



NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S TENNIS THIRD ROUND – (12) USC DEF. (5) VIRGINIA, 4-2

USC Head Coach Brett Masi

On today's match...

"I thought that going out into doubles we did a good job at just initiating and being aggressive and we sustained that through the entire doubles point. We had looks at No. 2 doubles the entire set, couldn't get breaks, and then at No. 3 doubles they did a great job. At No. 1 doubles, those guys have been a rock for us the entire year, they are a top 10 team in the country so no surprise that they played well but I think for us being ready for the moment was a big plus and then we just kind of kept our level. And then in singles, we did the same thing. We came out and won four first sets, we could've had five first sets, probably would've gotten that one at No. 4 but I mean we just did a good at putting the pressure on them and they were fighting back because they are a tough team, obviously being top five in the country we knew that was going to happen... but since we built such a great lead I think it was just too much."

On what he learned from his team today...

"We are here to win this. These guys had a sour taste in their mouths from indoors, we lost three matches and they were all close, these guys want something to prove. I was just happy to see our level today, it was ready for it. It was just one match though. We need to come out to play either a great Texas team or a great South Carolina team coming up on Thursday."

USC Sophomore Stefan Dostanic

On clinching the match...

"It meant a lot to me to clinch. I'm very proud of us for getting through that match; it was a very important win for us. I'm just really happy!"

On looking ahead toward the next round...

"We're now focused on our next match. We're going to stay present and not look too far ahead. We have the belief that we can always win."

On the biggest strength of this team...

"We know that we are very good players, and we know that we belong here. I think we are a very confident team. Even though we may not be the highest seed, we know that we can beat anyone on any given day."

Virginia Head Coach Andres Pedroso

On today's match...

"I think USC just played a little better than us. Our guys fought like crazy. I don't think we played that well but, like I said, USC just played a little better and they won a couple more deuce points and competed really well. We're used to that when we play USC, they've always competed great and I thought they did a good job today and they were just a little better than us today."

On what he tells his team after ending the season on a loss like this...

"I tell them that I'm super proud of them. I tell them that they had a great year. I tell them that that match came down to a couple points here and there so they just got to keep doing what they're doing off the court, on the court. I'm proud of them, I love these guys and they did everything they could. We were fully prepared, we were ready for battle and the Trojans just played a little better today."