



NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S TENNIS QUARTERFINALS -- (1) NORTH CAROLINA DEF. DUKE, 4-1

North Carolina Head Coach Brian Kalbas

On tonight's match...

"I give a lot of credit to Duke. They played really well. I congratulated Jamie [Ashworth] and he said it's the best they played all year. For them to do that on this stage as late as we were playing, it was tough. We withstood a lot of talented players playing really well and confident with nothing to lose. It was interesting because we had three super seniors there at the end. It was comforting to have that kind of experience out there.

On staying calm throughout the match...

"I have to be calm for them to be calm. That's the nature of it. You see some of these coaches that I try and marvel after and I just try to do my part and if I get too excited or riled up or depressed or emotionally, it is going to feed down. So all credit to the players, they did an incredible job and I am so proud of them.

On Makenna Jones' performance...

"What a fighter. We talked before the match about how she needs to play competitive and aggressive tennis and she never gave up, she never stopped believing. For her to clinch it, really proud of her. What an amazing job for her. She did not play in the first round and she is normally someone that needs a lot of rhythm. I told her she doesn't need a lot of rhythm, she needs to go out and create her own belief and confidence, and she did that today."

North Carolina Graduate Student Makenna Jones

On her doubles performance...

"They came at us, no doubt. When we finished, my partner looked at me and goes, 'they wanted this.' So I was just really impressed with the way we handled that, the way that we took their best shot. I was just really proud of the poise we had, especially from our three doubles when it came down to them. They didn't look scared, they didn't look worried, if anything they looked determined and focused and I could tell they wanted it. Maybe we were nervous but we were excited. I could feel the good vibes and energy so it was just a lot of fun out there. I had a really good time and it was the perfect start we needed.

On coming from behind in singles...

"I have had a whirlwind of a college career and so I've had times in the past where I have gotten myself maybe in a slow start, but my biggest thing is I always try to believe in myself no matter the circumstances. I consider myself a fighter and so especially for my team, I wanted to leave my heart out there today no matter what happened. So I just did my best and tried to stick in it and got some games and then started feeling some mojo and all of the sudden I was up in the third set and I was like 'wow, I can really do this.'"

Duke Head Coach Jamie Ashworth

On his team's effort vs. the No. 1 seed...

"First, hats off to UNC. And hats off to our team because we competed our butts off, we really did. Other than the 17 people we have here, no one really gave us a chance to win this match tonight. I thought it was an incredible effort on our part. Everything that we asked of them in this match, they gave us. They fought, they gave us a chance in doubles, we gave ourselves a chance in singles and I couldn't be prouder. You don't say that a lot of times when you lose matches, but could not be prouder of the effort that we gave there and the opportunities that we gave ourselves."