



Postgame Quotes

(7) Marist vs. (8) Pomona-Pitzer - Sunday, May 16, 2010

**2010 National Collegiate Women's Water Polo Championship
Aztec Aquaplex | San Diego State University | San Diego, Calif.**

(7) Marist 6, (8) Pomona-Pitzer 5 NCAA Championship - Seventh-Place Game

Marist Head Coach Ashleigh Jacobs

Opening Statement:

"First off, thank you very much to San Diego State. This has been a wonderful event and thank you to the NCAA for running it very smoothly. It is great to go out on a win. I am very happy we pulled it together after a bit of a slow start. I am very pleased."

On adjustments throughout the match:

"(The) three-week break was tough. Playing two No. 1 teams back-to-back, mentally is tough. (It's) very hard to rebound and come back out and remember we are a very good team with very good shooters and a great goalie. (Our) adjustments at halftime - not a whole lot of adjustments. The girls knew what they needed to do. Simple things, little fixes here and there. Really, to attack harder. We were waiting for the passes and Pomona had great defense (and was) very active. They had a very strong press. They were doing a better job of anticipating in that first half and getting some steals and swimming out of it. (We needed to make) more movement, bigger moves to the ball and stay on the attack."

On the level of play today:

"Do I think it was our best game? I don't. I think it really showed what we are capable of. Just fighting through and allowing just one goal in the entire second half. I definitely think it showed what we are capable of and how we can play as a team. There were moments of brilliance and I think the mental toughness was outstanding. Due to the circumstances, I think we played very well."

Marist Senior Angie Rampton

On the importance of winning today:

"Losing always (stinks). Losing is never fun. We have 10 seniors on the team and we really wanted it a lot this year. It was slow but we got through it. We really wanted this game. Obviously, we had two very tough games already so we needed this one."

Pomona-Pitzer Head Coach Alex Rodriguez

Opening Statement:

"I thought it was a good game. Both teams came out, obviously, wanting to get a victory. I thought the Marist goalkeeper really did a good job, seeing here she had 10 or 11 saves. I thought Jessica (Getchius) did a great, great job. They are a very well coached team. I thought we had some chances and I'm sure they feel the same way. It was a hard fought game and I'm proud of my girls."

On how he felt coming into this game after playing the first two:

"It really changes the dynamic of our team playing the first couple of games. I think we played them differently today, rather than if we were just playing Marist in a single game. ... My girls really played their butts off and really enjoyed it. I thought it was a well played game. I don't feel down about the game. I thought we did a good job (and) we had some good opportunities and I think they feel the same way. It was a good game."

Pomona-Pitzer Senior Rachel Bellows

On what she took from the first two games:

"I was actually in a unique situation, I watched all the games (earlier), because I was a little bit injured. Watching the girls, they always put their heart into it no matter if they're down by 20 goals or 1 goal. They are always giving it their all. It's really encouraging. I have a hard time, just to keep sitting down. I had my first rib removed, but I've been able to make it through the season, except this weekend. ... I have great teammates."

On getting a chance to play despite her injury:

"To get in and warm up is great and see the NCAA sign on the bottom of the pool. To get in with Olympians is amazing and I'll carry this story down to my family if I ever have kids, I can tell them that. It's very exciting."