



2005 NCAA Division I Soccer Championship

First Round Quotes - Nov. 11, 2005

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Florida Atlantic

Head Coach Brian Dooley

Opening statement

"Being that this was our first time here, I felt that we represented ourselves very well. I felt that the final score of 3-0 was not really indicative of the game. We were pushing up trying to get the tying goal, but unfortunately that exposed and made our back more vulnerable. I'm very proud of the way that we played, and I thought that we showed that we belonged here."

On the three goals scored today in relation to FAU's 16 shutouts this season:

"I wasn't disappointed at all. The 16 shutouts that we had this season had no effect on this game. If we wanted to protect the 1-0 loss, we could have. But that wouldn't do us any good, and the kids don't deserve that. Whether we gave up one goal, three goals, or 10 goals, we would still be going home."

On the effect that the first half goal had on team morale:

"It didn't affect this group, and we don't usually talk about it. We fight for each game. Everybody likes to mention the shutouts, but we don't dwell on it. Whether we give up a goal or not, the kids still continue to play."

On this season's accomplishments:

"We have had the opportunity three previous times. We got into the conference final, we had the lead three times, and we found a way to lose the game on each separate occasion. This year, from the beginning there was a different feeling. The kids had a strong determination in them. From the very first day of training to the last day, there was a feeling of strength. I knew going into the conference tournament that we were far better than any other team in the conference. That's why we had zero's, because we were able to possess the ball and be strong on the attack. Going into this round for the first time, I thought our team was going to be strong enough to compete, and not have to change formation and drop back and play 4-5-1 in fear of the opponent. We went 4-3-3 the whole game, and we went to 3-4-3 with twenty five minutes to go down a goal. The only reason we made that decision is because we felt that we were one hundred percent. In years past we would have been in a 4-5-1 and kicking the ball out as far as we could and try to play for over time. But this group didn't need that."

On India Trotter's play:

"I actually coached her in youth soccer. She can beat you in so many different ways. We knew that she was someone we had to worry about. We just said that we were going to play, and not adjust our game to her. I've adjusted our strategy in the past to opposing players, and it just doesn't work. I thought our girls did a great job on her. The first goal they scored was off of a rebound, and India was there to put it in. There isn't much you can do about that. The goal at the end that she scored was the result of a long ball, and she did a great job of finishing it off."

FAU Defender Meredith White

On the challenges FSU presented:

"They were very fast upfront, and a lot taller than us which made it harder to win head balls. I think we did very well playing our game, and not adjusting to their game. I think it worked very well, because the score was 1-0 until the last six minutes."