



2010 NCAA Tournament - Second Round Quotes

Nebraska Cornhuskers

Head Coach: John Cook

Players: Tara Mueller and Jordan Wilberger

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Opening Statement:

I thought we did a good job tonight. This is the kind of match we have been waiting for. Last night was a good one to get through but tonight was a match I felt like our team was dialed in and ready to go and did a nice job defensively against Auburn. We talk about suffocating teams and I think they felt suffocated tonight."

On what was seen on Auburn on tape and if anything stood out:

"Watching them play against Florida, they hit about .260 or .270 so we were nervous. Especially for number 10, Morgan Johnson, she went off last night. That was a big focus, to shut her down. Really, Tara's serving started us off right away and put them on their heels. I don't think they ever got in a rhythm and our serving really dictated the match tonight."

On Sydney Anderson's run in the first set:

"I don't remember it. We had a lot of runs tonight. I think she had a big run in the third game too, I just can't remember it. Again, when we serve tough, our blocking defense becomes a big factor and that is what you have to do in December. You have to be able to pressure teams with your serve blocking."

On if he was surprised with how dominant NU was:

"Not the way we were playing. We were all over. I mean, how many clean kills did they even get tonight? We were on it tonight."

Senior Outside Hitter Tara Mueller

On if this was the match they were waiting for:

"We were in the tournament now, so I think for everyone, you're taking everything up a notch. I think tonight it felt like we went out and trusted our training and how we have been practicing this last month and it felt like we didn't think. We were just doing. Everyone did their part. We played how Nebraska volleyball should be played."

Junior Middle Blocker Jordan Wilberger

On if she felt a vibe after NU began dominating:

"Yeah, as blockers we were talking at the net and when you trust what the coaches say and your training, the ball will find you."

On the team suffocating Auburn:

"We knew their go-to players and knew we needed to be disciplined. Especially, because they were going for hot-hands and they were ready to hit off of us when we weren't over the net and at the net every time I just reminded the blockers to have and be over low and steady hands. Let's stop them."