



SEC Soccer Tournament: Wednesday, November 5, 2014
Post-Match Quotes

FINAL SCORE: No. 10 Tennessee 1, No. 2 Florida 1 (5-4 PKs)

Tennessee Head Coach Brian Pensky

On his team advancing past second-seeded Florida on Wednesday in the SEC Tournament Quarterfinals

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"It was massive. I am so proud of our team. I am a lucky guy. I have a bunch of resilient kids on our side. We got a quick goal and we just wanted to get into halftime 1-0 and we didn't. We said at halftime that we were going to win this game. We have to find a way and dig. Our backs have been against the wall forever. I'm very fortunate to coach, I'm more fortunate to be a dad. If there's anything I'd ever want my kids to have, it's confidence. Our players, right now, their confidence is growing and it's massive right now. They just believe and that's why we won. It had nothing to do with strategy, it had nothing to do with tactics, it was all about guts. Our kids laid it out on the line and gave themselves a chance to win. We had a bunch of kids show some mettle and some fortitude on those PKs and we get to play again."

On what he told his team entering penalty kicks ...

"I told them that the result was the result. We just tied the No. 9-RPI team in the country and we just put ourselves in a better place for the NCAA Tournament, so this was all about whether we get to stay in Orange Beach for a couple more days. So, the result has already occurred, we just wanted to go out and have some fun and see if we can stay for a couple more days."

On facing either third-seeded Kentucky or sixth-seeded Auburn in the SEC Tournament Semifinals Friday

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"They're both great teams. We didn't play Kentucky in the fall. They've got a ton of talent – they're an athletic group and a very well-coached group. [Auburn head coach] Karen [Hoppa] is a warrior. Her whole team is full of warriors. They started poorly in the league this year just like they did last year, and they just fight and plug away."

Florida Head Coach Becky Burleigh

On her team's elimination against 10th-seeded Tennessee on Wednesday in the SEC Tournament Quarterfinals ...

“It was a tough game because it got a little disjointed with the stoppages of play and the physicality of it but, in the end, I don’t think we did a good enough job of sticking to our game plan as far as passing and receiving to be able to put a ball in the back of the net when we needed to.”

On the takeaways from Wednesday’s match in preparation for the NCAA Tournament ...

“I think just staying true to our style of play – pass and receive, play and move.”