



NCAA Division I Women's Soccer Championship

POSTGAME QUOTES

First Round • Columbia, S.C. • Eugene E. Stone III Stadium
Nov. 15, 2013

NO. 3 SEED SOUTH CAROLINA 5, FURMAN 0

South Carolina Head Coach Shelley Smith

Opening Statement...

"I would just like to say that I'm obviously thrilled with the victory tonight. I want to give Furman a ton of credit. I know they are disappointed with that result, but they had a tremendous season, a championship, and were a better team than the score indicates for sure. Congratulations to them. We're glad to be moving on. This is an exciting time for us and we had a great year as well, maybe not a championship, but we got close to a championship. We're just glad to give ourselves the chance to move on and possibly win a national championship. This team has worked so hard this year. The goals you saw tonight were because of that hard work and determination. They wanted to make sure they came in here, at home, and finished the season off right. We can't wait to see who our next opponent is, but we're definitely proud of the work done tonight and all season. Everyone did what as asked of them on the field."



On the team's performance...

"As a coach we can always find something to pick on I guess, but they played great. There are things we can look at and say that we could do better. We know what we faced in the SEC where the kind of things you mess up on, you can be punished for. We know the next rounds just gets harder and harder so were going to make sure we are as sharp as we were tonight and maybe a little bit better. Like I told the team tonight, Furman worked really hard to shut down opponents with their speed and ability to defend, but we were great and didn't let them catch up to us. To be able to be able to put away the chances and shots we had was a great percentage. That was tremendous. We did better tonight than we did all season. We would love to take that into our next game."

On offensive threats on roster...

"It's not one single player that teams are focusing on we have players that have stepped up all season when called upon. Our bench has been great at coming in and giving us a lift. The group that came in, in first half, it changed the game and the way they were playing. Sometimes it's an advantage to get off the bench and see how we can get after a team and wear them out a little, but then the next group comes in to see how they can break them apart. The team did their job and finished their chances. I am thrilled with the different goal production and how the players are responding and reading what is presented and taking advantage of it."

On early lead...

"I thanked the team at half time for the lead. It was more comforting than normal but at the same time we had to take care of business in the second half; it's never over and we know that. I appreciated that cushion, but we will enjoy it now and hopefully get some more goals in the next game."

Sabrina D'Angelo - Goalkeeper - Junior

On the goals in the first half...

"It makes my life a lot easier when they are putting the ball in the back of the net. It takes a little of the stress off. I had all the faith in my team that they would score the goals that they needed to, and they did tonight and that's awesome."

On going 11-0 at home this season...

"It's just a huge honor to win 11-0 games at home. You never want to lose at home and our team was determined to win the game, and Furman was a tough team, but we came out and played our best."

Chelsea Drennan - Midfielder - Freshman

On her third multi-assist game...

"I just try my best to put the ball in the front of the net and pick up players and give them opportunities to score goals any way I can do that."

On the opportunity to move on...

"We established goals at the beginning of the season and one of those goals was to win an NCAA championship. Keeping that goal in mind as our end goal was important for our team."

Coryn Bajema - Forward - Sophomore

On the team continuing its season...

"It's really exciting for me because I haven't been able to play for quite a bit of the season because of injury. I am just excited to see where the team can go."

