



2004 NCAA Soccer Tournament

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Post-match Quotes

Boston College Eagles

Head Coach Alison Foley

Thoughts on the game:

“It was one of those games that a lot of people thought that we’d be unhappy coming down and playing and thought perhaps we deserved a better bracket and perhaps be up North. But what I will tell you about this team is we always try to take the positive out of the situation and we looked forward to the challenge of playing an excellent Florida State team in a different environment. That was how we started our mentality and I think it was a great effort between two great teams. I thought our defense was excellent tonight. From the start of the game to the end of the PKs, it was a full team effort.”

On the team’s defense:

“There was a flurry in front of our goal a couple of times. Again, it comes down to a team effort. We had Heather Ferron collect one off the line and she’s been someone that has been struggling with injuries. She hasn’t really been playing that much but she stepped up to the challenge and did what she needed to for the team. She played it off. It’s difficult to get behind this Boston College team, because when everyone plays defense, everybody defends. So it’s difficult to get behind us.”

On the decision to change goalkeepers during PK

“It’s how we trained. We had an unfortunate experience last year losing in PKs in the Big East finals to Villanova. It’s my responsibility to make sure the team is prepared as possible – maybe they weren’t for that opportunity, so we started probably about a month and a half ago, after practice, taking PKs, deciding who our top five were and the next five were. Everybody completely knew their goal. As excellent as Kate (Taylor) is, she is truly our best goalkeeper on the field and in the flow of the game, talking about team effort, Elyse’s strength in goalkeeping is shot stopping and blocking penalty shots. That being her strength, she’s the one who’s in goal for PK situations and Kate during the games.”

Goalkeeper Elyse Meredith

Thoughts on changing goalkeepers:

“Like coach said, we’ve trained for it. It’s an exciting game and that’s how we’ve trained. So I was ready for it.”

Midfielder Maddie Johnson

On the moment before taking game winning shot during PK:

“I didn’t realize that if I scored it would be over, so I was probably glad that I didn’t know that because I would’ve felt more pressure. But we have been doing these belly breathing to calm us down and doing that helped, so I just stepped up and kicked it.”

Goalkeeper Kate Taylor:

On if she felt tired after 110 minutes:

“No, I knew eventually something had to result. I guess it ended in PKs, but if it were to go on 20 more minutes or half hour, I still would’ve been ready. So I was happy with the way it went.”