Mississippi State Head Coach Matt Roberts:

Opening Statement:

“I thought we played our best doubles point of the year. We played really clean on all three courts. We had a good start. I was very proud of the way the guys came out loose and aggressive and played a really sharp doubles point. I felt like we did well in singles. I thought if we could extend one of those matches into a third set, it would have helped Nuno (Borges) a lot more. It’s tough when all eyes are on him in that situation.

“(Mikael) Torpegaard’s been in that situation a lot. He expected that and was a little more used to that feeling and that moment than we were. He’s been there multiple times already. That was the difference. I think that if Nic (Braun) could have gone three sets, or one of the other courts next to Nuno could have gone three, it would have taken a lot of pressure off him. Hats off to Ohio State. They made a good comeback after the doubles point and put the match into a position where they were comfortable. We have to live in that moment a little bit more and get used to it and next year, when we’re there, I feel a little bit more confident in our guys.”

“I was very confident in Nuno (Borges) at that point. I just thought he was going to be able to push a little bit more with his intensity and (Mikael) Torpegaard played too solid. They’re a really good team. We’ll learn from it and I’m very proud of our guys and how they handled the whole year. They improved every week. They got better and better and winning doubles against Ohio State after they’ve won 19 in a row proves that we’re getting better as the season goes on.”

“I’m really proud of Giovanni (Oradini) and how he led to today, winning in straight sets. I’m proud of how Nic (Braun) fought back and how Trevor (Foshey) led us with a straight-sets win. I’m very proud of those guys.”

“We’ve just got to continue to pump ourselves up with positive thoughts and keep believing in ourselves and listening to the positive and blocking out the negative. Your thoughts control you and I think we’re proof that we’ve really developed in that area and have a lot of confidence in each other as a team. The guys did a great job of building themselves up this year with the way they practice, trained together and competed together. I’m very proud of our guys and what we’re building here and we’re looking forward to next year. I’d love to start the fall season right now if I could.”

Ohio State Head Coach Ty Tucker

Mississippi State is the real deal. They came out and I was a little bit disappointed in our guys. For seven minutes we were stuck in concrete looking around. We have been here many times before in the quarterfinals and we thought we would be a little looser. It is the quarterfinals and our guys did look a little like deer in headlights, but we settled in after those seven minutes and got back in to those doubles points. We won one of the doubles matches. We got off to good starts. We were determined and wanted to win. The margins are thin and today was our day and it feels damn good