

## **Post-match quotes**

### **University of Portland**

#### **Head Coach Garrett Smith**

"The game didn't start out the way we wanted it to but we had the result we wanted today. A lot of credit goes to James Madison who came in and scored early in front of a hostile crowd."

"They came out and made a game of it and got one on us early. But I think we responded very, very well. We kept our composure and knew that we would create chances. We held on and we got the win and we're off to Stanford."

#### *On James Madison*

"Good teams get into the play-offs and good teams make it to the third-round. James Madison created opportunities and they took advantage of their opportunity to score."

#### *On James Madison scoring first*

"We responded well especially being as young as we are."

#### *On Stanford (Portland's next opponent in the NCAA quarterfinals)*

"As an athletic department as a whole it is one of the nation's best and their women's soccer program is second-to-none. We've been there before in the same situation (quarterfinals) in 2002 and it was a hard-contested fight that night and I'm sure it'll be the same on Friday."

### **No. 3 Megan Rapinoe, MF, Sr.**

#### *On the team's mindset after JMU scored the first goal of the match (in the 6<sup>th</sup> minute)*

"The same as it always is. We have a game-plan that has been the same all year and probably has been the same for the last decade. We try not to get rattled. I feel confident in our team. We have a bunch of goal scorers. Our defense is awesome this year and they locked it down. Their goal was early in the game so there was lots of time to get the equalizer."

#### *On James Madison*

"They brought the fight. They didn't come out here to lie down and give us the game. It was a good physical battle that was definitely welcomed by our team. It's fun when it gets physical."

### **No. 9 Danielle Foxhoven, F, Fr.**

"It was a relief getting that third goal but you have to keep playing for the whole 90 minutes."

### **No. 16 Jessica Tsao, D, So.**

#### *On her goal (in the 42<sup>nd</sup> minute)*

"I try to get around the back-line several times in a game and I got a great through ball from Dani (Foxhoven)."

### **James Madison University**

#### **Head Coach David Lombardo**

#### *On playing at Merlo Field*

"It was an amazing atmosphere out there. People had tried to prepare us for what it would be like - that it was a very savvy and rabid Portland crowd and they definitely were. The crowd got stuck into the game and it was a fun atmosphere. We wanted to come out here and give it our best shot. I think we represented ourselves well."

#### *On Portland*

"We knew going into this game that they (Portland) were going to have the ball a lot. Their technical excellence is the best we've faced this year. We were hoping to create some counter-attack chances and some re-start situations."

"Our players have been a fast-starting team all season long. We've been pumping it up all week that we're a 'Cinderella team' that they don't know who we are so let's go out there and throw caution to the wind and see what we can get out of it."

"Our players are gutsy, they aren't afraid of anyone. We beat Penn State on national TV Fox Soccer Channel, we tied West Virginia, we beat Wake Forest and we beat Georgia. Our players were unfazed that they were going against a top school like Portland. It was a tall order but nobody's knees were knocking. They embraced the experience."

*On Portland*

"They are really talented. When you can have an outside back (Jessica Tsao) score a goal like that, the talent level is from front to back. We had to make the best of our chances."

*More on Portland*

"Their speed, quickness and agility was a concern for us. We played low pressure in the first half to bait them into the middle to win some balls and then counter-attack from there. We didn't do that against any other team this year, not against Penn State nor against West Virginia, because we knew that their (Portland) level of athlete was going to be tougher than we've faced."

**No. 21 Christina 'Corky' Julien, F/MF, Jr.**

*On playing against Portland on Merlo Field*

"It was pretty amazing. Not a lot of soccer girls get to play in front of that kind of crowd. It is unforgettable."

*On Portland*

"They are one of the best teams I've seen that run at players one-on-one."