

## 2013 SEC Soccer Tournament \* Orange Beach, Ala. Wednesday, November 6, 2013 Match 4 \* Post-Match Quotes

FINAL SCORE: No. 3 South Carolina 4, No. 6 Georgia 0

## South Carolina Head Coach Shelley Smith

On her team's 4-0 win against Georgia on Wednesday in the SEC Tournament Quarterfinals ...

"We're thrilled with a victory here in Orange Beach. It's always tough competition. We were excited about coming out and getting an early goal, and that makes a big difference in the game. We didn't do that when we played at Georgia in Athens earlier in the year. Things were different today and it's a good time, getting ready for postseason play, to be able to come in and do something we weren't able to do earlier in this season. I'm pleased with the goal production and the overall production."

On her team's depth, exemplified by four goals from four different players ...

"The depth has been crucial. We rely on our bench; we have great players who come in and give us a lift. Today, when players didn't start as well as they normally do, we were able to rotate some players in and give us the lift we needed. As the game wore on, everyone played a great role. Credit Georgia for coming out so strong and giving us a tough first 15 minutes where we were defending a lot. Luckily we weathered that and settled in the game. An early goal by Danielle Au changes things. That's great credit to her as a senior and what we needed to do."

On continuing to push the tempo despite leading 2-0 at halftime ...

"When you're up two goals, it makes a difference. Things are a little bit more relaxed and pressure is on your opponent. We knew we had to play our game and we had to take advantage of having the lead. We didn't need many more goals, we needed to keep the focus on and the pressure on, but one or two more goals is tremendous. We wanted to make sure we won that half. We stuck together, we battled and the players who came in off the bench were tremendous. Hopefully we have some legs left for Wednesday. It was a hard-fought battle today."

On facing second-seeded Texas A&M on Friday in the SEC Tournament Semifinals ...

"We saw them today, we watched them on film this season and they're a great team. They're dangerous offensively. They have some great playmakers. Shea Groom is tremendous coming out of the midfield. They have a great defensive presence in the middle, winning balls in the air. Their keeper [Jordan Day] has had a great year. They are all-around a solid team and we have to play our best to get a result against them."

## South Carolina Junior Goalkeeper Sabrina D'Angelo

On South Carolina's 4-0 win against Georgia on Wednesday ...

"It was a great win. We came out, we played hard and we knew what we had to do. It wasn't our prettiest soccer, of course, but we got the four goals and we got the win and that's the most important thing."

On her performance in goal on Wednesday vs. Georgia ...

"I think it was just staying in the game and staying focused, especially because we didn't have our best game. I knew I was going to be getting some shots and crosses. I think it was just keeping it cool back there and staying focused."

On sustaining momentum from a 2-0 halftime advantage ...

"Going into half with a 2-0 lead, that's still an iffy lead. I think we needed that third goal and that fourth goal to kind of put us at ease a little bit."

On whether it's a disadvantage to face Texas A&M on Friday after not playing the Aggies in the regular season ... "I don't think it's a disadvantage at all. I'm excited to play them. We played them last year and lost, unfortunately, but we get to prove ourselves against them. They'll be a great team, so it will be a great match."

## Georgia Head Coach Steve Holeman

On Georgia's 4-0 loss to South Carolina on Wednesday ...

"I thought we actually had a pretty good game. For the second time in a row, I thought we played pretty well but we were done in by set pieces."

On what Georgia learned in the match that will help prepare it for postseason play ...

"Hopefully our resume looks pretty good. We beat South Carolina earlier in the year, which turned out to be a pretty big win. Hopefully we're in the NCAA Tournament. We've got to be better defensively on set pieces. We had moments throughout that match where we had the run of play and South Carolina got a couple of goals against the run of play. With that said, South Carolina did a great job of limiting our quality chances."