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California Postgame Quotes – Day 2

Head Coach Kirk Everist

On the game:

“The guys played great defensively. Five-man defense, front-court defense, we played really great. That’s what our team has been like all year. We found a way to score goals, and had some unbelievable individual efforts out there. Adam Haley’s first goal was incredible and it energized the team. We had some great performances by guys who hadn’t played a ton. When you win a championship, somebody else is going to have to step up.”

“USC did a good job of taking away Sharf, I don’t think he’s not scored a goal in a game all year. They did that to us but we were still able to figure a way to get goals. Other guys stepped up and took the open space that was given to them and took advantage of it.”

“At the last point of defense, Sheredy blocks a penalty shot, he was a wall out there.”

On winning back-to-back titles:

“Its extremely difficult to repeat. As a player I got to Cal on the heels of a championship, and we had a team that really struggled in 1985. But I ended my career winning back-to-back [titles], so I know how hard it is to focus, to put in the work, and it just doesn’t happen. Also, to have a team that had a decent amount of turnover, having lost six or seven key players from last year’s team, made a lot of people think we’d be ok but not as good as the year before. These guys just came in, worked hard, and we changed how we played. We ere so different, but in many ways we were a better team. We were more athletic, more focused defensively, had a better counterattack, and there were a lot of parts of the game where we were better this year. These guys took that to heart. And playing that style is difficult, it takes a lot of energy out there, and these guys did it day in and day out.”

On bouncing back from the MPSF semifinal loss to UC Irvine:

“With a four-team championship, its such a tough thing to go through an entire year and have such a great year like these guys did, but it’s a little disconcerting to sit there Saturday night and know that if Irvine continues to do what it was doing, there’s a good shot we wouldn’t get the chance to be here. It can really get in your head, but these guys really focused in on the fact that all you can deal with is the now, and they came out and dealt with Stanford.”

Senior Goalkeeper Mark Sheredy

On stopping the five-meter shot from Gabor Sarusi and its effect on the contest:

“I think we had a lot of [momentum-changing plays] before that. I think that making those types of saves, its very motivating and a really good feeling. You just kind of go into those sometimes knowing you’re going to block them, and I had the support from my team, and I just knew I was going to block it. We dug deep and played hard.”

Senior Attacker Michael Sharf

On the team’s balanced scoring in the game:

“Yesterday someone asked me if I felt pressured to score. I said ‘No, I don’t. If I got the opportunity, I’d feel pressured to make it.’ That is a testament of what our team is all about. I took two shots, and six different people scored. Zac [Monsees] had two, Adam [Haley] had two, and that’s why we’re such a great team. It’s not just one player or sector of the game that we focus on, but it’s the overall team aspect that we really excel in.”

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USC Postgame Quotes – Dec. 2

Head Coach Jovan Vavic

On the game:

“I thought our guys played very hard. As a team we played with lots of pride and we gave it all we got. I think our shots didn’t go today, and that our youth showed. I give Berkeley credit, they did a good job scoring when they needed to score, but overall I felt that we had our opportunities. We missed a penalty and a couple of extra-man opportunities, and Berkely converted theirs.”

Senior Utility Drew Vyn

On the play of Cal goalkeeper Mark Sheredy:

“It didn’t seem like Sheredy did anything spectacular, we just seemed to be beating ourselves on some shots. Usually the stuff we make wasn’t going our way. Our five-meter shooters are the best, and we missed a five-meter today. That just sums up our day today.”