Georgia Tech head coach Rodney Harmon
On the key to beating Pepperdine...
“First of all, Pepperdine has a great team. When they beat us at Team Indoors, it was a really tough match. They won all the really key matches. Obviously they have five ranked players in singles in their lineup so you know it’s going to be really tough. The good thing for us is we’ve played teams like that, we’ve played (North) Carolina and Duke that have a lot of ranked players. We were prepared to play, but it was a battle. They’re really, really good and they’re well-coached.”

On what made the difference down the stretch...
“It just came down to tough matches at the finish line. Paige [Hourigan] came back at No. 1 and that was huge for us. Ida (Jarlskog) was able to gut out a really tough match at No. 4 because the girl she played is really good, she was the No. 10 or 11 junior in the world and just a great player. Ida just fought and fought and fought. [Victoria Flores] came through and as you could see it was quite dramatic at the finish line so we’re really happy for her.”

On the excitement of advancing...
“It was a great match. Obviously when you come to NCAAs every team is really good. You know every match is going to be a war, and that’s what it takes. We’re really happy that we were able to play such a great team and be able to win.”

Pepperdine head coach Per Nilsson
On the difference in the match...
“The difference is they were way tougher mentally than us and physically tougher. We had chances to close out two matches, but they were just stronger mentally and it showed. It’s disappointing because it felt like we could hang with them toe-to-toe. When it comes down to getting in your own way, you’re disappointed.”

On how tight the games were...
“There were five really close matches that could have gone either way. They won the important points - give them a lot of credit. I hope they do well in the next round.”

Georgia Tech freshman Victoria Flores, #6 singles
On what helped her late rally...
“I was just thinking, make every ball and get to every ball. It doesn’t matter how I hit it, just get it in the court and you’ll at least have a chance. I had to give myself and the team a chance, that’s all.”

On the excitement level of advancing to the next round...
“I can’t believe we’re in the Elite Eight, for the first time since they won in 2007. Last year they lost in the round of 16, so it was clutch to pull through with my team. Especially Ida [Jarlskog], down 5-4 in the third and match point. I’m just so happy, I love my team. I play for them - all my points were for them, for my school, for my coaches.”