



2017 NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S & WOMEN'S TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Women's Round of 16

#12 PEPPERDINE (24-4) 4, #5 GEORGIA (19-6) 3 QUOTES

PEPPERDINE HEAD COACH PER NILSSON

On today's match..

"I'm excited for these guys to get a win they'll remember forever here in Athens. It was an unreal atmosphere. I'm just proud of them for being able to do something that's not very easy. It feels good. We came here last night when the (Georgia) men played just to see what the atmosphere was like. Our players haven't really seen that before, being out on the west coast. I thought that was kind of cool to see. I told them last night that the crowd here really knows tennis. So if we behave the way we're supposed to and fight hard, I thought the crowd would appreciate that. I thought the crowd was really classy, and it just made it really fun to play in front of."

PEPPERDINE PLAYER LUISA STEFANI

On today's match...

"The first set was really close it could have gone either way. I got my chances in the second and went ahead. And when I was about to finish, everyone finished their matches and I realized it came down to me. I think it's the second time I've been in that position, but nothing as big as this. I've always wanted to play Georgia at home. I know Ellen Perez, she's a great player, good friend. I think when the match came down to both of us, I just appreciated the fact that it came down to me and I just didn't want to disappoint anyone. But I didn't really think about that, I just played each point. I knew my teammates needed me, they were there cheering. I enjoyed it. It was fun."

GEORGIA HEAD COACH JEFF WALLACE

On today's match...

"Obviously a heart breaker out there for us, certainly that close doubles point. Seems like this six game, no ad sets are always close and you just don't know what is going to happen. We had our chances but Pepperdine played well, but then we got four first sets out there in singles and thought things were looking pretty good. Caroline Brinson, and Kennedy Shaffer and Mariana Gould had a great day and won their matches in straight sets to get us three points, we were just trying to find a way to get one more point. We battled in that third set but it just wasn't quite enough. I feel like Luisa Stefani played great tennis all day and their doubles were amazing, and their singles were too. You certainly have to take your hat off to Pepperdine and their play, but disappointing for us obviously, being here at home and having such a close heartbreaker. You like to think that you have a little bit of an advantage when you are at home and you're three matches all and you're down there, but man they played great."

GEORGIA PLAYER CAROLINE BRINSON

On today's match...

"It meant the world to me. I was just in our team meeting and had to say a few words to the girls and just tell them to enjoy every moment of it because it really does go by fast. The opportunity that I had to play NCAA's here my freshman and senior year is something that doesn't come around very often, or to many people, so I am very grateful for that opportunity. Today is another tough pill to swallow but I had a blast playing in front of that crowd and there is just nothing like playing here in Athens, so I hope the girls enjoy the rest of the time they have."