

# **2015 NCAA Women's Soccer Tournament First Round**

## **West Virginia University coach Nikki Izzo-Brown**

### **On a convincing win in the NCAA tournament**

It was a tremendous game for us, even in these conditions. We played the way that we wanted to play, and we capitalized on the opportunities. We are so excited that we are advancing.

### **On if the weather conditions contributed to the game plan**

Absolutely. There was no question about it. The way that we wanted to play and what we wanted to do was definitely a factor in our mind. I give all the credit to the team. They stuck with the plan, and they found a way to finish.

### **On ball movement**

That is something that this team has done very well all year. They have been able to move the ball and create a lot of opportunities. Fortunately, we were able to finish tonight.

### **On quickly scoring the first goal of the game**

It's definitely a confidence booster. It's a huge confidence builder for us. When you are playing in this type of arena, knowing that the NCAA Tournament is one and done, it is nice for us to have that confidence and put the ball away. It was huge. I think our players felt a little free after that, and they were able to do some things that they would've questioned if they didn't finish that opportunity.

## **Duquesne coach Al Alvine**

### **On if it is a victory just being in the NCAA Tournament**

It is a great experience for us and for the kids. This is kind of uncharted territory for our program. We are disappointed with the loss, but the last week has been fantastic for us, with winning the conference championship, making the NCAA Tournament and having the opportunity to come to Morgantown and play against WVU. It was a phenomenal experience, and congratulations to (WVU women's soccer coach) Nikki (Izzo-Brown), her staff and her program. We have played against them all four years since I have been here at Duquesne, and I think this is the best team that she has had. Congratulations to them, and I hope that they achieve all their goals this year. They deserve it.

### **On what the team needs to work on in the offseason**

We have to continue to work on our ability to create chances. We have to continually work on our ability to play faster and quicker. Obviously, the higher up you go in the conference and NCAA Tournament, the speed of play is critical, and that is something that we have to get better at. I like the way that our team has progressed throughout the course of the entire season.