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## NCAA Tournament Second Round Quotes: Missouri vs. Washington

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### Washington Head Coach Lesle Gallimore

#### Q: Thoughts on today's victory?

**Gallimore:** I was super excited for my team. They battled and hung in there. It was a physical game and I think from Missouri we got what we thought we would get – pretty direct, hard, a lot of balls forward that we had to defend against and the game became frantic. It was tough for us to gain our composure in that sort of rhythm of the game.

With that said, I thought we created enough and had the ball in the final third enough to get goals, particularly early in the game. When the game starts to wear on, you start to press more and the ball is up in the air as much as it was it gets a little out of hand.

We weren't great in the final third. We put too many balls on their keeper. We were too rushed in our shots. With the number of shots we had we didn't really make [Missouri goalkeeper McKenzie Sauerwein] make any saves – we didn't get them on frame.

Going into the overtime, I said, 'They're getting tired in the back, hit it wide and either dribble endline and try to pick someone out on the ground. We could have a tap-in in this game. If you get to the endline and dribble and nobody comes to you, just keep driving,' and that's what Kimby did.

How we scored the goal was the formula of what I think we could've done in regulation. With that said, they had a couple dangerous midfielders and players that when they ran at you it could be tough to defend.

I thought Megan Kufeld made a great save at the end of the game to come off her line on that one-on-one. I'm really excited to be moving on to the next round. Looking at some of the Pac-12 results and it was not that great for the conference today, so for us, we're really excited to still be representing the Pac-12.

I'm happy for these guys, they fought hard today.

#### Q: What was it like to get the result in the overtime period?

**Gallimore:** It was funny, one of my assistant coaches said winning in overtime is more fun anyway and let's go win it in overtime. Whoever we're playing on Sunday I didn't want it to go to penalty kicks to see what our order was in case that becomes an element.

It's just fun for the players. To win it early in overtime especially. As games wear on, there's always that chance that you give something up that's silly and you take a bad goal or a soft goal.

At the end of the day I felt we were deserving. How we scored and played it was good enough and I'm happy for the players.

**Q: Thoughts on Sunday's Third Round matchup?**

**Gallimore:** Whoever it is, it's going to be another tough match. When you're in the Round of 16 no game is going to be easy from this point forward.

We played a tough match against Stanford down here that to me had a bit of controversy, personally. If it's Stanford, great, we'll take another shot at them. I know we'll do better. We're a better team than we were earlier on in the season.

If it's Arkansas, Colby has done a tremendous job with that team. They're a tough team to play against. They've gone from being a no-Tournament team to in the tournament and the second round. You have to admire it and I'm interested to see them play live.

For us it's about recovering, gathering our composure, figuring out our opponent after tonight and preparing for them on Sunday.

I would say about my team they've had a tremendous one-game focus this season. They'll be excited tonight – mostly because they get to go eat dessert! Then we'll get refocused and their only thought will be being our best on Sunday for whoever we play against.

**Q: Any additional thoughts on tonight's game?**

**Gallimore:** "Stanford does a great job hosting and for us it was great to be able to come to a familiar environment and play on a field that we've played on before. We have a lot of freshmen on our team, including Kimby Keever, who contributed.

For this not to be our first time here, this atmosphere for them, I think was helpful. We have a lot of kids from Northern California and California kids in general, so for them to be able to play in front of their families and in a comfortable environment added to the experience and made it a lot of fun.

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**Washington Freshman Kimby Keever**

**Q: Describe what you saw on the game-winning goal.**

**Keever:** I saw space and not that many Missouri jerseys around so I just went for it.

**Q: How does it feel to be moving on to the Third Round?**

**Keever:** Pretty good. It's nice to celebrate with our team one more time and I'm excited for Sunday's game.

**Q: How'd you feel the team played overall today?**

**Keever:** We had our chances and we did a really good job defending. We just couldn't find the back of the net.

**Q: When the goal finally went in, what were your thoughts?**

**Keever:** Just relief that we were going on to the next round. And I was really exhausted.

**Q: Was there anything your coaches or teammates said before the overtime to prepare you?**

**Keever:** The coaches basically drew out that exact play. They told us to create space in the middle, go wide, then cut in.