



## **NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S TENNIS THIRD ROUND – (7) TCU DEF. OHIO STATE, 4-1**

### **TCU Head Coach David Roditi**

*On today's match...*

"What I'm most proud of about this win is that it was a total team effort. We had a disappointing news couple of days ago about one of our best players who didn't get to play today and the team had to step up. For the team to overcome that last-minute change we had to make, I thought the guys did a great job stepping up. If somebody goes down, somebody has to step up and the team did an unbelievable job, I'm so proud of them."

*On what was most surprising about the match...*

"That's a tough question. There are really no surprises; you just never know how things are going to fall into place. I know Kingsley (Cannon) hasn't lost all year so you had the Big 12 Player of the Year versus the Big 10 Player of the Year and I guess the Big 12 Player of the Year won today. I was really proud of Luc, I thought that was a huge win. We often talk about cutting the snake's head and that was it."

*On what it means to advance to the quarterfinals...*

"It means we get to play again...I'm just happy for these guys; it's been a long year for everybody. We are so grateful just to be here, just to get to play, be outdoors. I can see at the hotel how the players are just so happy to see their buddies. So just to stay in the tournament and have a chance to win it."

### **TCU Freshman Tadeas Paroulek**

*On clinching the match...*

"It's an unbelievable feeling. This was something special today. This was my first match ever at this facility, in the NCAA Tournament, against Ohio State. It was a big match. Going into the match, I knew it was open; it could go to either team. Today it was us and I was able to clinch. I'm very happy for us. I feel like there was a very good level of play on both sides today. My opponent came with good shots in the beginning; he had quality from the baseline. But as the game went on, I started being more aggressive, more accurate, and I think that was the difference."

### **Ohio State Head Coach Ty Tucker**

*On today's match and the season...*

"It was a tough year, but I'm proud of the guys. It was nice for the guys to make the final site. We weren't even sure we were going to be playing. So to get the opportunity to play and get a Big Ten regular season title. We played in a few big matches this year and made it to the round of 16 and had a great win at Wake Forest.

Tough loss today. I mean, the score obviously doesn't say entirely what happened, but Kyle Seelig was up 4-2 in the first set and [James] Trotter was in a tiebreaker and our backs were against the wall. Losing the doubles point and with [Cannon] Kingsley down a set, which we're not used to, and we stayed in it. We had opportunities to win the first set with Trotter and on Seelig's court and came up short. That put us in a big hole and we weren't able to fight our way all the way out of it.

I'm proud of the guys for going through COVID and all the stuff that they went through and finding a way to compete. When we get to the final site of the NCAA tournament and end it like we did today, it's not what I want and not what we're used to doing. But we're going to try and have a big summer and are looking forward to COVID being gone and being able to get back to full-time lifting, full-time runs and full-time practice. That's the stuff that we missed last summer, and we'll try to make a jump so that we can get back here next year."