



**2013 SEC Soccer Tournament * Orange Beach, Ala.
Friday, November 8, 2013
Match 8 * Post-Match Quotes**

FINAL SCORE: No. 2 Texas A&M 2, No. 3 South Carolina 1

Texas A&M Head Coach G Guerrieri

On his team's 2-1 win against South Carolina in the SEC Tournament Semifinals ...

"I thought we came out in the first half, especially the first 15 minutes, and really showed what we can do. We had some really good play and two good goals against a very good defense and the conference Defensive Player of the Year [Sabrina D'Angelo]. To knock two past her so fast was nice. I thought that South Carolina did a good job of fighting back and getting themselves back in the game. The first five minutes of the second half were a little frustrating for us. Our players got themselves back into the second half and it was a good win. Now, we will try to win another trophy."

On Liz Keester's two goals for the Aggies ...

"Liz Keester's family has come and vacationed here in Orange Beach for the last 10 years or so. I'm considering her a hometown kid now. So, for her to be able to get the two goals, she's a hard-worker, she's got a good nose for goals and she's strong. I'm really, really proud of her."

On playing in the SEC Tournament Championship on Sunday ...

"We're excited. We've talked with our team and with our fans what a big deal it is to be in the SEC, first off, and then to be playing for championships and in contention for those titles is one thing, but to get a chance like we did in the regular season to hoist the trophy and then to get a chance to play for another one here in the tournament final against a great team from Florida, that we shared the regular season with, is really exciting."

On facing top-seeded Florida on Sunday ...

"We know a lot about Florida. We have a lot of respect for them and the way that they play. The power that they have, the grace and the technique that they play with is fun. At the same time, it will make for a very interesting chess match on Sunday. We have a lot of respect for their coaches and what they will bring, and we're excited about the challenge."

Texas A&M Freshman Forward Liz Keester

On her two goals in Texas A&M's 2-1 win against South Carolina in the SEC Tournament Semifinals ...

"I always kind of joke because I really just clean up goals. Shea [Groom] and BB [Bianca Brinson] really did all the work. I was just kind of there to poke it in."

On what it means to Texas A&M to advance to the SEC Tournament Championship ...

"It means a lot considering that it's only our second year [as a member of the SEC]. I think it shows just how talented we are that it's our first couple of years in here, and we can make it and do big things."

On her familiarity with Orange Beach, Ala. ...

"My family has been coming here for like 12 years for vacation, so it's a local spot."

On facing top-seeded Florida in Sunday's SEC Tournament Championship ...

"I'm excited. It's a re-match game for us. They got us in regular-season play and I think it will be a good redemption game for us."

South Carolina Head Coach Shelley Smith

On her team's 2-1 loss to Texas A&M in the SEC Tournament Semifinals ...

"It was a good match. Texas A&M is a great team. They showed how strong they are offensively. They definitely hurt us in that first half. We got caught and they punished us for a couple of things that we didn't do as well as we should have. I thought our team stayed strong and came back and played a much better second half. Unfortunately, we just didn't get as many looks as we would have liked, but it was a good game overall. We unfortunately needed one more. I thought we had a good chance to tie it up there, but we just ran out of time."

On her team's second-half play ...

"We played better in that second half. If we had come out and done some things early on and didn't give up those two early goals, it changes the game. We had to play with being down and trying to come back. I give a lot of credit to both teams. It was a hard-fought match and our players haven't given up all season; they play to the final whistle. I'm very proud of them. That game could have gone either way. [Texas A&M] is a team that leads the SEC in shots and we're a team that doesn't. We didn't give them great chances besides the ones they scored, but we have to not give up those goals. I was proud of the team's effort and we are ready for more postseason play."

On preparations for the upcoming NCAA Tournament ...

"We'll just regroup. We've just had a great season and a great run. This is what you'll face in the semis of the SEC – two very good teams. They won the battle tonight, but we can play with anybody, but we'll regroup and take care of the things we didn't do well in that first half, so next time we can come out a little bit stronger and more solid. I think, offensively, we've been good all year. We've been finishing chances when we need to and, tonight, we just didn't get that look we needed in the second half. We'll make sure the next time we come out a bit more dangerous."