



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

### **PLAYER QUOTES – MONDAY, MAY 24**

#### **[2] Estela Perez-Somarriba, Miami (FL), (d. Peyton Stearns, Texas, 6-2, 6-4)**

"Honestly, this tournament I don't think is about tennis, it's about handling well the tough moments throughout the matches. Peyton is not only one of the best incoming freshman but one of the best players in college tennis right now so it was definitely a very tough match, physical, and I was really solid and was able to counterbalance her great shots and was able to get the win. Super happy about that."

#### **[4] Valentin Vacherot, Texas A&M (d. Riley Smith, USC, 6-1, 6-2)**

"I returned amazing and barely made an unforced error. This was exactly what I needed to do today after yesterday's match."

#### **Alexis Galarneau, NC State (d. Adria Soriano Barrera, Miami (FL), 6-1, 6-0)**

"I've kept great focus in my last two matches, playing well tactically with the help of my two coaches on the courts. Lastly, I'm just grateful to represent NC State on the national scene for one last time"

#### **Kelly Chen, Duke (d. [8] McCartney Kessler, Florida, 6-4, 6-4)**

"I thought throughout the match she hit quite a few second serves and I was able to aim for a big target, which helped me construct the points I wanted to have. The more aggressive I was with my returns, the more it worked in my favor."

#### **[1] Sara Daavettila, North Carolina (d. Lea Ma, Georgia, 6-4, 6-4)**

"It's been amazing, I've loved every part of it, especially because it's my last tournament in college. You could say there's a little bit of pressure but I'm just trying to enjoy it all and just enjoy every match representing Carolina."

#### **Meg Kowalski, Georgia (d. [9-16] Katarina Kozarova, Furman, 7-5, 6-4)**

"It has been a dream of mine since the day I committed to UGA to become an All-American. It is an honor to play with the G on my chest every day and my goal in every match during this individual tournament is to leave it all on the court regardless of the outcome. I miss competing with my dawgs next to me, but so

happy I was able to pull out this big win today with my teammates behind the fence supporting me. UGA has amazing alumni that are proudly hanging on the All-American wall at the Lindsey Hopkins Indoor facility and I am so grateful to be able to put my picture and name up on that wall alongside them.”

**[9-16] Adam Walton, Tennessee (d. Zeke Clark, Illinois, 7-6(6), 6-4)**

“It was a great match. It was very hot today. I really felt like I had to dig deep in that first set and I really kind of stole it from him. I was down 6-4 in the breaker and got it 8-6. And the second set I got up a break midway through at 2-all and was able to ride it out to 6-4. Looking forward to playing [Liam] Draxl tomorrow.”

**Siphosothando Montsi, Illinois (d. [9-16] Finn Reynolds, Ole Miss, 6-4, 7-6(4))**

“I just went out there and took care of business. That’s what I try to do every day. I don’t look at rankings and stuff like that, I just see another player on the other side of the net and with my game and the level I’m playing at now I always feel like I’m playing against myself. So I just try to keep myself in the most ideal mental space during matches.”

**[7] Abigail Forbes, UCLA (d. Irina Cantos Siemers, 6-3, 6-4)**

“I’ve been able to take advantage of the fact that I’ve been here for a while and I’ve played in this heat. It’s getting hotter and hotter with each day, so each match has been super physical. Just trying to go out there and play my game as much as possible. The wind has died down a lot a little bit. It’s just been a grind. Emphasis on the fact that it’s physical and I’m just pushing through how tired that we all are just because we’ve been here for so long and just trying to persevere through all that, all the nerves playing for the first time here at this individual championships. Just playing free.”

**[8] Gabriel Decamps, UCF (d. Andy Andrade, Florida, 6-1, 6-4)**

“It feels amazing. I’ve been working very hard for those moments and I’m just enjoying match, taking it step-by-step, point-by-point. I’m just very happy with myself and how I completed today.”