

Florida State Seminoles Post-Match Quotes – NCAA First Round – Dec. 1, 2017 – Lincoln, Neb.

Senior Outside Hitter Natasha Calkins on set one

“It was really intense and really emotional as well. I think you could really see our team fighting through that, especially at the beginning of the second set and the third.”

Head Coach Chris Poole on what turned around in the third set

“I certainly feel like [set] one could have gone either way and we had our chances in the first set and just didn’t put it away. I think that we came out in [set] two trying to fight. When we went back in, we talked about how we could still make a comeback. This is a team that hasn’t quit this year. We’ve been down at times and we knew that it would be a little bit of a rebuilding year. We’ve fought through that and fought through a lot of adversity to get ourselves to this point and we’ve been inconsistent. That’s been our biggest thing against the better teams. A lot of times we’ve been too inconsistent and you saw that tonight. Again, we could have just as easily won the first one, won the third but then played really flat in the second and fourth and that’s happened to us a lot this year. There’s been times we’ve had big leads six, seven, eight-point leads in a set and then dropped a set. So there’s some consistency things we’ve dealt with, but the girls have just kept working and working and I certainly can’t fault them for that, because they’ve given everything that they have to continue to carry the Florida State Seminole name with a lot of pride and kept fighting. I thought Washington State did a good job. They’ve could’ve folded in that first one. We kept pushing them there at the end and even when we came back in the third and got up – we did some nice things – but they fought right there at the end of the third to close the gap on us and I knew that momentum was feeding into that fourth set.”

Head Coach Chris Poole on Washington State’s Outside Hitter Taylor Mims

“[She’s a] very good athlete. She does a really nice job of hitting a lot of different balls and if she feels out of system in some ways, then she does a nice job of putting the ball, placing the ball, in difficult positions to try to transition back out there. I think she did a really nice job of keeping us off balance. She hits well back row and front row. It’s someone who I think has done a great job for them (Washington State) through the year and continued to do that tonight.”

Redshirt Junior Outside Hitter Christina Ambrose on Washington State

“They’re a really great blocking team. They got a lot of touches on the balls. I think them and us both just played really scrappy tonight. There were a lot of long rallies that could have gone either way. We won some of them, they won some of them. I think both teams played really well, but definitely their blocking and scrappiness on defense was a challenge.