

NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S TENNIS THIRD ROUND -- (5) PEPPERDINE DEF. MICHIGAN, 4-0

Pepperdine Head Coach Per Nilsson

On today's match...

"The key of the match was not getting in our own way, playing free and enjoying the battle and I think that's what the girls did. We've been talking a lot about it in the last couple of days and it's just fun to see them do it."

On advancing to the quarterfinals...

"It feels good. We know every team here is really good so every match is going to be a battle and I thought we played really well today and I'm not sure who we will play next but we have to play even better to get through but we are starting to peak and we need to keep on rolling, we might start playing up to our potential soon."

On the keys to keep advancing in the tournament...

"I think just to remind each other that things are going to happen and it has been happening all year so it's not like we are not used to it but now it's the time to use what we have learned and if you don't you put yourself in a tough spot because it gets harder and harder but they did pretty good today so I'm excited to see what happens next."

Pepperdine Graduate Student Jessica Failla

On today's match...

"Just being out here in Orlando is totally different environment, obviously the weather, hot, humid. It's so exciting to be able to get the win today as a team being out here at the NCAAs."

On potentially playing UCLA next...

"We've played them many times already this season. They're a great team; we're a great team, so if we play them it will be an unreal match."

Michigan Head Coach Ronni Bernstein

On the match today...

"Pepperdine is a really good team and we just didn't play our best today. I think that doubles point made a huge difference and we weren't able to respond like we had been able to other times this season. I am just so proud of this group and everything they accomplished this season."