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University of Miami Quote Sheet

Miami Head Coach Jim Blankenship

“The thing for us is it was just a wonderful experience, obviously we wanted to do better especially considering the start of the game, but again we’re very proud of our players and what they have been able to accomplish. The game was in our favor, you know at the start of the game. I thought we came out and played really well, had some great chances, and scored a couple of goals. And then I have to give them quite a bit of credit because they were able to sustain that and then they scored an unbelievable goal to put them back in the game, and that kind of changed things from then on. They went to a three front and we tried to match it, and after the first goal the momentum kind of switched and there was a pretty strong wind and that played into their favor a little bit and that put them back in the game, and then they just wore us down. They just kept coming at us and coming at us, and then unfortunately, we gave up a couple of bad goals, which didn’t really help the situation.”

“We were concerned going in, Deidre tore her MCL, so we weren’t sure. “D” usually plays in the back for us, which makes us obviously a lot stronger defensively, so with her tearing her knee, it was a bit risky, so we took the choice to play her up top in the attack, and it worked like a charm. I think “D” had a goal and an assist, so we couldn’t have asked for a better start. But what happened in this game is that the game is 90 minutes long, and so you have to finish it out. The Allison McWhinney goal really changed the complexion of the game. There was a chance for us to get a third one and the keeper made a good save on it. If we got the third one, who knows what would have happened. And again it was going back and fourth, both teams had some chances.

On Kristen Allen providing a spark for GA...

“I thought she gave them a great spark, she was very athletic, and again for the whole team, their mentality was very good. They were relentless and they came at us, which obviously physically wore us out, and I thought that made a big difference in the game.

“You know we talked about some of the keys going into the game. We talked about finishing our chances and we talked about not letting them get into a rhythm. We spoke about if we get up, with their defense, they’ve been down before but they’re relentless and they’ve been able to just pound away at you. It was really important to finish out the game cause we felt they would just go and go and go and go. So all the keys came back to either help or bite us.”

Allison McWhinney (Miami Player)

“I think what they did was they switched to a three front and before we really adjusted to that, which was our own mistake, they were making long diagonal runs across the top of the box and they were just getting long balls across.”

Deidre Bass (Miami Player)

“I don’t remember the first goal but the second one I remember. It was definitely a through ball to the outside, and definitely the three front messed us up and it was hard to get who was matching up with who and they just hit an awesome cross and an awesome goal and played really well.”

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UGA Head Coach Sue Patberg

“They obviously started off a bit sluggish and Miami came at us and took advantage of the fact that we were unorganized, sluggish, and slow to get off the start. But, I was proud that the team was able to come back and score two goals in the first half, and come back and continue to take it to Miami in the second half and put the game away with not many more breakdowns in the back.”

On UGA’s injury...

“Contusion to her quad, left side, I think right now she’s just taking it hour by hour, day by day, a lot of ice and a lot of treatments and try to get her weight bearing.”

On substituting Kristen Allen...

“Well, I felt like the kids we had in at the time, for whatever reasons weren’t able to get it done, and we needed to make some changes and we needed to do it right away. If we waited, we might not change the momentum, we might be down three goals instead of two. We knew Kristen had played forward before with her club team and the last couple of days we’ve been letting her run around up there, and she’s excited, and knew the runs and obviously they’re dangerous up there and for us it was just a matter of doing it.”

“Kristen’s always been very comfortable with the ball at her feet and when I think she’s going to get herself into a jam, she always gets out of the jam, and that’s from being a forward taking it back to the defense.”

Kristen Allen (UGA Player)

“We didn’t really work on any set plays during practice, just passing the ball through. I just felt it today I guess.”

Andrea Velasco (UGA Player)

“We were two goals down and we got into a huddle and it was just like, okay this is not how we’re going to lose. Everyone just started playing better on the field, and everyone started playing together as a team again, and Kristen coming in was like a jumpstart. She came in and created stuff up top, and then everyone picked up their game all over the field.”