



NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S TENNIS THIRD ROUND -- (1) NORTH CAROLINA DEF. (16) CALIFORNIA, 4-0

North Carolina Head Coach Brian Kalbas

On what was working so well tonight ...

"Well, we had to compete hard. Cal's under-seeded, they also just won the Pac-12, beating Stanford, UCLA, and so I knew it was going to be a really tough match. I think doubles was really powerful for us. We played really well. We came out with a lot of aggressiveness, and I think that helped us going into singles. Just all the way down the lineup, all six girls really competed hard and played well. I think whenever they were kind of getting some momentum back, you know, second sets, I think we didn't allow them to get any kind of footing. For Sara [Daavettila] to finish her match off the way she did, that was a high-level match. It was a very physical match. It was a lot of long points. Fortunately it wasn't too hot, but it was good for us to get this win for us."

On starting off strong in singles matches ...

"When you win the doubles point, unfortunately it's only one point. You need to get some momentum started in singles and hopefully win some first sets and hopefully get a first point on the board. College tennis, there could be some momentum switches up and down, so to win those first sets the way we did, and [Cameron Morra] coming back and winning that second set, you just don't want to give them any kind of belief. I think we did a really good job down the line."

On the performance of the No. 1 and 2 singles players ...

"I mean Sara's playing really well. [Haley] Giavara, the problem is she just doesn't give you any rhythm, and Sara was just like, "I don't know. She hit's a winner, she makes a mistake." I said, "Sara, just focus on your side of the court. Establish your rhythm by being ready, handling her pace, move her when you can, use your pace against her," and she did a really good job of kind of keeping her off-balance. So I was really pleased. Sara's a runaway freight train. When she gets that momentum going, she's hard to stop, and it was nice to see."

On senior leadership ...

"Obviously Makenna [Jones] played great in doubles. (Alexa Graham) and Sara, all three of them are just incredible leaders for us and have meant so much. I think they won three indoor titles and they've been just

rocks for us. They've been All-Americans, all of them, and they're all in the individual tournament, so they're finishing their career on the right note. I'm really proud of them."

On the possibility of UNC vs. Duke ...

"We're happy just to keep playing. Whether we're playing the home team or a close team down the road from us, doesn't matter."

North Carolina Sophomore Elizabeth Scotty

On clinching the match...

"It feels great it was definitely a team effort. It was funny because Fi [Fiona Crawley] was on the court next to me and as soon as I heard 'game, set match, UNC,' I went up to the line on match point and was like 'I'm just going to go for a big serve' because I knew Lex [Alexa Graham] was on the court about to win and I threw it all out there on that last point."

On winning the first match in Orlando...

"That's always the kind of monkey on your back, you get here and you're like 'how am I going to feel on these courts? How is the wind going to play into this?' So I think everyone had a little bit of a shaky start but we all pulled through and had good momentum finishing."

California Head Coach Amanda Augustus

On the match today...

"We played a very, very experienced team today, and we battled them very hard. Their experience, top to bottom, of the six people who played today showed. I'm proud of the effort we put forth, how we competed and how we represented Cal, and I'm proud of the season that his team has had."

On the ups and downs of the season...

"We got a late start. We really didn't get started until January. This is a young group, and they've gotten better each week. They've improved so much, and we'll basically have the same team back next year. We're looking forward to - fingers crossed - a full, proper season next year and getting them into fall tournament play and continuing to build this group. This group's won a Pac-12 championship, and there's more to come."