

Saturday Press Conferences
North Carolina Quotes:

Head Coach Elmar Bolowich

Opening Statement:

“We are, of course, very excited to be playing another day and are looking forward to the opportunity to play for a national title. The fact that it is two ACC teams bodes extremely well for our conference, of course. I’m really proud of our team and the way we performed on Friday. I think we showed that we can play, and that we are a very, very good team. I’m looking forward to the Sunday match against Maryland.”

On playing Maryland over the course of the season:

“Well there is a reason why they’re here - they’re a really strong team. They have a good balance just like all the four teams that were here. They have very few weaknesses and if we can find them, great, and I hope we do. They’re strong and experienced coming off a national championship in 2005. They have been going very deep in the playoffs in the last 10 to 12 years, too. Sasho (Cirovski) has done a very good job, so they are really well organized. It will be another close game. It will be one of those typical ACC matches that you’ll see. It will be a tough battle and a good back-play will make a difference.”

Ryan Adeleye, Defender

On how the team will follow up a great defensive effort like they showed against Wake Forrest and on having played Maryland before:

“You just have to defend like you know how to, and each of us just has to do our job. Brooks (Haggerty) played really well yesterday, along with the rest of the defenders, and we really just have to continue to do our job well and just really give the effort that you need to on defense, which is a lot. Just do our job, nothing special, just what we always do.”

Garry Lewis, Midfielder

On the turnaround by the team after the regular season:

“Simply put, I just think we woke up. I guess we knew that everything was on the line, and it was either win or go home. We had our backs toward the wall, and we have a lot of seniors. A lot of our guys showed leadership, and we just came together at the right time. We hit a few bumps in the road, but once the postseason began we just all came to a new level. We knew it was do or die.”