



2018 MEN'S NATIONAL COLLEGIATE VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SEMIFINAL 1 POSTGAME NOTES (MAY 3, 2018)

LONG BEACH STATE NOTES

- Long Beach State will make its seventh appearance in the National Championship match, and first since 2004.
- The Beach are 1-5 in National Championship matches, with their lone win coming in 1991.
- Head coach Alan Knipe played on the 1991 National Championship team and was named to the NCAA All-Tournament Team.
- Long Beach State hit .339 in the match against Ohio State marking the 26th time this season the Beach hit above .300.
- The last time LBSU played in the National Championship match, assistant coach Scott Touzinsky and statistical coordinator Paul Munoz were on the team.
- Junior Kyle Ensing knocked down a season-high 20 kills to go along with 10 digs en route to his third double-double of the season to help lift the Beach over two-time defending National Champion Ohio State in the NCAA Semifinal match.

OHIO STATE NOTES

- Ohio State finishes its season with a 25-6 record and a third-straight appearance in the NCAA semifinals.
- The loss snaps a seven-match NCAA Tournament winning streak for the Buckeyes and a 16-match winning streak in postseason matches. Ohio State's overall NCAA Tournament record is now 16-23.
- Redshirt freshman opposite Jake Hanes posted his second-straight 20-kill match, recording 21 against Long Beach after record 22 against UC Irvine in the opening round match. He finished the tournament with 55.5 total points.