

## **OKLAHOMA MEN'S TENNIS**

#3 Ohio State 4, #14 Oklahoma 3

Round of 16 – NCAA Division I Men's Tennis Championships

Dan Magill Tennis Complex, Athens, Ga.

### **HEAD COACH NICK CROWELL QUOTES**

*On his team's performance:*

"Unbelievable fight. I'm super proud of our guys. No one expected us to win that match other than us and that's why we are so disappointed. We thought we could win the match and I'm just really proud of how we competed today. These matches always come down to one point here or there."

*On his mentality before the match:*

"I knew it was going to be a war, but we were very confident in ourselves. We have been confident all year and we really started gaining momentum about a month ago. We felt like we could play with anybody and we did. Obviously we're disappointed, but our guys left it all out on the courts and that's all I could ever ask."

*On the doubles point:*

"It was a seesaw battle. They played really good at one and kind of took us out of the match, but at two Alex (Ghilea) and Florin (Bragusi) were just doing their thing. They were aggressive. They got the lead and just ran with it. Three was just a battle. They were up a break, then we were and serving. They had 6-3 in the breaker, but it was just a seesaw and fortunately we were able to pull it out."

*On the wins from senior Alex Ghilea and Florin Bragusi in singles:*

We felt really good at those two spots going in. They have been rock solid all year and nothing different today. They were animals out there. In the heat—letting nothing bother them. I'm really proud of those guys but disappointed for them because they had such great careers. But that's tennis."

*On the performance of junior Spencer Papa in singles:*

Spencer's fight was incredible today. I thought he played maybe his best match of the year and this is the time to do it. Just a great effort. He clawed his way back in the third, got down an early break, but Torpegaard is just really good."

*On senior Andrew Harris in singles:*

"It was really tough that we put him in that position, but he was really tough and hung in there. Lost the first set tight but came back and won the second 6-1. We had a couple chances in the third, but it just didn't go our way."

*On his seniors:*

"You couldn't ask for a better situation with guys who can lead a program and who have instilled a winning tradition here at Oklahoma. Not just with the news guys but with all the recruits coming in. We're building a program here and these guys are the foundation of that. It's our job to keep it going."