



2008 SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE SOCCER TOURNAMENT

MATCH #2 QUOTES/NOTES Tennessee vs. Auburn

Tennessee Head Coach Angela Kelly

On Tennessee's performance today

"I'm very, very pleased with this win. I thought Tanya Emerson played great for us and had a lot of focus on that first goal. Chelsea Hatcher was tremendous in the midfield. That strike that she had off the crossbar, I thought she really deserved to score. And that was a great finish from Mick Ingram. I'm very pleased with the effort that was given. Obviously in postseason you have to survive and move on and I think that's what we did."

On Auburn

"I have to give a ton of credit to Auburn and Karen Hoppa. They won the West this year. In my opinion they're one of the most well-organized and talented teams around. Katy Frierson is a great player and their whole team in combination is just a great unit. I have to give them credit. I'm really pleased about the win because I think it's over one of the best, if not the best, team in this conference."

Tennessee Sophomore Midfielder Tanya Emerson

On Tennessee's performance

"I knew coming into this tournament that we were just going to come out with all that we had and that's what we did. From the start to the end we were fighting and it shows that we have the heart and what it takes to do it. Now it's just time to do it."

On her goal

"I knew that my team was going to work today. I saw Devon (Swaim) fighting for it and she got it back. I knew it was coming my way into the far slot and I just did whatever I could to get into that space. I hit it first time and it went it, but it was Devon's work that got it there."

On advancing in the tournament

"We're ready. We can't wait for the next game and we're going to come out with everything we have."

Auburn Head Coach Karen Hoppa

"It's a disappointment to lose in the first round because we are better than how we played today. Tennessee had the emotional advantage. They lost to us 10 days ago and they had revenge in mind and wanted to come back and prove themselves. It's no excuse for us. We knew it and we have been in this situation before and we didn't bring the emotional level to start this game."

"We should be in (the NCAA Tournament). Our RPI was 38th and we have a ton of quality wins, a fantastic late-season performance and we have an unbelievable strength of schedule. The SEC is a very strong league and the SEC should get at least five teams in depending on who wins this tournament. We should be fine but you never know until your name comes up on the board."

"We just started slow at the beginning of the game. We knew Tennessee would be playing for their NCAA lives since they are under .500 and we just started too slow. We really played the most timid half we have played in over a month."

Game Notes

Auburn

- 0-5 when trailing at the half
- Has lost in the opening round the last three years
- In three of the last four years, Tennessee has eliminated the Tigers from the tournament

Tennessee

- First multiple goal game for UT since Oct. 19
- Tennessee now 3-0 all-time against Auburn in the SEC Tournament
- UT has outscored Auburn 8-3 in the SEC Tournament
- Friday's meeting with LSU will be the second all-time at SEC Tourney
- First meeting with LSU in tourney, UT won 2-0 on Nov. 3, 2005
- UT topped LSU, 2-1, during the 2008 regular season