

2012 NCAA Division II Women's Soccer Championship UCSD Press Conference Quotes

West Florida 1, UCSD 0
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UCSD head coach Brian McManus opening statement:

"First half, I thought we played quite well. We didn't put our chances away. It was almost as if in the second half, we froze a little bit. We were more worried about losing than winning. That's not like us. We didn't seem to relax and play like we did Thursday. Credit to them. They played a high-pressure game. They came at us, especially in the second half. They had a couple players that were a handful."

On West Florida's Chelsea Palmer:

Coach McManus

"She's a handful. She turns plays well. She's got a deceptive pace. She holds the ball well. Her size and her strength work in her favor, and she knows how to use it. She got herself in very good goal-scoring positions."

On missed scoring chances:

Haylee Johnson

"We've been getting those kind of chances all season. We feel like they were so close. Had those chances gone in, maybe the game would've gone another way. Story of our season."

On Haylee Johnson, Gabi Hernandez and Ellen Wilson:

Coach McManus

"I can't say enough about these three. They've been everything we look for in UCSD soccer players and UCSD students. On the park and off the park, their leadership has been second to none. These are probably three of the best players at UCSD never to win a national championship. Having said that, they carried this team a lot these last three years. They carried us to Kentucky (last year) and got us back here again this weekend. To them and all the seniors, tremendous job."

On the season coming to an end:

Hayley Johnson

"It's really been an honor. (Coach McManus) is a legend in soccer. I'm really proud to have gotten the chance to help him get in the record books. I've found myself a family here, and it is going to last a lot longer than this season."

Gabbi Hernandez

"This program is awesome. This whole team deserves so much more credit than anyone imagines. They work so much harder than anyone thinks, on and off the field. It's a shame that we didn't get to finish this opportunity, but we totally deserved to be here. These girls are our best friends. This program has changed every person on this field."