

# **2016 NCAA® DIVISION I WOMEN'S SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP**

Second Round · #4 BYU vs. Oklahoma

Stone Stadium · Columbia, S.C.

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## **POSTGAME QUOTES**

### **BYU HEAD COACH JENNIFER ROCKWOOD**

"We're obviously super excited about the opportunity we had to be out here. Congratulations to Oklahoma on a fantastic season. This team has really come together; I think we're playing some great soccer right now. We were really anxious and excited to come out here to South Carolina, which none of us have ever been to. We had a great turnout with our fans that live in the area to come support us. It was a battle. I thought we played well, scoring in the first half and then got the second goal. There was a little craziness that happened, and Oklahoma got a goal and we had to gut it out towards the end. A really great effort by our girls; we had some players come off the bench that really gave us a huge boost tonight and we've relied on them all season. These two right here (Ashley Hatch and Michele Vasconcelos) are two of the best players that BYU has had, and it's exciting for us to have them on the field at the same time. I know they're anxious and ready to go for the next game and lead this team on to bigger and better things."

#### *On the close game being a good thing:*

"Absolutely, we always learn from each game, and I think there's some things we clearly learned today about substitution rules, so hopefully that doesn't happen again. I think it's always a good lesson, learning how to close out a game. We've had to do it over the season this year, and we've done a really good job with it. I think we got a little bit panicky, and we don't need to do that. It's just a good reminder to stay composed and confident and finish out games like we know we're capable of doing. I have to learn how to be a little more composed on the sideline as well. I got a little bit crazy on the goal they scored, so all of us have good things to learn."

#### *On imposing their will in the first half:*

"I do think that was effective. We didn't press as much in the first half as we did in the second, so I think that's something we need to add to our game on Saturday, it's typically what we do. But yes, our goal always is from the whistle to try and overwhelm and make our opponents uncomfortable and make them play a little bit different than they're used to playing. When you've got great athletes like these two (Hatch and Vasconcelos) and the other girls on our team that just run their guts out and take a lot of pride in trying to outwork our opponents, good things can happen. We know that if we score early, the odds of us getting a good result are very high."

### **SENIOR FORWARD ASHLEY HATCH**

*On getting out to an early lead:*

“We know that if we can get the first goal then our chances of winning the game are very good, so every game we step on the field expecting ourselves to score first. We just pushed hard; Stephanie (Ringwood Ney) played a beautiful ball, and we put it in. At halftime. I told Michele (Vasconcelos) the next shot she took was going to go in, and it went in. So that early lead is very important.

*On having a large fan presence far from home:*

“We have this thing: every game is a home game, and it’s true. If you were at our game, you would have thought it was a home game because we have such a great fan base and support system.”

### **SENIOR FORWARD MICHELE VASCONCELOS**

*On getting out to an early lead:*

“Yeah, we really try to push for getting two goals in the first half, so getting the one was super nice. If we could have gotten that second one, I think it really would have settled us down, but we were still able to push into the second half and get that. But that’s definitely our goal: to get two goals in the second half.

*On having a large fan presence far from home:*

“We’re really blessed to have that. Everywhere we go around the country we have that, even out at Ohio State and Penn State; it was awesome. Hearing ‘BYU’ super loud gives us a big confidence boost.”