



**2013 SEC Soccer Tournament * Orange Beach, Ala.
Monday, November 4, 2013
Match 1 * Post-Match Quotes**

FINAL SCORE: No. 10 Auburn 1, No. 7 LSU 0 (OT)

Auburn Head Coach Karen Hoppa

On her team's 1-0 overtime win against LSU ...

“It was a big result. I thought it was a wide-open game. I thought LSU had great chances; they’re a really good team. I felt our defense really hung tough. Our goalkeeping was terrific. I thought we did a great job in overtime really pushing for chances and we felt like we were going to get a goal. We did a great job creating the penalty and Bianca Sierra was clutch on the PK.”

On her team's 4-0-3 record over the past seven matches ...

“Our team is young. I give them a lot of credit. The character of this group is fantastic. We never faltered. We started out 0-5 in the SEC, but they stayed with it, they kept working hard and they just continue to get better every day. The results finally came and now we’re playing our best soccer in November and that’s what you want.”

On Bianca Sierra's match-winning penalty kick in overtime ...

“You get that situation and it doesn’t get any tougher than that. You have a chance to extend your season and, for Bianca, to extend your career. She’s clutch. That’s what you need your senior captain to do – step up in those clutch moments and bury it, and she did.”

On whether it was a disadvantage that her team hadn't played LSU during the regular season ...

“I don’t think so. I think that was an even playing field for both of us. It was kind of exciting to play a new opponent. Sometimes it’s hard to repeat a performance against a team that we’ve already seen at this tournament, so I think it was just exciting for both of us to play a new SEC opponent.”

On facing second-seeded Texas A&M on Wednesday ...

“They’re a great team. They’re SEC co-champions and deservedly so. I thought they were one of the best teams we played all year and they’ve got a great offense. They’re really dangerous, and I think the defense is tough. The goalkeeping is great. It’s going to be a really tough game for us on Wednesday.”

Auburn Senior Defender Bianca Sierra

On her game-winning penalty kick in overtime vs. LSU ...

“We had been knocking on the door for the last 90 minutes and we went into overtime knowing that it was going to take one opportunity. We’ve been practicing PKs all week and it finally came through and worked.”

On Auburn’s closely contested match with LSU ...

“It was a tough battle and we never gave up. I’m just so proud of my team for never giving up these last seven games and just pushing through and believing in ourselves.”

On having not faced LSU during the 2013 regular season ...

“It’s always good to play new opponents and have a clean slate. We just went out there like we would against any other team.”