



## **NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S TENNIS THIRD ROUND – (2) BAYLOR DEF. (7) TCU, 4-1**

### **Baylor Head Coach Michael Woodson**

*On how the match unfolded...*

"It was a battle out there. To have the excitement of it coming down to No. 3 doubles, saved a match point there at 5-6. To get ahead, and then have that 5-6 return, that first ball that Charlie hit was really impressive. I think it gave us a ton of momentum going into singles.

And then going into singles... we made it a point to focus on having great energy and looking like you're winning, regardless of what was happening. And I felt like that made a real big difference for our guys today."

*On the importance of an efficient win, with the prospect of three matches in three days ahead...*

"I think mentally and emotionally it's a huge deal. I feel like we got the pressure out of the way there with the doubles point and kind of felt that. To just have guys lock it down and get through in two sets is huge. That's the name of the game right now. Our guys talk about it every night, try to win fast and lose slow and conserve your energy when you can."

*On the significance of having the "interim" tag removed from his head coaching title...*

"I know my family is very happy to be in Waco long-term. To look at my little girls and say they're going to be raised in Waco, Texas, is pretty special and we're excited about it.

But to be honest, we have such a special group of young men here, that I felt like it was my duty and our staff's duty to provide them the best experience possible, day in and day out. So I didn't have a lot of time or energy to think about the future, and am I going to be here long-term or not. I just kind of treated the job like, 'This is my job and this is what we need to do to serve them as best as possible.' They've lifted me up and the staff's lifted me up every day to be in this position."

### **Baylor Graduate Student Spencer Furman**

*On what keyed his comeback victory...*

"I thought holding serve down 5-2 in the first really gave me a lot of confidence. I saved a few set points there, and then I felt like I wasn't starting points on my terms. So that was the main adjustment and once I

did that, I was able to gain momentum. But still I was winning games close after that, so it definitely wasn't easy, but I was happy to get through it."

*On being a newcomer the Baylor program as a graduate transfer after four years at Duke...*

"Although I've only been here a year, I feel like I've been here my whole college career. They really welcomed me with open arms, and I love being a part of this team. So I'm trying to just make it last as long as possible."

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

*On the match today...*

"We couldn't do it today. They played better than we did. Had some opportunities in doubles with a match point, to get the doubles point. It didn't go our way. They played a really good tiebreaker and they got a big point there.

In singles, I thought we were going to get a bunch of first sets, and then all of a sudden we lost those first sets. Credit to Baylor. Obviously disappointed. It's not fun when you lose, but it's fun to compete and it's certainly an honor to compete in front of our chancellor here, who came today. Big thanks to him and to play in front of him in the Elite 8, definitely feel proud about that. Also thanks to the Florida State women's team, who came to support us.

Proud of our guys. They did a great job all season. Usually the season ends with a loss, and we didn't accomplish everything we wanted to, but a lot to be proud of. We get every guy back. There are no seniors on this team, so hopefully next year we sit here and finish the season without a loss. I'm proud of our guys. Thanks to all of our fans and administration. Good season. We'll be back."