



Scoring Summary

Day Three - Sunday, May 13, 2012

**2012 National Collegiate Women's Water Polo Championship
Aztec Aquaplex | San Diego State University | San Diego, Calif.**

Fifth-Place Game: No. 5 Loyola Marymount 15, No. 6 Princeton 11

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Goals: **Princeton:** Katie Rigler 4, Camille Hooks 2, Molly McBee 2, Jessie Holechek, Saranna Soroka, Taylor Dunstan. **Loyola Marymount:** Kimberly Benedetti 7, Alexandra Honny 4, Laura Lopez, Jessica Morelos, Whitney Delgado, Casey Flacks.

Saves: **Princeton:** Kristen Ward 5. **Loyola Marymount:** Elise Ponce 7.

Records: Loyola Marymount 22-10, Princeton 29-6. Weather: 81 degrees, sunny. Time: 1:18.

Quotes

Princeton Head coach Luis Nicolao

Opening statement:

"Obviously a tough game, I thought we had some chances to get a lead. We missed some opportunities on the counter, six on five. LMU played great and I thought we played really hard but we just didn't have some of the breaks fall our way today."

Princeton senior Kristen Ward

On this being her final game at LMU:

"It's a tough game to go out on but I think overall we had a great year and we are very happy to be in this position. It might not be the best game but being my senior year, I am very happy with it."

On the team making first-ever NCAA Championship appearance:

"I think it was a very exciting year. Our goal all season was to win the Eastern Championship and we did that in Providence two weeks ago. I think it was hard to have such a buildup for that, then come back for a few more games. I think overall we did well this weekend and it's an exciting improvement for the program. I hope that in the years to come the team can keep building, keep improving and end up here again."

Princeton senior Audrey Zak

On how the team played overall:

"I think it's like our coach said, we definitely had chances that we didn't capitalize on. Unfortunately on our mistakes, LMU was able to put the ball away. Katie played well and I think a lot of our girls played hard but it just didn't come together."

On the team making its first-ever NCAA Championship appearance:

"We are proud to be here because we don't train as long as some of the other teams here out west. With

all the demands on our time school wise, it feels good to know that we can hang with the other top-notch teams out here.”

Loyola Marymount Head Coach Kyle Witt

Opening statement:

“Our seniors definitely led us through that game. I think Princeton was very prepared for that (game) and came out very aggressive and what they were doing they did very well. I definitely think our seniors did a great job of really keeping the tempo and making sure that we were calm and everything went scheduled to plan. Kimberly (Benedetti) put up seven big goals for us. That is a fantastic effort. Casey (Flacks) had a ton of steals for us and a lot of hustle plays and other things she usually does that do not show up in the stat book. She did a great job for us. She chased down a couple of 2-on-1’s and stopped some good opportunities.

On the future of LMU water polo:

“The next stage of LMU water polo is about to take off. We have a big incoming class. I am very sad to see these seniors go but I am very excited for them to go on with the next step of their lives.”

On Casey Flacks steal and goal late in the game:

“I don’t want to down play it, but it is almost expected. It is what she does. She is an eraser for us and those are the kind of plays she has made in her four years here. I don’t want to take it away because it was one of those big plays that ended the game, but at the same time I don’t think anyone else could have made that play on our team.”

Loyola Marymount senior Casey Flacks

On the NCAA experience:

“We have experience at the NCAA Championship, which is huge. For the younger girls, this is awesome. They get it young. For us, it is about coming out with energy. We know how it feels and how tired we are and how mentally we have to stay tough and come out strong right from the get go.”

On her thoughts entering the fourth quarter:

“It was my last game. For me, it was about really enjoying the moment. I have incredible teammates and it was really just taking a deep breath and realizing I have eight more minutes and to leave it all out there. To be able to be here is a blessing in itself.”

Loyola Marymount senior Kimberly Benedetti

On the NCAA experience:

“We were working the whole time to get the people who do not play much, in the pool. That was our goal coming into the game. We were trading goals the whole time so in the second half we wanted to put it away.”