



NCAA QUARTERFINALS | UNIVERSITY PARK, PA | MAY 21, 2016  
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**Penn State Head Coach Missy Doherty**

***Opening statement:***

It was awesome. It was an awesome win for our program and just an awesome day in general. Our defense just played out of their minds today. They were stopping their main threats. I was so proud of them, how on top of things they were. Emi (Smith) made some crazy saves this game and our mark-up defenders did a great job on their key players so it was the little rattling there and you could see the nerves coming out cause of the immense stress this kind of game provides but I was so proud of them to come through strong and make huge plays when it mattered.

***Q: Were the nerves coming more from you or them?***

A: Maybe that is my fault but I definitely just always want the best for them. They seemed a little rattled in the moment. You're always going to find a time in the game when the other team is making plays and you're a little bit jittery. Those times happen every single game so I called a couple timeouts just to settle the group down to be sure that we're not letting those overwhelm us too much. I think the players did a great job of coming up with some huge defensive plays and then finishing the game strong.

***Q: You mentioned momentum the other day. How much did Kelly's (Daggett) goal really get everything going?***

A: Kelly (Daggett) did a great job coming through with that goal. Our offense is counting on players like her to step up when they're marking our leading scorer as well. It was huge and momentum wise today, we really got it from our defense. They just gave us huge momentum. From Emi (Smith) making some crazy saves to some players getting some really important charges and caused turnovers. I think the momentum really came from our defense.

**Madison Cyr, Senior Midfielder**

***Q: For the seniors, this is your last home game here. How does it feel to advance to an NCAA final four with your last home game?***

A: It was great. It was completely unexpected. We thought our last home game was a couple weeks ago. It was great to play on our home turf and see everyone come out. We're just excited to make it to the final four.

**Emi Smith, Senior Goalkeeper**

***Q: How are you seeing the ball back there? You had five second-half saves and the game could have been easily 6-8 or 7.***

A: Amy (Altig) told me they're going to come out and they're going to be ripping shots so just be ready. The defense did a great job forcing them in a certain direction where I could make a great save or an easier save than just a one-on-one opportunity. They work so hard down the field and I just wanted to back them up and that's what I did.



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**Penn Head Coach Karin Corbett**

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I think Penn State had a great game today and they were the better team. I wish that we had shot a little better we obviously had our chances in that second half with how many shots we were generating but we missed the net a lot and just didn't capitalize. I was proud of my team for how much they fought till the end and that's what this team has showed us all year, that they have a lot of fight and a lot of heart and I'm proud of my team for the season that what we had and we're sad to leave and we wish Penn State the best of luck.

***Q: What do you think this says about lacrosse and Pennsylvania and what you were both able to accomplish with two in state teams going at it, despite the weather?***

A: Pennsylvania lacrosse has been great. A lot of lacrosse for women started in Pennsylvania, so it's great to be in Pennsylvania. We don't have a rivalry with Penn State we really haven't played them much – I know a lot of people have asked us that question. We don't have any ties to Penn State really on our team either, so for us it was just another game and quarterfinals and we were hoping to come here and play our best and come out on top.

***Q: What did they do defensively to slow you guys down after the first two goals?***

A: We weren't attacking as hard in the first half, we were sort of doing one and done kind of things and I felt we changed that a lot in the second half, we had a lot of opportunities in the second half and we made some good adjustments, our kids really started to fight harder and go to the goal more, we created a ton of looks and we just didn't finish on the inside.