



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

**Women's Round of 16**

**#2 OHIO STATE (31-2) 4, #14 SOUTH CAROLINA (20-9) 1  
QUOTES**

**OHIO STATE HEAD COACH MELISSA SCHAUB**

*On advancing to the quarterfinals...*

"They are a really tough team, and we knew that going in. They are in a tough conference, the SEC. They were going to come in well prepared. They put a lot of confidence in their doubles, so we knew that was going to be big, be a big point that we needed. They came out, and could have played a little better maybe, so we are glad that we have another day to redeem ourselves there. This is big, two seniors on the court for the doubles point to finish it off, and I think we came off of a deuce point on it, and that's good, but we fight, we compete hard in singles and I think is what it was all about."

**OHIO STATE PLAYER**

**MIHO KOWASE**

*On today's match...*

"It was tough. First set I was down straight five, but I knew I worked so hard for this the last four years. I knew I could come back, and I had faith in every single one of us. This year I think I was able to enjoy it, and enjoy the moment. Last year I was a bit nervous, and not losing, trying to not lose, but this year I am more excited than anything. So, happy to be here."

**SOUTH CAROLINA COACH KEVIN EPLEY**

*On today's match...*

"I would say first of all, a big congratulations to Ohio State. Coming from the north, coming down to our conditions and our environment, it's hot. This isn't the kind of tennis they are used to playing. To be able to come out and establish that competitive spirit, to be able to come out and play doubles that strong and to have that kind of ball tolerance is a real credit to that team, that organization. As far as we go, they were just better on all those fronts. In big moments, they made their shots. We missed. We kind of backed off. We didn't play with enough courage at times. I would say they had a better ball tolerance, which was a surprise. We were expecting to be able to make more balls than them and outlast them, and I think they were just a little more confident down the stretch. I think when the moments got big we got wide eyed. It looked like a moment there that we had a chance and then some of us just kind of went into a shell and some of us just couldn't get the ball in the court. That's the difference."