



**UCLA vs. FSU – November 29, 2019
Postgame Press Conference**

FSU Head Coach Mark Krikorian

Opening Statement:

"I'm really proud of the effort our team put forward today. I don't know if we executed at our best or our finest, but full credit to UCLA. They came in here and were the better team. They outplayed us; they deserved to win and they deserved to go forward to the College Cup. As I said to the team after the game, the hardest part is of course saying goodbye to Deyna and Caroline, and realizing what great careers they've had here and what a great contribution they made to the program. I look forward to watching Deyna as she goes on and takes her skills to the next level, and goes on to have a great career in the next phase. It's hard, it's never easy losing at this stage, especially after the joy everyone felt last year. Today, I think we can feel okay knowing we lost to a better team."

On how the second and third goals made it daunting going into the second half:

"We didn't make it easy for ourselves from the start. Credit to UCLA, they came out and established a high tempo early, made it very difficult around our penalty box, were very efficient with their chances and we let too many balls bounce around dangerous spots and they were able to convert it. At halftime, we talked about how you can't get it all back at once so let's see if we can get one back in the first ten or fifteen minutes and see where we go from there. But today, it just wasn't meant to be for us."

#10 Deyna Castellanos:

Reflecting on her time at Florida State:

"I'll remember everything; the winning, the losing, my teammates that I've played with since my freshman year. For me, these past four years have been the best years of my life. Sharing these with a great coaching staff, great teammates, my best friends. For sure being here at Florida State was the best decision that I have ever made in my life. I'm so proud to be a Nole."

Coach Mark Krikorian:

On Deyna's career here and in the future:

"Well, I think all of us are anticipating and looking forward to what the next chapter is for Deyna. She's going to have a lot of opportunities around the world, and I know now that our season is over it's time for her to start to focus on the next chapter and see what comes. She knows that I'm her biggest fan, I've watched her come in here at a 16 year-old and grow into a very mature young woman. I'm not just talking about on the field, I'm talking about off the field. She's done everything that we've asked her to do. It's really interesting, it's not often that in the world in college sports that we have someone that has the celebrity that Deyna has. But she quickly

learned that to be a great teammate's important, maybe she had that before she came in, but she certainly showed that here. First one to grab the ball bags, first one to pick up her teammate when something wasn't going to the way we all wanted it to, and she's going to be missed in so many different ways. Of course, the magnificent goals, those will certainly be missed. Beyond that, as a person and as a leader, I'm quite proud of her and quite happy for her. I know she's going to miss me, but I think I'll miss her a little bit too."

"Like always we appreciate you folks coming out and supporting the team and being here through good times and bad times, thank you."