



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

### PLAYER QUOTES – TUESDAY, MAY 25

**[6] Sam Riffice, Florida (d. Siphosothando Montsi, Illinois, 6-2, 6-0)**

"I feel very fortunate to be moving on into the quarterfinals over a great player from Illinois. With all the coaches help I feel as though my game is improving with each match and I am excited for another great opportunity tomorrow."

**[4] Valentin Vacherot, Texas A&M (d. Rinky Hijikata, North Carolina, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3)**

"I played a really solid first and third set. I did not let him believe he was in the match breaking him early. He changed his tactic in the second set and served really well which got me in trouble but I bounced back well."

**[3] Emma Navarro, Virginia (d. Meg Kowalski, Georgia, 6-1, 6-1)**

"I feel really good. I definitely didn't play my best the first two rounds but I brought a higher level today so I'm happy about that and I'm looking forward to tomorrow."

**[8] Gabriel Decamps, UCF (d. [9-16] Luc Fomba, TCU, 5-7, 6-3, 6-4)**

"It feels great, it was another tough match, another battle. In this tournament there are no easy matches, everybody is playing so well so I'm very proud of myself."

**[6] Anna Rogers, NC State (d. Bunyawit Thamchaiwat, Oklahoma State, 5-7, 6-4, 6-1)**

"I'm very happy to have gotten the win today, another three-setter. Can't really close it out in two; I had my opportunities in the first set and was down 4-3 in the second but I battled back, won that set, and got out to a 5-0 lead in the third and eventually closed it out. I'm really happy to have gotten it done today, more tough conditions in the heat, but I think that spending a couple weeks out here has really helped me and I'm just really excited for doubles tonight as well."

**[2] Estela Perez-Somarriba, Miami (FL), (d. Alexa Graham, North Carolina, 6-3, 6-3)**

"Graham is a great player. I remember losing against here in a super-tiebreaker last year. So, it was definitely a revenge [match] for me. I knew that it was going to be a tough, physical match and I think that I

met the expectations. I think I played the deuce points smart and aggressive. I was playing my game, trusting my shots. I just think that, physically, I was better than her. I think that made a difference. But overall, very happy about it. Ready for tomorrow.”

**Paris Corley, LSU (d. Selin Ovunc, Auburn, 6-4, 6-0)**

“Facing a tough SEC opponent today in Selin Ovunc wasn’t easy, but I was able to get the win. I’m very blessed and excited to be at this point in the tournament. It’s an honor to continue to represent LSU and fight every day to advance to another round.”

**Janice Tjen, Oregon (d. Georgia Drummy, Duke, 6-2, 6-4)**

“I’m very grateful to be competing in my first NCAA Championship and I am excited to be advancing to the quarterfinals. I am looking forward to seeing how far I can go this week. Today was extra special because my teammates were in the stands after flying to Florida to surprise me and cheer me on.”

**Aleksandar Kovacevic, Illinois (d. Alexis Galarneau, NC State, 4-6, 6-4, 6-0)**

“I really had to dig deep to get through the match today. Alexis is a good friend and great player and I knew it was going to be a battle. I was honestly hoping we could meet later in the tournament because I think he’s one of the best players in the draw and the level was really high today. I’m looking forward to another challenge tomorrow.”

**Adrian Boitan, Baylor (d. August Holmgren, San Diego, 6-3, 5-7, 6-4)**

“I’m exhausted, but somehow I’ve been able to dig deep and keep winning matches. To reach the quarterfinals is incredible. Obviously, I’m still sad after the team tournament. We had a chance to go for it all, but now in individuals this is a dream come true. With injuries my freshman year, I feel like the opportunity [to be an All-American] got taken away from me, but I’m really happy to be an All-American now, it’s just a great accomplishment.”

**[7] Abigail Forbes, UCLA (d. Emma Antonaki, Mississippi State, 6-3, 6-3)**

“I have a lot of matches under my belt, so that gives me a lot of confidence. Again, battling the heat and making sure that I’m hydrated all the time and fit and ready to play – recovery has been key for me here.”

“It feels great to be in the quarters. I’m really excited, again, that I’m able to play in this tournament. First time playing here has been amazing. Everyone’s done such a great job putting on the event and I’m just really happy and thankful to be here.”

**[2] Daniel Rodrigues, South Carolina (d. Daniel Cukierman, USC, 6-4, 7-6(5))**

“I wasn’t expecting the quarterfinals or anything. I came here with no expectations. This is the first time I’ve played this tournament so being in the quarterfinals is just amazing. I’m looking forward to it.”

**Christina Rosca, Vanderbilt (d. Kelly Chen, Duke, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2)**

"This was a really tough match today, and the conditions were tough but I was glad to pull the comeback off and come through. It'll be another really hard match tomorrow against a great player from UNC that I'm pumped for. It's been so cool seeing all of the support from my coaches, teammates, alums and others, so I'll look to keep it up tomorrow for them and keep this going."