



**2013 SEC Soccer Tournament * Orange Beach, Ala.
Wednesday, November 6, 2013
Match 3 * Post-Match Quotes**

FINAL SCORE: No. 2 Texas A&M 1, No. 10 Auburn 0

Texas A&M Head Coach G Guerrieri

On his team's 1-0 win against Auburn in the SEC Tournament Quarterfinals ...

“Obviously, we’re excited. A win is what we came here to do. Auburn played hard and really gave us a hard time trying to find a way to try to break them down. I thought their goalkeeper [Alicen Wright] was outstanding. She made some big saves and their defense saved several balls off the line. They showed some heart and grit, and it was going to take something special. I thought our team did a good job with lots and lots of scoring opportunities that we just couldn’t quite put away with more than 22 shots and a lot of those on goal. We’ve got to be a little bit more patient in our build-up. We’ve got to make it to where we’re taking better decisions on when we’re going to finish off these chances, and then we’ve got to stick them. On Friday against either South Carolina or Georgia, both of them have very good goalkeepers and both of them are very athletic. We may not get as many chances, so you’ve got to take advantage of what you get.”

On Allie Bailey's goal in the 17th minute for Texas A&M ...

“A lot of what we do starts with our midfield – Shea [Groom] and Kelley [Monogue] in the midfield. They were able to find Allie Bailey and Allie is a very technical player, very skilled and very opportunistic. She saw the situation coming in, was able to get the ball there to hit it, took a little bit of a deflection and found the back of the net. If you talk to Allie, she will say she was lucky. I say that she is a smart kid and she made it happen for us.”

On Texas A&M goalkeeper Jordan Day ...

“Jordan is a great kid, first off. The team rallies around her because they love her and they know that she has kept them into a lot of games over her three years at A&M. When we play against teams that are trying to serve balls and put balls into what would usually be really difficult situations for a lot of female goalkeepers, that’s where Jordan shines at her highest. Hopefully we can keep things moving. A shutout is really good, a win is the best. We know we have a tough one on Friday, so we’ll be looking at some recovery issues and enjoying our time here in Orange Beach, which we absolutely love. Being right on the coast is something that is really special for the players, so the reward is that they get to stick around a little longer here in paradise.”

Auburn Head Coach Karen Hoppa

On her team's 1-0 loss to Texas A&M in the SEC Tournament Quarterfinals ...

“It was a really hard-fought match. Obviously, Texas A&M is a great team and really had us under a lot of pressure in the first half. Unfortunately, we gave up a deflection goal. I thought our girls were fantastic in the second half. We came out fighting and we gave it everything we had. Unfortunately, we just couldn't get one to fall, but it was a great game and Texas A&M is a really quality team.”

On how much her team's late-season run helped the squad's young players ...

“It's going to help this group tremendously in the future. We couldn't be more excited about the future of Auburn soccer. The amount of young kids that played, played key roles for us and played big in big games is going to carry us a long way in the future.”

On Auburn's 2013 senior class ...

“We've got three great seniors. They're SEC Champions and big parts of our 2011 win here in Orange Beach. They're going to be sorely missed. I really have to give their leadership credit for our late-season comeback. We hadn't lost in over a month after starting out slow in the conference and that credit goes to our seniors and their character and the leaders that they are.”