained a lot of the possession, but we had to be better in the final third. I thought sometimes we played into their hands a little bit. That's what we ended up getting, not as many opportunities as we wanted. But, the effort was tremendous by the whole team. We really stayed solid and gave ourselves a chance to win the game. Unfortunately, we didn't get the goal in enough time, but we came through. I thought we deserved to move on.

On extra confidence that comes with having D'Angelo in goal...

It's huge. Sabrina in goal has been tremendous for four years. It gives everyone a lot of confidence in that situation. You could tell she was happy about it. Everyone else was wanting to finish but Sabrina wanted to get to (penalty kicks) and have that opportunity. You know you can trust a goalkeeper that wants to put that on her shoulders.

On South Carolina's opportunity moving forward...

Going into this game, we talked about making a run because that's something that we haven't been able to do. Being sent across the country has been difficult but we have played very well given the circumstances. It is an advantage to travel a short distance, and this team, they don't give up. I know they have a lot more to play for and to show the country that we deserve to continue to be nationally ranked. We have great leaders on the team and again, just credit Bay (Daniel) and all the shooters that stepped up there. They wanted to put the team on their shoulders. That's a huge moment. Those are the kind of moments that we're going to rely on as we move forward. The players want to move on, they want to help each other win games. Tonight, they played together, and I know we'll be able to do that again the next time around. I also think that playing what we have in the month of October and our SEC play and playing Friday-Sundays, we are well prepared to handle that. Our next step is to make sure we get things done on Friday night against the next opponent.

Sabrina D'Angelo - GK - SR

On what goes through her mind during penalty kicks...

It's definitely reading the player for me. I try to read the way their hips open and whatnot. Then it's kind of just a little gut feeling, and you go with it.

On emotions moments after making the game-clinching save...

A whole lot of excitement. The team has saved my butt a lot of times, and it was my turn to kind of come up big for them. As soon as I went and took off to the left, I knew I was saving it, and it was just like "Oh my gosh, I did it, we did it." It's a huge honor.

On avenging the earlier loss to Clemson...

It was just showing that I am the goalkeeper that people say I am and showing that I can make big saves when I need to. That goal was totally my fault earlier on the season (vs. Clemson), and it's definitely a goal that no goalkeeper wants to let in. To come up big in the PK's was huge, but I need to give just as much credit to the shooters because it's not easy going up there and taking those shots and scoring.

Bay Daniel - F - JR

On thought process moments before taking penalty kicks...

Coming up there, you've just got to kind of block everything out. It was better for me because (D'Angelo) had already saved one and done her job. We have this saying on the team, "do your job," so you just have to go out there and finish it off. I knew that if I did it, it would help finish off the last one so it was nice.

