



2008 SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE SOCCER TOURNAMENT

MATCH #5 QUOTES/NOTES
Tennessee vs. LSU

LSU Head Coach Brian Lee

"It was a good game with an exciting finish. Tennessee came out with great effort and determination tonight and I thought played with a lot of fight for the full 110 minutes. We responded really well after halftime to come back and tie it up. We just couldn't keep up the pressure and break through with a second goal down the stretch. We're now going to head back home and take a couple of days off to rest up before we get back on the field and start preparing for the NCAA Tournament. We're definitely looking forward to Monday. We feel like we've done what we need to do to receive an at-large bid into the NCAA Tournament for the second-straight season, and we will anxiously await our name to pop up on the screen while watching the selection show."

Tennessee Head Coach Angie Kelly

On Tennessee's performance

"I'm very proud of our team for battling for the entire game and overtime and PKs. To be honest, this is not a fun way to win. I think LSU did a great job and battled. It went back and forth. Both teams gave everything they had. They have to decide it somehow and that's just the way we do it in soccer. Obviously, we're going to take the advancement, but it's just an unfortunate way to decide things. Credit goes to both teams for battling. I'm proud of our team for the composure they had at times and the opportunities we created. Now we just have to enjoy this for an hour or two, get lots of rest and then focus for Sunday."

On keeper Jaimel Johnson's performance during PKs

"When the overtime finished, Jaimel said she was glad it went to overtime. She's just a gamer. I've said it a million times, she's the best goalkeeper in the country. She's a great shot stopper. To save two and almost get her hand on another, she's amazing. I'm just so grateful, and have been for four years, that she chose Tennessee."

On advancing to Sunday's final

"I'm going to come back and watch Florida and Georgia. Sunday's going to be a battle. We have to recover our legs. We have to make sure we're focused and organized. Georgia and Florida are two great teams. We didn't have success against them during the season so that's an exciting opportunity for us, whoever we may play. We'll just wait and see what happens."

Tennessee senior goalkeeper Jaimel Johnson

On Tennessee's performance today

"The team battled for the entire 110 minutes plus PKs. The fight and the heart was apparent all over the field. Even though we didn't connect on some passes, or didn't score on some of the shots we should have, every person on the field and everybody off the bench battled the full 110 minutes."

On her penalty kick performance

"On penalty kicks, the goalkeeper always has the advantage because there's no pressure on them. They always say that goalkeepers aren't really supposed to make a save on penalty kicks, so when you do it's a bonus. I love penalty kicks and I love pressure situations. I told my team that if they did their part, I'd do my part and make a save."

On advancing to Sunday's final

"I'm excited for Sunday, just to play Florida or Georgia and have a shot at the SEC Championship. Coach Kelly always talks about how this season could be the most satisfying for us, even though it didn't start out that great. It's about how you finish, not how you start."

Game Notes

LSU

- This is the second time that LSU has played a penalty kick shootout at the SEC Tournament. The Tigers beat Auburn in PKs, 4-2, in the opening round last season.

Tennessee

- Sixth overtime SEC Tournament match for Tennessee
- Third time UT has decided an SEC Tournament match in PKs
- Tennessee has advanced each time they have gone to PKs in the SEC Tournament
- Tennessee is 3-0-3 all-time in overtime matches at the SEC Tournament
- Second time UT has gone to penalties in the semifinal
- Advanced to its fifth SEC Tournament final
- First final appearance since 2005
- Tennessee is 2-1-1 all-time in the SEC Tournament final, with three titles
- UT played in every tournament final between 2002 and 2005