

## **Florida State Head Coach Mark Krikorian**

### *Opening Statement*

"I would like to say it was an outstanding performance from the first minute to the last minute but I think we all agree that maybe we started a little bit rough. First six or seven minutes Virginia took it to us pretty good. I think our group settled down and developed some nice rhythm, some good attacking playing and very solid defending. Overall, any time you are at this stage of the NCAA Tournament and you can come away with a win, score three goals and hold the other team scoreless you should feel very good about it. I thought it was a very good, solid performance."

### *On returning to the College Cup*

"I think probably a month, a month and a half ago there were a lot of people a little uncertain about exactly where we were going. As I said to the players all along, I thought our performances even in losing were very good and if we continue to have good habits and do the right things the results will come in our direction. I think that has proven to be the case."

### *On Virginia*

"Virginia is a good team. Make no mistake with that. They are a very good team. They are certainly a top 5, 6, 7 team in the country as I think we are. To win today in the round of eight against a team of that quality is very satisfying for all of us. Now we will turn our attention to the next day."

### *On goalkeeper Kelsey Wys*

"She is very talented and I think that she showed her class today. Her kicking game was extraordinary today. Her positioning was quite good, her handling was solid. There were a couple corner kicks she came out and took, which is always a relief for all of us. Virginia scored on a corner kick against us the last time we played so her attention was certainly heightened as was the defending. I thought her performance was as good as it gets."

### *On the play of Dagny Brynjarsdottir*

"I thought Dagny had maybe her best game of the year. She has been improving as time has gone on. I thought early in the year she of course had some challenges in that she was called in to her national team. She missed 10 days of work with the team and then she was called back to the national team. Of course, that is part of being at Florida State. That is something we support. You know all of our kids are national team players but I thought Dagny was very, very good in that situation."

### *On Tiffany McCarty's play*

"I thought Tiff was very active today and as sharp as could be. I know (volunteer coach) Morinao Imaizumi spent some time with her the last couple of days working on escaping pressure, holding the ball back to goal and I thought she was outstanding today at that. She gives a great outlet and her movement is outstanding so creating the goal with the penalty and then scoring one I thought were two moments in the game but I thought there were probably 50 through the course of the game where she showed her class."

## **Florida State Midfielder Tori Huster**

### *On advancing to the College Cup for the first time after three quarterfinal losses*

"There is definitely excitement. I spent the past three years losing in this round so getting through that next step and be playing in Kennesaw (site of the College Cup) is going to be great. I think the leadership throughout the team whether it be freshmen or seniors has been great. If we continue to do that we will be successful in Kennesaw."

### *On the timing of the goals*

"It was a relief to score before halftime and going into halftime we knew they were going to come out and they were going to work hard because they are a good team but to kill their hope (with the second goal) was good. We wanted to continue to play our style, we didn't want to just sit back and knock the ball out every time they had a chance...the second one was good. The third one was even better."

**Florida State Forward Tiffany McCarty**

*On the run she made to set up the PK for the first FSU goal*

"I just beat my defender and I tried to get around her and she pulled me down. Thankfully he called it."

*On the timing of the goals*

"I think we scored at the right times and everything just fell into place for us."

*On the FSU defensive performance*

"I think our backline has improved dramatically throughout the season and I think we have a lot of confidence in them right now."

**Florida State Defender Ines Jaurena**

*On her penalty kick*

"I wasn't the one who chose to kick the PK, coach did so I could make it and put it in the back of the net...I had no doubt. I had been working on it. I know I could change my tact too but I went for the side...I was happy we scored before the half it was a good momentous goal."

**Virginia Coach Steve Swanson**

*Opening Statement*

"Congratulations first of all to Florida State. I thought they were sharper than us today. I thought they deserved to win. Everything about this quarterfinal was first class, great people. I think we had good support from Florida State. I thought they put on a really good event. We congratulate them and obviously feel strongly about them because they are in our conference. We wish them well at the final four."

*On turning points in the game*

"There were a few turning points. Obviously I thought one turning point was when we didn't score in the first 10 minutes. I thought we had two very good chances and we take those, it's a different ball game I think. Then of course the penalty, which I thought was justified. It was a turning point as well because it was the first goal."

*On the second FSU goal*

"We got the initial clearance on the corner and then it went back to (Casey) Callman who was kind of in front of our goalie. She did a really smart thing by just laying it back to Dagny (Brynjarsdottir). I thought she made a nice play and played it back to (Brynjarsdottir) and she finished it really well. I thought we were kind of coming out at that point in time. I thought if we could get one we could get ourselves back in the game but obviously that was another turning point."

*On switching to a 3-4-4 after half*

"We weren't going to go to a different system until...we talked a little bit about it at halftime. The team felt strongly about coming out and pressuring a little harder up the field. So we switched to a different system. Immediately after that happened I thought we got some penetration there we just didn't come away with any good looks."