

# **2017 NCAA® DIVISION I WOMEN'S SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP**

Second Round · Wisconsin at South Carolina

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## **POSTGAME QUOTES**

### **SOUTH CAROLINA COACH SHELLEY SMITH**

"We're happy to be sitting here after a win tonight. What a game. That's what you expect in the NCAA Tournament, that kind of matchup. I want to congratulate Wisconsin on the battle and all they've done this year. Someone had to win tonight, and someone had to finish their season. That's the tough part of this tournament. It's a great feeling for us to be on the winning side, like I said they are a great team and I feel fortunate to be moving on. I'm proud of what our team did tonight to find a way to win and am excited for Sunday."

On the success of the freshman

"Going into the game I said that all year we've won games because of the players on the field no matter what class they are, freshman or seniors. By this point in the season, they've had a lot of experience. This season, the freshman helped us from the start and they've just continued to grow as players and we are a better team now than we were. A lot of that has to do with how the freshman have come along, having much more experience than they had in August. Credit to them for being ready but also to our returning players to lead them and bring them along all season, give them confidence and teach them what it takes to be successful. We don't have a team full of seniors like we did last year but the depth we have and the leadership we have from a smaller group of upperclassmen has been tremendous. A huge credit to the players who returned and were able to get these freshman ready."

### **Luciana Zullo (No. 5 Fr.)**

*On her goal*

"It definitely felt great. I got the pass and saw that the space inside to put in with my left foot was open and we hadn't tested the keeper that much yet so just putting the ball in frame was the most important part."

### **Mikayla Krzeczowski (No. 0 So.)**

*On the defense*

"Our defense did really well tonight. Wisconsin is definitely a bigger team. We were focusing on set pieces because we knew that's how they capitalize so we had to make sure we locked it down and that's exactly what we did. Grace Fisk, Jackie Schaefer, Anna Conklin, Tatum Milazzo, and Sarah Eskew all did a great job tonight."

