



## NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S & WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

### PLAYER QUOTES -- SUNDAY, MAY 23

#### **[9-16] Finn Reynolds, Ole Miss (d. Sean Hill, BYU, 6-3, 6-3)\***

"It was a good match, I think I played well and played good aggressive tennis. It was cool getting to see the girls' final before the match and there were a lot of people there so it was pretty noisy. I served really well tonight and I stayed really focused. I just tried to get the job done, and am excited to play again on Monday. Getting an extra rest day will be good for me and I'll be fully ready to go in the second round and also in doubles."

*\*match played Saturday night*

#### **Emma Antonaki, Mississippi State (d. [9-16] Giulia Pairone, 6-4, 6-4)**

"That was one of the best wins I had this season. I was committing and accelerating well on my shots. I maintained my focus for the most part in the match. I'm looking forward for the next match tomorrow."

#### **[9-16] Katarina Kozarov, Furman (d. Michael Gordon, Stanford, 6-0, 6-2)**

"It was great to have so many of my teammates here to support me for such a big match. I felt really good about my preparation before the tournament and I am really happy with how my match went today. Ready for another battle tomorrow!"

#### **Kari Miller, Michigan (d. [9-16] Victoria Flores, Georgia Tech, 6-4, 6-4)**

"I'm just excited to get through this morning. She is a great player, and I knew it was going to be a tough match. I thought I played pretty well and I can't wait to play tomorrow. Everyone in the draw is good, so I will need to play well in the next round."

#### **[3] Hady Habib, Texas A&M (d. Kody Pearson, Tulsa, 6-2, 6-1)**

"I started off pretty well today and played my game. I served a high percentage today which helped for the whole match but especially helped on the big points."

#### **Daniel Cukierman, USC (d. [9-16] Alastair Gray, TCU, 6-3, 6-4)**

"I played Alastair at (ITA) Indoors and lost to him in the deciding match, so it was good to get a little revenge here. But I'm happy with the way I played. It's a long road ahead and I'm hoping to do well Monday in doubles as well."

**[9-16] Luc Fomba, TCU (d. Nikola Slavic, Ole Miss, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4)**

"Today was a good win, for sure. It's never easy to come back after a hard loss in the team event against Baylor. I had to bounce back quick. My opponent was very strong today. He had a great serve all match and made it very difficult to win points, so credit to him. It was a good first set for me, I was able to get comfortable in the match with my serve and get a couple of breaks. The second set was very close. I lost my serve in a deuce point with a bad volley and that was a tough moment to overcome. Slavic is a tall guy with a great serve and very good play on the baseline, so it was a tough match. In the last set, every ball was a long rally. It was a good fight. I managed to win the match with a break on deuce point. I'm very glad to get the win today and I'm looking forward to playing again tomorrow."

**Florian Broska, Mississippi State (d. [9-16] Henri Squire, Wake Forest, 6-4, 6-2)**

"Today was a good day for Mississippi State tennis. Gio (Oradini), Emma (Antonaki) and I all came out and did what we needed to do. I'm pleased with how I played today and am ready for the next one"

**Yulia Starodubsteva, Old Dominion (d. [9-16] Carolyn Campana, Wake Forest, 6-0, 4-6, 6-3)**

"I worked so hard for this. I'm very happy to get the win. Go Monarchs!"

**Selin Ovunc, Auburn (d. [5] Kenya Jones, Georgia Tech, 7-5, 6-3)**

"The goal every time I step onto the court is to improve. I trust my preparation, bring my competitive grit, and remain committed to enjoying the game with a growth mindset."

**[8] McCartney Kessler, Florida (d. Vanessa Wong, Washington, 6-3, 6-2)**

"I thought today's match was really good! With the heat here in Orlando it can be difficult mentally to push through long games. But overall, I thought I played well and I am thankful to come out with another win that I can hopefully use in my advantage going into tomorrow's match!"

**[9-16] Natasha Subhash, Virginia (d. Valeriya Zeleva, UCF, 5-7, 6-4, 6-1)**

"It was a lot of fun to be out there today and compete for UVA. I loved every minute of it and I can't wait for more!"

**[3] Emma Navarro, Virginia (d. Haley Giavara, California, 7-6(3), 6-2)**

"I'm really happy to have gotten the win today- it definitely wasn't easy and it's always a challenge to battle through first round nerves and kinks, but I'm happy with how I was able to work through that. I'm looking forward to getting after it again tomorrow!"

**[9-16] Isabella Pfennig, Miami (FL) (d. Anna Turati, Texas, 3-6, 6-2, 6-1)**

"I'm really happy. It's my first time and I just want to take in as many new experiences as possible, but still, when I'm on the court, I want to win. So, I'm pretty happy."

**[2] Estela Perez-Somarriba, Miami (FL), (d. Salma Ewing, USC, 6-2, 6-3)**

"I think that I have enough experience in this tournament, which definitely helped me today. The mindset going into this match made a difference. I knew I just had to put very well-played points together and I think I took care of business very well. I just think that I made some changes throughout the match as she was playing differently and hitting different balls."

**[4] Valentin Vacherot, Texas A&M (d. Gustaf Strom, Arizona, 2-6, 7-5, 6-3)**

"Nothing particularly changed in the second set, but I know I won a tight game where I saved a match point and I started laughing with the crowd. I did not feel great at all on court since warmup this morning and he made so many balls, all that together got me super nervous. I started laughing and I saved four or five match points to get back to five-all where I played totally free for two games and won the set. He started missing balls at the beginning of the third that he was not missing before and I was playing so much better and the Aggie fans that came helped me a lot. I could have won the third easier but at that point I was taking whatever I could get to win."

**[9-16] Gabriel Diallo, Kentucky (d. Hamish Stewart, Tulane, 6-4, 6-7(4), 6-3)**

"It feels good to make a statement with a win against a really tough player. I'm happy with my performance in the first round and can't wait to get started in the second."

**[1] Liam Draxl, Kentucky, (d. John McNally, Ohio State, 2-6, 6-1, 7-6(4))**

"I'm happy to get the win against a good opponent. It was a tough first-round match, and I'm glad I was able to fight hard enough to pull through."