

## NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S TENNIS THIRD ROUND – (2) BAYLOR DEF. (15) OLE MISS, 4-1

## **Baylor Head Coach Michael Woodson**

On what he was most proud of today...

"Honestly just to not be at our best after taking the doubles, I think we lacked some energy. There was a little bit of a drop in our level. To see some guys dig in and fight even though they weren't playing their best, I think was positive for us as we move through the tournament."

On which players stood out...

"A lot of credit goes to Nick Stachowiak. He really played well in doubles and singles and was locked in the whole time. To get off the court fast, it really helps everybody else around him. I would say he stood out the most."

On what it means to make the quarterfinals...

"We're excited. I feel like that's the standard here at Baylor – that's why our guys come here. We're certainly excited to get through, especially seeing there's just so many good teams. There's so much parity this year with everybody coming back, getting an extra year. No round is easy. But we're certainly excited and looking forward to taking on a very familiar TCU squad."

On playing TCU in the next round...

"I think we know each other better than any other team, maybe outside of Texas. We're excited. I know how well they're playing. They're getting better every single match. They're seasoned at this point of the year, so we know it's going to be an absolute war. We'll be ready for it."

## **Baylor Graduate Student Charlie Broom**

On advancing to the quarterfinals...

"We said last night how important it is in the early rounds to try and finish teams off when you have the chance. Certainly my match in singles, it wasn't looking great for a while, and then I was able to turn it around thankfully. Stachs [Nick Stachowiak] obviously cleaned out really well in his match and just crushed the guy. When you've got someone like that playing next to you and you can feel his momentum, it just helps tremendously. I think everyone's pretty happy to be going through to the next round. I definitely think

we've got some things to learn and take away from the match, but all in all we're just happy to go through with a fairly convincing win."

On coming back in the last six games of the third set ...

"I knew at 3-love I think I was serving with the wind and then I think returning with the wind as well, which I'd had some good chances earlier on in that match from that side. I knew if I could kind of be a little more solid when I won some bigger points, I felt like it was going to go my way and thankfully it did. I just felt like I kept applying pressure to him and eventually it took its toll in the end. To get the deuce point at the end of 4-3 to go up 5-3 I think was really huge. Definitely pleased to get through that and just shows what we've been talking about all year, about never giving up, fighting hard until then and just giving our best effort. If it's not for yourself, it's for the guy next to you. I felt like we did that today."

## **Ole Miss Head Coach Toby Hansson**

On today's match and the season...

"Everybody was battling out there today and put us in a position to win. Hats off to Baylor, they put in a very good performance today, and it's never easy facing the No. 1 ranked team in the country.

We had a great season. The team kept improving the whole time, and we really felt like we were playing some of our best tennis towards the end of the season too. We have a lot to be proud of."