



NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S TENNIS THIRD ROUND – (11) GEORGIA DEF. (6) NORTH CAROLINA, 4-3

Georgia Head Coach Manny Diaz

On his thoughts on the win and advancing to the NCAA Quarterfinals...

"They knew it wasn't going to be easy. North Carolina is a great team. We have great friends over there in the coaching staff. We knew North Carolina was going to come out and give us its best shot, and we have a lot of respect for their team. For us, it was a matter of coming out and being ready to be challenged at every spot. We did a great job at No. 2 and No. 3 doubles, and that doubles point was really crucial. We had some tough goings, some big challenges. I felt like we could've won one of those tiebreakers in the second sets at courts one and two to take some of the pressure off. We had a chance at number four singles, and that was a 6-4 in the third match that could've gone our way but didn't. Our team really just responded to the challenge that North Carolina put forth in singles, and I could not be more proud."

On Billy Rowe...

"As a coach, I couldn't feel more comfortable having Billy out there. He's clinched four of those 3-all matches this year. He's got tremendous composure, and he's got ice in his veins. He's just been an outstanding addition to us, and he just brings a lot to the plate."

On the improvement from the beginning of the season to post-season play...

"Honestly, we had some issues with some injuries early on. We weren't really where we wanted to be, but we finished the regular season strong – I think we won 10 out of 11 – so we felt, coming in, that we were as good as anybody. We knew we had to play our best, and that's really all I'm concerned with—just playing our best – and that's what we did."

On what Georgia can expect from Tennessee in the quarterfinals...

"Tennessee is a great team. They beat us when we had two of our guys out of the lineup, but from then on, they've gone on a rampage and are playing tremendous tennis. They're good at every spot. We have a big challenge like we did today, and it's going to take our best, and that's what we intend to put out there."

Georgia Graduate Student Billy Rowe

On the match today...

"It feels pretty unbelievable to get this win. The crowds were insane. We had so many fans. [UNC] had so many fans. The doubles point was tight. Blake [Croyder] played unbelievably at doubles, and he carried me a little bit. I thought I played pretty well. We came out to some pretty good starts on a couple of courts in singles. Philip [Henning] started playing great. Erik [Grevelius] started playing great. The big difference today is that we have been talking so much about one of Manny's [Diaz] 90's teams that was the No. 10 or 11 seed and ended up winning the whole tournament. Man, he's just been giving us so many thoughts about how we can win this whole thing and just inspiring us every day to the point where we believe we can win the entire thing. Our guys just played inspired today, and they lifted me to the finish line there."

North Carolina Head Coach Sam Paul

On the match today...

"Congratulations to Georgia, they played a great match. I'm really proud of my seniors and the fun ride they've taken us on, but it just wasn't our day. It's very painful, especially for our fifth-year seniors who've had such successful careers at Carolina. But Georgia out-played us today."