

## **Ohio State Head Coach Jen Flynn Oldenburg**

(Opening Statement)

“Georgia Tech did a good job today. They fight hard and we knew that it was going to be a battle. There is disappointment when you know that you can play a little better, but they took big swings when it mattered. It was a tough one. It is always tough to lose the last match of the season, but I am proud of this group and where we have come in a short amount of time, and I am proud of these two sitting next to me.

(On the momentum change after the second set)

“I don't think it was that big. Obviously, they won that set but it's a battle to the end and we're still fighting. The ball lands on our side a little bit different than on their side and they win that set, but headed into the third, even though we were down, I still felt like we were going to battle, and we did up to that last point. Even being down match point we were still fighting. That's what Buckeye Volleyball is about and it's going to continue to be, and it's based on what they do every day at practice.”

(On the next step in preparing for next season)

“I think it's exciting to have an off-season. I haven't had one yet in our program with our staff. So, the training and the learning that we can do, those things, those little things that will make a difference in matches like this, I think we will be prepared. It's always hard to say goodbye to a senior class and our seniors work really hard in the gym and that's going to be difficult but that's the nature of college sports. For the group that's returning, you're hearing what they are talking about, and it's not said lightly, we're going to go after it and that's exciting to hear as a head coach.”

(On where the match was decided)

## **Gabby Gonzales**

“I am not sure if the match was decided at any point. I think both teams showed a lot of fight. We showed a lot of fight no matter what was going on. They were showing a lot of fight on the other side of the mat as well. It was a battle to the end and we didn't know it was over until the final point.”

## **Mac Podraza**

“I think that's one thing that sets us apart. We don't lay down. We fight to the end; a lot of teams would have given up when they saw the score and it wasn't very close when we were down five. That's something that is unique about this group. We are going to carry that mindset on for a long time. We are not going to give up no matter how many points we are down.”

(On looking back on the season)

**Mac Podraza**

“There's a lot to be proud of. We talked about that in the locker room just now. There's nothing to hang our hat on because we have a lot more to do and there's a lot more we want to do, but there's a lot to be proud of. We're already talking about big 10 championships next year. We're ready to go. The ball landed and there's nothing we can do about it. Now it's time to move on do what we can we do for next year to be the best team that we can be. I'm sick of Sweet Sixteens already so, what can we do next year to get to the Elite Eight and get all the way to Omaha.”

**Gabby Gonzales**

“I think we're just continuing to mature and better our own games and our game as a team. Like Mac said, we're looking towards the next thing at this point. We had a great season and we're really proud of everything that we did but we have to move on, come back in and get to work.”