



**NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S TENNIS THIRD ROUND -- (7) FLORIDA STATE DEF. (10)
TEXAS A&M, 4-2**

Florida State Head Coach Jennifer Hyde

On the match today...

"It was intense, we knew it was going to be an absolute battle and I think when you've got 7 vs. 10 and anybody in this tournament every match is going to be a battle. I'm just really proud of the girls we hung in there when we could've very easily checked out of it a little bit mentally. Did a fantastic job in doubles, we had some deficits in doubles, and did a good job at digging out of that. It was a pretty rowdy Texas A&M bunch and their men's team did a good job cheering for their team but we were composed, we stuck with it and we knew it was going to be a long haul and that's exactly what it ended up being."

On the importance of maturity and composure during tough matches...

"I think it's a big separator. That maturity piece as the season has weathered on I think has been a great value. We have been so battle-tested throughout the entire semester that stepping into this setting and obviously the NCAA stage it's a little different, a little more intense but we are battle-tested nonetheless."

Thoughts on their next match...

"No thoughts on that just yet, but it's going to be a little bit of the same song and dance. We are going to have to battle, battle, battle, and have to give our best effort that day. I'm grateful we have a couple days to recover. Physically it was tough today, it was really hot out there and I think that will take its toll on every team out here in the heat but we are excited about the opportunity to keep it dancing in this tournament and we got the first check in the box out of the way and we are going to enjoy this one for sure. It's not easy to get to 8, it's not easy to get to 16 and even 32 or 64, especially in a year that has been such a strange COVID year they have done an unbelievable job at not having any bumps in the road outside of the things that are out of our control and we are looking forward to continue doing so."

Florida State Senior Nandini Das

On clinching the match...

"That is the difference maker because if you are a fifth year all eyes are on you. I've been in that position many times before, sometimes I've won and then I lost that clinch in Miami two years ago. This is kind of revenge, there is nothing more to lose. Every match we play could be the last and I would never want to do anything but give it my all in the last match that I play. I was cramping a little bit in the third set but I think it

made me more efficient in my tennis and when I won that match it gave Petra (Hule) a lot of confidence to come and take third set and also Andrea (Garcia) who was also fighting in the third there.. So I think that was the key.”

Texas A&M Head Coach Mark Weaver

On the match today and the season...

“What an amazing season we had; definitely a tough way to end it because I think we definitely had opportunities to win the doubles and singles. The doubles point we let a lead slip away there at No. 1 and even at No. 2 doubles we had opportunities to capitalize. I knew the doubles point would be key today; it definitely wasn't life or death but was very important to both teams. Little disappointing there at the end because I felt like they were worn down a little bit physically at No. 3 singles and we unfortunately just dug ourselves too big of a hole there. Riley was looking pretty good there at the end. But I couldn't be happier with the group; I think this team just had an amazing year. We overcame a lot of obstacles and hopefully we made all the Aggies fans out there proud. The future is bright for the women's tennis program and we'll be ready to go again next year.”