UC San Diego Quotes

Head Coach Denny Harper on the game:

"It seems like we've been on the road for a long time. Go all the way back to just an unbelievable win against Princeton in the Play-In game and then to have the honor of being in the Final Four--it's been a thrilling deal, but it feels like we've been gone awhile. And I thought all things considered, we played some pretty good polo. Certainly had our moments and I think UCLA and Cal will remember who they played in this Final Four. But all in all, just a great experience and pretty difficult to always have seniors finish their careers. Pretty tough."

On what the experience will mean for his team:

"I'd like to add, to Tyler's [Mancuso] point that we're a Division II, relatively non-scholarship school, we have arguably a huge referendum in the spring that is going to be somewhat of a defining moment. But I can tell you wholeheartedly these two gentlemen right here (Chase Cockrill and Tyler Mancuso)--if the referendum does pass, I've got plans for these guys to fund the whole thing because they're going to be incredible successful in their careers."

Chase Cockrill on the season:

"I mean, after last year, everyone counted us out. We made it. We won the conference pretty handily. Won the Play-In game, we made the Final Four. As a senior, I couldn't be more excited to go out after playing in this tournament for a second year in a row. It was the goal all season. We made it."

On what the experience will mean for his younger teammates:

"I think the experience will pay huge dividends. This team is so young. Has so much young talent... They're all so talented. I'm excited to be an alumni. Excited to come to the games and cheer them on because I know they're going to be right back in this next year and the year after that. The experience is huge. Playing in front of this many people on a stage this big, everyone in the water polo world is watching--it's huge."

Tyler Mancuso on the season:

"You know we're a Division II school. We don't have the scholarships that other schools have. But to get to this point, to get to the final four, we had to beat a lot of teams that have fully funded programs. So it's kind of cool that we were able to, as a brand new team, to come together at the start of the season, really work on what we needed to work on to get to this point. And as a senior, as Chase said, I couldn't be more excited for that fact."