



**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

**#12 GEORGIA (21-7) 4, #4 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (27-6) 3
QUOTES**

GEORGIA HEAD COACH MANUEL DIAZ

On today's match...

"We have a very young team. We have a lot to learn and we have a lot of improving that we are capable of doing. Coming in #12 and playing the #4, we were not the favorite. Ranking wise, we knew we were the underdog but I believe we are capable of beating anyone in the tournament. Our mindset is to take it one at a time, put one foot in front of the other. We have a huge challenge facing UCLA next. They are a great team and they already beat us this year. We have to get our rest and try to do it again. I am confident our guys have learned and matured as the season has progressed and I know what we are capable of."

GEORGIA PLAYERS

WAYNE MONTGOMERY

On clinching today's match..

"It is a great and wonderful opportunity to win in front of such a crowd, the greatest crowd in college tennis. It always has been and always will be so that gave me a lot of energy and confidence at some points when I felt vulnerable. It was great match. All the credit to Nick Crystal. He is a great competitor and he makes people frustrated and lose their minds. Like I said before I am not entirely happy with my performance, but playing against that guy is tough and a whole different game. I am happy with the outcome."

JAN ZIELINSKI

On advancing to the quarterfinals...

"It means a lot. Especially here and during NCAA. It was a very special moment for us today coming back after losing that doubles point. They are the #4 team in the country and they are great in every spot. It was really tough but I am proud of everyone on the team for getting the job done. I can't say enough about our guys and how they performed. I can't wait for Saturday's match."

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HEAD COACH PETER SMITH

On today's match...

"It's an incredible environment that was out there, it's often playing in that environment you really actually feel like they're cheering for you a lot of times. They got us in a couple third sets. They played great, and they were tough down the stretch, and they get to move on, and we don't."

On playing the NCAA Championships in Athens...

"No matter what ever happens here, there are amazing memories here, and that will never be taken away. This is an amazing place. It should be here more often than not. If it's not here every other year, every year. It's a special place. This is our place. Hats off to UGA, Dan Magill, Manny Diaz, and Matt Brachowski for doing such a great job. It's an amazing place. The town's amazing. The atmosphere's amazing. The history's amazing."