



**2017 NCAA DIVISION I
MEN'S & WOMEN'S TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS**
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Dan Magill Tennis Complex

Men's Round of 16

**# 6 TCU (22-4) 4, #25 ILLINOIS (18-12) 1
QUOTES**

TCU HEAD COACH DAVID RODITI

On advancing to the quarterfinals...

"It was a full team effort. It took a long time to get here. You only have five days, but I feel like it has been a month since we qualified for the Round of 16. This is where everybody wants to be, in the quarterfinals. It is like a thanksgiving meal, this is all gravy from here. We will take it."

On what he expects from his players going forward...

"I would like to see the same energy and focus in the doubles point and come out the same way. Not everything is going to go your way, but at the end of the day I am happy they get to experience NCAAs in Athens. I think every student-athlete who plays tennis should experience the NCAAs in Athens."

TCU PLAYERS

ALEX RYBAKOV

On today's match...

"It feels great. We have worked really hard for this, the whole team and I just feel happy for the guys that I got through it. I am happy that I was able to get it done in two sets. It was a battle and Aron (Hiltzik) is a very good player. I battled to the end and thankfully I got it done."

ILLINOIS HEAD COACH BRAD DANCER

On today's match...

"I thought we had really good energy and spirit in doubles and we did a lot of things well in the doubles. TCU came out with some big shots at number one doubles and Jerry Lopez played great there so that's how they got that win. I think we've made progress through the stretch of the season so I'm really excited for that in terms of where we're going, but we've had warts all season long and I think they showed up again today. We didn't play with enough courage in some spots and we weren't ready to play in some other spots. If you're not ready to play and you don't play with enough courage in other spots, it's hard to keep advancing to the quarterfinals and the semifinals without doing most of the things right. You can have faults, but we just had one or two too many today and TCU is so good that they are going to expose you on that every time."