

2007 NCAA Men's Tennis
Second Round: Notre Dame 4, Wisconsin 0
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Wisconsin coach Greg Van Emburgh

On the importance of the doubles point...

“We knew going in that it [the doubles point] was going to be important. We wanted to be in a position to win the doubles. We won the doubles last time [we played Notre Dame] and we thought that would give us a great opportunity to win the match. Even though we lost the doubles today I thought we still had a shot at winning today.

On his team's ability to match up with Notre Dame...

“I thought at most positions we were even or better.... It was just whose direction it was going to fall.”

Notre Dame junior Sheeva Parbhu

Scouting Wisconsin...

“We knew it was going to be a real tough match going in. We had a battle with them up there in Wisconsin. It was a reassurance that we went out there and got the doubles point.”

On his play today...

“In the beginning I wasn't playing my best tennis and I knew that I had to keep a lot of energy to keep myself in the match....I was tested. I was down a set and a break.... I really feel like I gained a bit of confidence today.”

On looking ahead to the round of 16...

“We know we have five or six more days to work hard and get ready to play another great team down in Athens.”

Notre Dame coach Bobby Bayliss

On Wisconsin's improvement...

“These guys [Wisconsin] probably improved as much as any team in college tennis during the year... They went down to Miami early in the year and won outdoors which is almost unheard of... The performance spoke very well to the improvement they made over the course of the year. I give [Wisconsin coach] Greg [Van Emburgh] a lot of credit. They've consistently gotten better. All their players are better.”

Comparing this match to this year's previous meeting...

“The matchups were different [from the earlier meeting]. No one played the same player and all of the doubles teams switched.... It was the same team but it was not the same match.”

On his team's approach to the match...

"If we win the doubles point, we thought we'd take the wind out of their sails.... I expected close matches. I thought we were a whisker better at each position. It turns out the matches were very close."

On the play of junior Andrew Roth...

"He's come a long way this year. My nickname for him is AC Delco, he's our spark plug. He really made a commitment to tennis this fall. He worked very hard and got himself in great shape. He's our vocal leader.... He's got the heart of a lion."

What Notre Dame takes from this match...

"Anytime you're really in the fire and you come out of it, you grow a lot confidence-wise."