

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

West Florida 1, UCSD 0
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West Florida head coach Joe Bartlinski opening statement:

"San Diego was so fierce in that first half. We were just holding on because of how tired we were from the Saint Rose game. We had to expend so much energy against Saint Rose. All we did yesterday and today was try to recover physically. We had some chances, but they were definitely smothering us. But we came together at halftime with our leadership. We said in the second half, let's play our way. We were going wave after wave after them. At the end of the day, they had a bunch of shots that second half. They were resilient, but nobody was going to stop (Chelsea Palmer). I'm so pleased for our seniors and for our kids that came from junior colleges."

On Sarah Story:

Coach Bartlinski

"We talked about staying in the first half; that's because Sarah made that tremendous save. She knows that's her job. She knows that's what she's supposed to do."

On Chelsea Palmer's goal:

Coach Bartlinski

"When Chelsea had her moment, she made the most of it. That's why we recruited her – she wins national championships. You want to win a national championship, you get Chelsea Palmer on your team."

Chelsea Palmer

"In soccer, sometimes you only have one opportunity. National championships aren't won 2-0, 3-0, 4-0. Games are won 1-0. It's the toe poke. It's the diving header. It's unthinkable. You never think you'll get that chance right in front of the goal. To have that opportunity, you have to finish. I had to compose myself, just as I did on the PKs (Thursday). You have to compose yourself and knock it in."

On the win:

Chelsea Palmer

"It's hard to get 25, 30 girls and be one. We're girls. Sometimes it's not proper to do that. For girls to have the end result of getting here, that's sensational. Nobody was going to quit. Nobody was going to stop. Everyone was going to pump themselves up. I know I chose the right place because each one of these girls is my family."

On West Florida's defense:

Sarah Story

"We panicked a little bit in the Saint Rose game. Coach was telling us to calm down. Everyone turned to me, and I just had to say calm down, play our game. We had to make sure we kept everyone's heads."