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PLAYER QUOTES

Women's Doubles

#3 Gabby Andrews (senior) & Ayan Broomfield (senior) (UCLA)
def. Marie Leduc/Fernanda Navarro (Clemson), 7-6, 7-6

On what was key to them winning the match:

Andrews: The constant positive energy. We knew they were a really strong team and any let-up they saw from the other side, they would come back. That's what they did yesterday when we were looking over. I think we played right by them so we saw that. We couldn't let up. We stayed confident in our shots and believed in ourselves. We've played in big matches before and handled the pressure well, that was key.

Anna Rogers (junior) & Alaina Smith (freshman) (NC State)
def. Sofia Blanco/Catherine Gulihur (Oklahoma State), 6-4, 6-0

On what makes them strong doubles partners:

Rogers: I think today we were a lot more reactive and we made a lot more first serves. Obviously when you make first serves, it's easier for your partner to close in. I think we did a good job of that. We chose the right shots and we were really energetic. We got the job done.

Smith: We just went into the match and played aggressively.

Men's Singles

Sam Riffice (Florida, freshman)

def. #2 JJ Wolf (Ohio), 3-6, 6-3, 6-2

On how he pulled out the win:

I think I played an amazing match today. I had a good game plan to disrupt his rhythm since he's such a powerful player. He's got a really good serve and first strike afterward. I was trying to mix up the rhythm; slice a lot, get the ball over his head and do those types of things to throw him off and disrupt him. I thought I executed my game plan really well today.

How he fought through after dropping the first set:

I had a lot of chances in the first set, I was up a break early on. I just wasn't serving well. I kind of changed up where I was placing my serves and I tried to serve with more body just because he's got such powerful swings. I tried to not let him extend, so I tried jamming him up. I felt like I was holding my serve a lot more, I knew I was in his service games, I had a lot of close chances and he served his way out. I felt like over time I broke down his serve which happened late in the second and the third sets.

#4 Paul Jubb (South Carolina, junior)

def. Benjamin Sigouin (UNC), 6-1, 6-4

On staying motivated through the match:

I knew it was a tricky match, any loss of focus and he could gain traction in the match and start feeling good. It was one I had to really keep focused.

On mentally preparing for matches:

Just going through the routines and staying disciplined. Doing everything right each day to give yourself the best opportunity to win.

Head Coach Peter Smith, USC

On #5 Brandon Holt's win against Texas' Yuya Ito (2-6, 6-3, 6-2):

Slow start, weird match. Yuya was hitting winners and Brandon just had to see it through, to be honest. Yuya definitely played it a little slower in the second and third match and Brandon picked it up. It was watching the tides shift.

Men's Doubles

#3 Nuno Borges (senior) & Strahinja Rakic (senior) (Mississippi State)
def. Jacob Brumm/Yuta Kikuchi (Cal), 6-1, 6-2

On what was different playing them this time around:

We were sharper this time. Last time we played, it was the first tournament of the season. Me and Nuno didn't play together for like six months or something. We just got into it, we just felt uncomfortable from the baseline last time and we didn't pressure them enough. Today, we were just going to pressure them and come to the net first and make them uncomfortable as much as we could. I thought we did great with that. We were both at the net like 90 percent of the time and they just felt uncomfortable, they couldn't find those angles to pass us. It was awesome to see that we can figure it out the way we did.

On what's been clicking for the pair:

I think the overall semester we've been playing. Sometimes we make the same call in the serve at the same exact time. We feel each other, we play similar, we know what we want. That's how it is, if you understand each other, it helps.