

2012 NCAA Division II Women's Soccer Championship
Third Round – West Region Final
No. 5 UC San Diego vs. No. 23 Western Washington Quotes, Nov. 16, 2012

UC San Diego Head Coach Brian McManus

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UC San Diego Senior Forward Gabi Hernandez

On scoring for the fourth consecutive postseason game:

"I'm just so thankful. I don't know where this came from. My coach even said good time to step up. I mean, I was scoring a decent amount of goals for a forward during the season, but I've scored in every game since (Cal State) Stanislaus in (the CCAA Championship semifinal), so I don't know where it's coming from, but I hope it doesn't end."

On her goal giving Brian McManus win No. 433, most all-time in Division II:

"I just remembered that. I'm so happy that we could do that for him. He's one of the best coaches I've ever played for. He cares about this team more than anyone. He's turned us into a family, and I'm just so honored that we can provide that for him because he deserves everything in the world."

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UC San Diego Senior Left Back Hayley Johnson

On advancing to the NCAA Quarterfinals:

"I thought we played really well, first of all. We're starting to put together almost a whole 90 minutes, which is great to be peaking at this time of year. Once again, we made it exciting, I guess, for the audience, and took them into overtime. I wish we would have finished it in regulation. We had enough chances to, but we took care of business, and that's all that matters."

On the threat she poses to opposing teams with her corner kicks:

"This being my fourth year, I know exactly what Brian (McManus) wants out of those. We talked about it for this game in particular. We knew that their keeper was going to be strong, so I was looking to go near post or far post, to clear her area so she wouldn't get on it. I took the first few near post, and she didn't come out for it. It was a little too busy in there. The one that we scored off of, I kicked it far post, and she also didn't get out to it, and Ellen (Wilson) beat her player and put it in."

On the postseason run of long-time teammate Gabi Hernandez:

"Gabi has just had an incredible postseason, and season in general, and really career. I've been with her for four years now. I trust her so much on the park. She's just gotten so much better. I'm just happy she's on my team."

On playing for Brian McManus the past four years and sharing in his achievement:
“I got so lucky coming here (to UC San Diego). I wouldn’t trade it for anything. Brian’s the best coach I ever had in my life. I’m just really grateful to be a part of his career, and I’m really happy for him.”

UC San Diego Senior Center Back Ellen Wilson

On her set-piece partnership with four-year back-line partner Hayley Johnson:
“Hayley had an awesome ball in the first half to go far post. We knew that they had a really good goalie. Either hitting the front post or the far post was going to be hard for her, so I knew that I had to (put) that one in. I thought the second one was going to go in, but hit just off the post, but either way, Hayley had a great ball on both of them.”

On being 90 minutes away from a trip to Georgia:
“One game at a time is still our attitude. Colorado School of Mines is going to be an interesting game because they have all their fans here. It’s going to be a different atmosphere, but I think that just taking it one game at a time, we’ll be able to come out on top.”

On the postseason run of long-time teammate Gabi Hernandez:
“Gabi’s been my roommate for three years. Just to share the goal-scoring today with her, and just to see all of her hard work finally pay off, I’m really proud of her, and she definitely deserves it. I’m really happy that she’s been getting these goals.”

On playing for Brian McManus the past four years and sharing in his achievement:
“To be a part of that success that he’s had, just to be a part of his program, it means so much. To help him get to this point, to be actually on the team that gives him the step above all the other coaches, it just means a lot. He means so much to all of us, so just to help him, is amazing.”

UC San Diego Senior Winger Jessica Wi

On advancing to the NCAA Quarterfinals:
“It’s just so exciting, because our region is really difficult to get out of, so being able to get through this round and have the chance to play again on Sunday is awesome.”

On her assist on the game-winning goal:
“It was the weirdest thing. Lining up to start the overtime, I thought, ‘we’re going to score.’ I just could feel it. Izzy (Pozurama) held the ball and passed it to me out wide. I took a touch past the girl and then one more touch toward the end line. I looked up and saw Gabi (Hernandez) wide open around the top of the six. I laid it back to her and she put a great finish.”

Western Washington Head Coach Travis Connell

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