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### PLAYER QUOTES

#### Men's Singles

**Alex Rybakov (TCU, senior)**

*Loss vs. #1 Nuno Borges (Mississippi State) 7-5, 6-3*

#### *On his experience at the NCAA championships:*

It's been an unbelievable year. Obviously I'm gutted that I lost, but just looking back on it, it's been an unreal four years. I'm just super grateful for everyone at TCU that's been helping me for four years, my coaches, my physios, strength and conditioning, all my teammates. It's just been unbelievable and without them I wouldn't be at this point.

#### *On what makes Borges such a tough opponent*

He has the same intensity point in and point out. There are some guys here that will give you some here and there, but he makes you play every point. I had a couple three setters, today my legs were a little a bit tired and he got the best of me.

**Aleks Kovacevic (Illinois, junior)**

*Loss vs. #4 Paul Jubb (South Carolina) 4-6, 6-4, 6-2*

#### *On how he would sum up his week in Orlando:*

It was a great week. I took every opportunity I could. I really wanted it, to go all the way, but it happens. Credit to Paul, he played unbelievable. He's a really good player, this was one of the matches where I really felt like I was pushed. I was on the defensive a lot and my game is usually to take it to him and play on the offense but he did a really good job of taking that away from me in the second and third sets so credit to him. I'll just have to come back stronger next year.

#### Women's Singles

**Cameron Morra (North Carolina, freshman)**

*Loss vs. #1 Estela Perez-Somarrriba (Miami) 6-3, 6-1*

***On her thoughts after the match:***

I think Estela has had a great tournament, she deserves it and I know she'll do great tomorrow. But it's been such a great experience. I've had my dad here all week and to have my family around and my coaches, it's been great, I really can't complain.

**Kelly Chen (Duke, sophomore)**

***Loss vs. #2 Katarina Jokic (Georgia) 7-5, 6-2***

***On how she would describe her run to the semifinals:***

If I would've looked back five months ago, at least with individuals, I don't think I would've been here. But I've worked hard to get to where I am now so even though I lost today I'm still pretty proud of myself.

**Men's Doubles**

**#5-8 Preston Toulaiatos (Tennessee, senior) [partner: Timo Stodder, senior]**

***Loss vs. Cressy/Smith (UCLA) 6-2, 6-1***

***On his experience in Orlando this week:***

It's been a great experience, a lot of fun. Timo and I really enjoyed being here. From where I came from, it's a miracle that I'm here and I enjoyed every minute of it. Unfortunately we played awful today and it just didn't work out well, but I'm looking forward to the next chapter in my life and I'm just happy I got to experience this.

**#5-8 Niclas Braun (Mississippi State, senior) [partner: Giovanni Oradini, junior]**

***Loss vs. Kaukovalta/Osama (Alabama) 6-2, 7-5***

***On his thoughts after the match:***

The main difference between the first and second set was holding serve, the first serve percentage was better and like Gio [Oradini] said, it's the little things that if we take care of a couple of break points and deuce points in the first set we go up a break early and they're running behind and you don't know how they come out. I guess it's one of those days that we weren't really sharp in big moments. I've got to give them credit they came up with ridiculous shots a couple of times but that's tennis. I'm glad we made a run here and I'm glad to finish off my college career with Gio as a semifinalist.

**Women's Doubles**

**#4 Ingrid Gamarra Martins (South Carolina, senior) [partner: Mia Horvit, junior]**

***Loss vs. Fahey/Minor (Michigan) 6-2, 6-2***

***On her thoughts of the season:***

I'm just grateful to be here and to have played four years at South Carolina. I learned a lot. I got all of the support that I need on and off the court. It was way higher than my expectations when I

was coming in a freshman. I didn't expect to be finishing like this [at the NCAA championships]. It was such a special year with a group of girls that will stay in my life forever.