



2011 NCAA Tournament - Second Round Quotes

Kansas State Wildcats
Head Coach: Suzie Fritz
Players: Caitlin Donahue

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Opening Statement

"We're pretty excited to keep playing volleyball. I think for a long time, we've been talking about playing our best volleyball in December. I made that same comment yesterday. We have felt like we have hit our stride, peaked if you will, at the right time. I thought we played very well. I'm very proud of my team. They were sharp. They thought they could win. They played with confidence. They executed the things we wanted them to do. It's a big win for us."

On being composed for such a big win

"I think it's just how I am. We thought we could paly with them, honestly. We tried to instill that in our team. Our coaches are tremendous. I have the most wonderful staff. They worked very hard in preparations for what we felt like we need to be good at against Nebraska. We delivered that message to our team and our team carried through. I think we felt we could play with them, simply. But we needed to paly well. Sometimes you do and sometimes you don't. It's frankly how that works. We're playing well at the right time. I like the confidence our team has. We have tremendous team chemistry. We have 15 kids committed,whole hardly to the success of this team. I think it's rare, I think it's unusual, I think it's special. I think it's a big part of why we're doing what we're doing."

Junior Setter Caitlin Donahue

On being in the building before

"Yeah, of course. My freshman and sophomore year, obviously, I played here along with Alex Muff and some of the older girls and we talked about it. We're kind of lucky we're able to come here and play at Nebraska, which is a place where we know the gym, we know the fans, we know what to expect. We're pretty comfortable with the atmosphere. I think that helped us settle down especially when things were getting hectic. Fortunately, we were comfortable and playing in a familiar place was really helpful."

On the mindset of the team in the fifth set

"I think through out the whole match, it was kind of like stay relaxed, stay composted, play our game and stay together. I think a big thing that our team had talked about was working hard and staying together.Going into that fifth set we were still 100-percent confidant. Not one of us had doubts. I think we went into it wanting and knowing that we should win it and that's what we did. I'm so proud of all of us. It's such a reward to be playing with Nebraska who's so great and is one of the top teams. It feels really good. I think our team is really excited."