

University of Texas

Head Coach Chris Petrucelli

"I thought our kids played really hard, and they fought right to the end. Portland played very well. We had some of the play in the first half but they wore us down over the course of the game, their possession was very good. Over time you're going to break down and that's what happened.

"Portland was outstanding. It's a first class program they play good soccer. They have great coaching staff. They have been wonderful hosts as they have been every year I have been out here which seems like a hundred. They do a good job here."

On their defense and Portland's 22 shots

"Ten minutes left and you're down a goal you never know what can happen. Our players were slide tackling and blocking shots and Diana made some great saves and the posts helped us out a couple of times as well. Our backline has been great all year and credit to Portland because our backline is tough to score against."

On their offense

"We had trouble keeping the ball as we went forward and that has been an issue for us all year. We weren't clean enough technically and we forced some balls. In a game like this if you turn the ball over it takes a long time to get it back. They (Portland) made us chase."

On how he sees Portland doing in the NCAA Tournament

"They are capable of going a long way. The defense was better than I thought they would be. I was impressed with their defense. Certainly (Megan) Rapinoe is as good as anyone in the country. She is a dangerous player. Foxhoven was very good today. Schmidt is a handful up front. Burk is a very good playmaking player. They have a lot of tools that will enable them to go forward. I haven't seen the other teams that they are going to play. But I tell you what, they are a good team."

"All of our players went in thinking that we were going to win. It is not disrespect for Portland. It is what a collegiate level athlete does."

No. 8 Diana Pfenninger, GK, Sr.

"I've got to give Portland credit they played really well against us and they put our defense under a lot of pressure especially in the second half. Our players kept fighting the whole game. It is a disappointing loss for us but Portland is a great program and we hope they go far in the tournament. They have a lot of quality players and they play well together.

On her last collegiate career match

"It is a disappointing loss especially as a senior. I have had a great college career and a great experience at UT."

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Garrett Smith

"It was a great first two rounds for us, especially to have the opportunity to play at home. This group took care of it with two great wins. "

“The fact that we only allowed one shot in the second half was a testament to this group. It was a must score situation after the last media timeout in order to put the team away.”

“They did everything they were supposed to do today. Win a game, get a shutout and limit the opportunities for the other team”

“I give Texas a lot of credit for doing what they needed to do to keep the ball out of the net because they made it very tough for our group to score.”

No. 3 Megan Rapinoe, MF, Sr.

“We are always confident. We prepare well and we are confident in our system. We are confident in our players and our coaching staff and in the philosophy of our program. No matter what our record is or who we are playing or what time of year it is, we are always confident going in to a match.”

“In big games sometimes you play not to lose but that is not our style of play. We aren’t going to suit back and pack it in. That’s not our style of play. We keep moving forward.”

No. 13 Sophie Schmidt, F, So.

On her goal scored on a penalty kick

“Dani (Foxhoven) did an excellent job to get the foul in the box that resulted in the penalty kick. It was a great opportunity for us to relieve some pressure and allow us to breathe.”

On her experience as a national team player

“I am not a very vocal leader but I try to use my experience to calm the team and slow it down at the right times to find the right places on the field to play.”

No. 9 Danielle Foxhoven, F, Fr.

On what by the difference in the second half

“At half time, G (Garrett Smith) drew a soccer field on the board with a big ‘x’ in our half of the field and labeled it a ‘no play zone’. So to keep the ball in their half and to finally break through it took some pressure off.”