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(3) KANSAS vs IOWA
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KANSAS HEAD COACH MARK FRANCIS

Opening Statement:

"I am excited for the group. I thought it was a tough game. I give a lot of credit to Iowa, I don't think we played particularly well tonight, but I think a lot of that had to do with them. Their game plan was good, we had a hard time adjusting to some of the things they did. The kids battled and they had to defend a lot of balls in the box, a lot of set pieces. (Sarah Peters) did a good job on several occasions, especially right at the end. All of the defenders, especially in the back that were dealing with more of their direct stuff once they got in the half. I am proud of the team. This group, all year they have battled. That has been one of our traits that I would say we have as a unit. We have won some games this year when it hasn't been pretty and we haven't necessarily played the way we want to but we figure out a way to win. The best teams that I have coached have been able to do that and I think this is definitely one of them."

On the physicality of the match:

"it was physical game. We play in the Big 12 conference, we are used to physical play. Iowa is a tough team to play, they make it really difficult for you. I didn't think it was a dirty game by any means but it was a physical game. You have to be able to compete with them because that is a big part of how they're successful and I thought the kids did a good job with that part of the game today."

On Addisyn Merrick's injury and what followed:

"I am not sure (what happened) to be honest. We brought her off, and usually if you have somebody come off then you can put somebody back in. Then somebody wasn't ready so we tried to put somebody else back in. I am not quite sure what happened with all of that, it was kind of all going on. We ended up finding out that fortunately Addy was okay."

SOPHOMORE GOALKEEPER SARAH PETERS

On the shots in the final minutes:

"It was a replica of the TCU game. Our defense did great once again, they were able to block those shots. I had a save at the end, but other than that, our defense was steady today."

On their mindset going into the rest of the tournament:

"I think the fact that we are seeded this year has given us a better path to do better in the tournament so I think that is a part of our pathway to the tournament this year."

SENIOR FORWARD KATIE MCCLURE

On the atmosphere at Rock Chalk Park:

"We had a great atmosphere today, thanks to all of the fans out there. Sarah is unstoppable when she is hyped up like she was. I credit the backline too. Without Sarah and the backline, she wouldn't be able to do what she does."

On her mindset before the goal at the end:

"Like we talked about at halftime, was a little clip right over the top. It wasn't on all the time but Ellie (Prybylski) played a perfect ball right at the right time. I was in a one versus one but I saw Kailey (Lane) darting across the six -yard block so I knew I had to play her and I knew she would be able to finish it just like she did."

On their mindset going into the rest of the tournament:

"I think our confidence is really high right now. Obviously, winning the Big 12 tournament and knowing we don't have to go to North Carolina in the second round was a good sigh of relief for us. We are excited to take on Xavier, we are excited to take on anyone we have so I think our confidence right now is what is setting us to the standard that we have."

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IOWA HEAD COACH DAVE DIANNI

Opening Statement:

"I thought that that was the game that we came here for. We were very similar teams in pretty much every category shot, goals, goals against and fouls. Two good teams won 15 games each. It was a little bit up and down; both teams had some really good chances throughout the entire game. I'm just sad for our group of women, I thought that we played really well, to be honest, and maybe deserved a different result. The nature of soccer is not fear sometimes, but I'm proud of how they competed they played with such heart and completeness and created enough chances to win the game for sure. At the end of the day, Kansas scored the way that they have scored many goals this year, off the counter and through the width and got a nice cross and drove the box. I can't say enough, I am so proud of this group that I have been able to coach."

On the physically of the game:

"I just think that it was hard for both teams to get a handle on what was a foul and what wasn't a foul. It was a fast pace game, with two teams who are pretty competitive and are physical. I knew that was going to happen and I think Mark knew that as well. I think that was a potential PK in the first half, from what I saw I didn't understand that. I think he just changed the game with fouls. It was an intense game and they have a hard job."

On the environment of the game:

"We told our Woman before that we hope that there are two to three-thousand people out here. No one on this team has been in the NCAA tournament before. What a great stadium and great fans. It was top-notch all the way around."