

## **NCAA VOLLEYBALL FIRST ROUND**

### **Nebraska Postgame Quotes**

**Friday, Dec. 3, 2021**

#### **Head Coach John Cook**

##### ***Opening Statement***

“Congratulations to Campbell for getting here. I hope they enjoyed the atmosphere. It was kind of a little bit of an adjustment to go from Wisconsin to Purdue to Campbell, but we are happy we got a win. We have another big match to take care of tomorrow. Tomorrow will be a great challenge. Glad we got out of here in three tonight.”

##### ***On starting strong***

“I thought we came out firing the ball around a little bit, and we passed great tonight. We held them to a negative. Anytime you hold someone to a negative hitting percentage, your defense has done a good job.”

##### ***On Nebraska’s passing tonight***

“You want to be passing great at this time of year, and we are working hard on it. Serving is going to get tougher every week, and we have to be able to handle it and put the ball in what we say is the box so we can set our middles and run an offense. The very first pass was straight up, and they aced us on a pretty good short serve. Other than that, we were putting the ball in a really good spot.”

##### ***On Florida State***

“We have seen them play. We are prepared. We will put that in tomorrow at practice and video and go play. In the tournament, you cannot prepare for three teams, but we are used to playing a match and then you have to prepare the very next day for a team, so this is standard procedure for us.”

##### ***On the fans’ reaction to Callie Schwarzenbach***

“It was great. Our fans are awesome. They are very passionate, and they are also very educated on what is going on. They follow us. They know. It is great to see them support all of our players. I noticed that she got a great cheer. We have the best fans. Volleyball here is a state treasure, and our fans appreciate it, and I know it means a lot to our players.”

#### **Senior Lauren Stivrins**

##### ***On starting the tournament strong***

“I think that was a great game for us especially with it being the first game of the tournament. Some of these games, as (Coach John Cook) said, it is a change of pace from what we have seen in the Big Ten. For us to come out here and still play at the level that we are capable of playing, I think that is huge for us and it is going to be huge for us going forward.”

##### ***On controlling the ball on Nebraska’s side of the net***

“I think we did a good job at staying disciplined. I think that sometimes we let our nerves get the best of us. Or at least I do. Just staying calm in the middle and not letting a swing here or there rattle us or change our game plan. Just our discipline at the net was great tonight.”

***On potentially playing her final game at the Devaney Center***

“It is going to be interesting. It has been a long time here, and it has been really amazing. I have nothing but good things to say about this place and this fan base and how welcoming they have been to me. Definitely sad to be leaving, but it had to happen eventually. Six years later, I guess tomorrow will be that day. It will be nice to have family and friends here and the fans to send me off. It has been amazing.”

**Senior Kayla Caffey**

***On connecting early with setter Nicklin Hames***

“I think that is just what we were feeling tonight. Me and Nicklin, we work really hard on our connection in the gym. I think she just felt comfortable firing it to me. Just trying to get us fired up to start off with for the match. But not planned.”

***On the first win of the tournament***

“I think it feels good to get it the first match under our belts and just get started and get going. We have worked so hard to get to this point. It just feels good to get going.”