



**2017 NCAA DIVISION I  
MEN'S & WOMEN'S TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
May 18-29 • Athens, Ga. • University of Georgia  
Dan Magill Tennis Complex

**Men's Round of 16**

**#9 NORTH CAROLINA (27-4) 4, #8 CALIFORNIA (20-8) 1  
QUOTES**

**NORTH CAROLINA HEAD COACH SAM PAUL**

*On today's match...*

"First of all California has a great team. It is weird that we played fantastic for the first hour and then things sort of turned around, just to credit them, they have a great team. We came back and then closed out some third sets. We played well all the way up and down the line, so I am really happy about the performance today. We knew they weren't quitting and we stepped up and got a great win. I am just really happy to be moving on. We get a day off and I think it will help us."

**NORTH CAROLINA PLAYERS**

**RONNIE SCHNEIDER**

*On today's match..*

"It is really unbelievable. We have worked so hard this year, especially these last few weeks. After the ACC tournament we put in the hard yards to be able to go deep in these matches and obviously that was the case here. We give Cal credit. We won doubles and six of the first sets and Cal fought all the way back and split on every court, but one which is pretty amazing. We just stuck in there and knew if we played our game we were one of the toughest teams in the country. I am just so proud of everyone."

**CALIFORNIA HEAD COACH PETER WRIGHT**

*On the hard fought battle...*

"We've had some great battles with North Carolina, they are a really strong team. It was a great college match. We had some match points in the doubles that might have made a whole difference in the match. We got behind early, but this team has a tremendous heart and we just never went away and that is all that I ask every time out. North Carolina went out ahead today, but it wasn't because of a lack of effort on our part."

*On playing in the Round of 16...*

"We love the competition and we love the battle. You learn from this every time out and it's a great experience. Athens is the home of college tennis so for our guys to play here is an incredible experience. Maybe Athens isn't going to be in the picture for a little bit, which is disappointing, but this facility has some tremendous memories for me and for our team. We are just excited and happy to be able to compete at such a high level here at the NCAA Championships."