



NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S TENNIS THIRD ROUND -- (3) GEORGIA DEF. (14) VIRGINIA, 4-1

Georgia Head Coach Jeff Wallace

On the match today...

"It was an epic battle, first of all, I have to really compliment Virginia they played incredible today, it was a thriller. We are like the cardiac dogs out here... a little beat-up through the match but just finding ways to get it done... I thought our doubles was really great getting that first point, I think that played out really huge for us. And then Meg [Kowalski] plays a great match and gets us on the board for a second point and then Marta [Gonzalez] who fought off set points in her first set was able to get through that match so all of a sudden we are up 3-0 and feeling pretty good but then Virginia just put it into another gear and you have to credit them a lot for turning this into an absolute fight and you know we had some people cramping we have a few injuries but our players just kept fighting too and Elena [Christofi] was down 4-2 in the third set and all of the sudden ends up 5-4. Lea [Ma] is up 4-2 but then all of the sudden is down in the third and finally got her into a tiebreak and ends up winning it for us. And Katarina [Jokic] was up on the second set and ended up dropping that but just found a way to get up 5-3 on the third set when the match was clinched. It was an incredible battle, it's what the NCAA tournament should be all about just great teams fighting and scratching and trying to find ways to win and I think there were no losers today, Virginia played great."

On clinching the doubles point...

"We've had great doubles all year this year and it gives us a little comfort going into the singles. At the same time, we've lost those ones, you know you are sometimes going to lose some, there are just so quick there are just 6 games no add sets and anything can happen.. but you want that first point and I think it makes you feel pretty solid with every team here and how good every team here is in singles, if you find a way to get that doubles point it makes it a little more achievable obviously to get the overall match. We have a strong singles lineup, we feel confident that even if we lose that doubles point or not, that we realize the match starts here but at the same time we want to get that doubles point, and it's exciting when you do. Doubles is always close and is fun when you can get it."

On playing NC State next...

"Another great team from the ACC. They've had an epic year themselves and it will be another incredible match. It's the way they should all be here in this tournament, every match should be a fight right to the

finish and we love it when it's like that. For some reason, it seems like that's what brings out the best in us so let's hope that continues."

Georgia Junior Meg Kowalski

On the match today...

"We came out there and knew it was going to be a really tough one. Virginia is a great team, lots of great players and we were ready for a dog fight and that's exactly what I thought it was. Doubles was amazing, we came out with so much energy that helped us secure the doubles point and then carrying onto singles. We fell in a couple of the first sets but we were never really out of it so that was awesome to see. I'm so proud of Lea [Ma], so proud of Kat [Jokic] and Elena [Christofi] for fighting. Before we left for NCAAs we just talked about how good everyone is and at this point in the season, it's not about how good you play, it's about how bad you want it and playing with heart. I think we did a great job of playing for each other and playing the Georgia way."

Virginia Head Coach Sara O'Leary

On the match today...

"Congrats to Georgia. They played a fantastic match. It was such a battle out there on every single court. I'm extremely proud of our team. We have faced a lot of adversity all season and to see this team always stay together, continue to believe in each other and end our season leaving everything they had out there on the court is something I'm incredibly grateful for. They are a resilient group and have had unbelievable leadership from Vivian [Glozman] and Rosie [Johanson]. Those two have meant so much to this program and have been outstanding examples. I'm just incredibly thankful to my team, my staff and all of the UVA support within the athletic department and the community."