

## **2009 ACC Men's Soccer Championship**

**Sunday, Nov. 15, 2009**

**WakeMed Soccer Park, Cary, NC**

### **Virginia Head Coach George Gelnovatch**

"This is a tough, tough tournament, this ACC Tournament. I think there were six teams in the top 12. It's a tough, tough thing to advance to the Championship game. It's incredibly difficult to win, and I couldn't be more proud of our guys, the way they carried themselves, the way we started the year, and where we came from."

"Winning an ACC championship is fantastic. I told our guys afterwards is the goal now is the road back to Cary, and that's in four weeks. We'll enjoy this one today, and well get ourselves ready for the NCAA tourney"

"This is our fourth Championship, we've been here 10 times. It feels great to be honest." \*\* Note: His fourth championship, the team's 10<sup>th</sup> title.

"I don't know that each team has its own starting point or finish point, or that this team is better than another team, but winning it is a gear t thing with the emotions that go along with it. But this team is different in where we came from in the start of the season. We had some bump in the beginning but when you go through some things and win a championship, its sweeter."

"I told our guys before we cam here, had we won in OT at UNC, the ball was cleared at the end of time, we would have won that game, and been first in the ACC. The difference between the top and middle is pretty marginal honestly, and you can see that with a 5 and 7 seed team in the final."

### **MVP Goalkeeper Diego Restrepo:**

"Everybody just worked hard every day. It's a great group of people that work hard, and stayed focused as a team.

"There is no 'I's' on this defense, we really played hard as a group back there"

"We played them last Saturday at home, and they were playing alt of long balls then, that caught us off guard today, but we made the adjustment in the second half today."

**NC State Head Coach George Tarantini:**

“We give everything we have...maybe the score, we don't want. But we won in so many ways; it was a first-class act.”

“In the name of NC State and in the name of the coaching staff, thank you for everything.”

“We are more determined. We have a lot to look forward to. We want to work...this team is not over yet. This is not a goodbye; this is a goodbye to the ACC tournament. We are ready for the NCAA and we expect to go the farthest we can.”