

2012 NCAA Division II Women's Soccer Championship UC San Diego Press Conference Quotes

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UCSD head coach Brian McManus opening statement:

"I thought in the first half, we set out to go at them. It was either we were going to come here, sit back and defend, or do what we do and go at them. If they were that good, they were going to beat us. We dominated the game in the first half. In the last 15 minutes (of the first half), they started to get back into it. We got the early goal in the second half. We knew the second goal was going to be a big goal. One goal wasn't going to be enough to beat a team that's been in the final four four years in a row. The second goal was brilliant – great ball, great cross."

On the first goal:

Cassie Callahan

"Jessica Wi got it out wide. She is great at taking players on. Whenever she goes out wide, I get in the box because I know she's going to beat her player. It was a bad angle, but I knew Izzy (Pozurama) would be there."

"I was kind of surprised that it went in, but I was super excited. I knew we had a long half left, so we needed to get another one."

On the game:

Coach McManus

"I thought the first half, we controlled the ball well. We didn't give it away. I thought in the second half, they stepped it up a little bit. They started playing a little bit higher, a little more pressure. For the most part in the second half, it was a very even game. It was going to be who took the chances."

On GVSU's late push:

Ellen Wilson

"You know that when you're up two goals, they're going to come at you with a lot more pressure. I thought we kept our composure. They had some good chances, but I also have a lot of respect for Kelcie (Brodsky) stepping up as a freshman and making those saves for us."

On her goal:

Izzy Pozurama

"It was really exciting. I hadn't scored in the entire playoffs. I missed an opportunity near the half and I knew any chance I got, I had to put it in. The next chance I got, I put it in the goal."