

**NCAA Women's Soccer
Tallahassee Regional
November 15, 2009**

Florida State 3, California 0

Quotes

Neil McGuire

California Head Coach

Opening Statement:

“Well first I want to credit Florida State for a great performance. I think they were deserving of the win because they were able to take their chances and we weren't able to take ours and we wish them all the best.”

On going hard in the first half:

“We felt like it was going to be (that way) simply because they had slightly more rest than we did on Friday. We felt like we were going to have to capitalize early and then hang on. We created some really good opportunities and unfortunately their keeper made some good saves. We had some key misses and after that I think they saw some of the things that we were trying to do and then they were able to keep the ball. It made it somewhat difficult for us.”

Mark Krikorian

Florida State, Head Coach

Opening Statement:

“Today, I thought Cal gave us all that we could handle. It was a very challenging first half especially at the start as they pressured us and created some big chances. But our group hung in there, fought hard and competed. As the half went on, we got a hold of the ball a little more, generated some passes and created some scoring opportunities.

“That second goal was even bigger, scoring less than five minutes before the half. AD (Amanda DaCosta) going in on a tackle and moving the ball forward with Tiff getting behind the backline and doing a nice job of cutting the ball back and forth and ending the play with a quality finish. At the end of the game, it was a heck of a finish by Toni (Pressley) off a rebound off a set piece was just what we needed at the time. Cal had done a very good job of creating some chances in dangerous moments and I thought Erin (McNulty) was very good in goal eliminating any of the chances that came her way.

“Overall I thought it was a solid performance. We will have to continue to get better as time goes on for us to continue to advance. The Pac-10 is an outstanding conference loaded with many good, quality teams. They have competitive, talented kids that gave us a run for our money.”

On the importance of not conceding a goal at the very beginning and to be on the receiving end of the game's first goal:

“I thought the first goal definitely helped, but we have played from behind before and if it were to happen I don't think it's the end of the world. We can attack in many different ways so if we were to go down a goal, there would not be any panic from our team. They have been down before and found a way to come back and find results. It was nice to get the goal and the second goal of course right before the half was a big one for us. It elevated us a little bit as I thought we came out to start the second half quite good, but then we dropped our level and allowed them to get back in the game.”

On the performance of junior midfielder Amanda DaCosta:

“She is clutch. I know one thing for sure; I would not want to play against her, even 25 years ago I would not want to play against her. Her front players are also making her that much better. They are freeing up space up top to allow her to find seams. I thought she had another great performance again this afternoon.”

On limiting the number of chances by California's Alex Morgan:

“We really did focus a lot on Alex Morgan; when I saw her Friday night I thought she was excellent, just excellent. She is one of the best attacking players that I have seen in the college game. I think at times we were a little dragged out of shape because of it, because we were really trying to concentrate on limiting her touches particularly in and around the goal. I thought Becky Edwards did a very good job of screening the backline and cutting out balls that Alex would be able to get. I thought our kids did a nice job of defending her, she is a top quality player.”

Erin McNulty

Redshirt Sophomore, Goalkeeper

On coming up with some clutch saves in the early portion of the game:

“Early on we came out a little flat. But that is just my job to be able to give my team a chance to win. I think that I did well with that today.”

Amanda DaCosta

Junior, Midfielder

On winning the 50/50 ball at midfield that led to FSU's second goal of the game:

“We knew the Cal player coming in for the ball was a very dominant, right footed player and she plays on the left, so I had already anticipated her to cut the ball back inside. When I went in for the tackle, the ball advanced forward right to Tiffany. Tiff did a nice job to beat a Cal defender and to get good look for a great finish.”

Jessica Price

Redshirt Sophomore, Forward

On scoring the game's first goal in the 34th minute:

“Amanda was dribbling and I saw her pick her head up. I made a little run across and she slipped a great ball in. I slid, got my toe around it and was able to get enough touch on the ball to get it inside the net.”