



2005 NCAA Division I Soccer Championship

First Round Quotes - Nov. 11, 2005

James G. Pressly Stadium • Gainesville, Fla.

Illinois

Head Coach Janet Rayfield

Opening Remarks:

"I thought it was a fantastic NCAA soccer game. Both teams had some ups and downs and injuries throughout the year and both were fighting to extend their season as long as they could. I give a lot of credit to my team to fight through some ups and downs in the game, the momentum swung back and forth."

On the overtime period:

"I think we came out in the overtime and really decided to push the tempo. I think that gave us a boost psychologically and I feel that that was the difference in the game. At the break between overtimes, we felt that we had gained the momentum in overtime and it was just a matter of time before we found the back of the net."

On Florida's defense:

"Florida made it a real challenge to find anything behind them. We've been pretty good at getting behind teams and getting corner kicks. Florida did a great job at shutting that down."

On the first half:

"Rachel (Frank) made two game saving saves in the first half to keep us in the game. I felt that (Florida) had the momentum in the first half and it was great to go into halftime without giving up a goal. We had a couple of chances (to score) and didn't get a shot off."

Goalkeeper Rachel Frank

On her 'game-saving' saves:

"Defense is a big priority on our team. When the ball does get through, it's my job as goalkeeper to make that save. I just see the ball and make a play on it. We play defense all over the field and that's just my part of it."

Forward Laura Redmond

On Rachel Frank's saves in the first half:

"It's like a tackle by a forward, or any other big defensive play. It changes the momentum in our favor. Each of those saves helped pump us up even more."

On the difference in the game:

"It could have been fitness, it could have been mentality, but really it was who was feeling confident. Our team had a lot of confidence today. I think we just wanted it more."