



**Women's semifinal #2 | Saturday, Nov. 3 | Triton Stadium | La Jolla**

**No. 1 UC San Diego 1, No. 5 Cal State San Marcos 0 – post-game quotes**

**UC San Diego** [complete post-game: <https://youtu.be/stocoHdoXqI>]

**Brian McManus, head coach**

*Opening statement:* Unbelievable. I mean out there tonight that's never played together, have never even had a practice game together and every one of them stepped up from the back to the front ... That's a very hard team to play against. They're so direct, they're so forceful. Big kids, they're strong in the air and we weathered everything. Full credit to the team tonight.

*Playing without five veteran starters:* The team you put in the part of the night that would never envisioned that team being on the field to start the season. We expected to be bringing the young players, the freshmen along slowly but they've ended up a baptism by fire, and they've stepped up and they've done the job. It's been incredible

*On CCAA Defensive Player of the Year, Saddic:* She's by far the best defensive player in the tournament and in the conference. That's why they voted for her. Other coaches recognize it, and tonight it didn't surprise me in the least that she was the one that kicked it off the line.

**Natalie Saddic, redshirt sophomore midfielder**

*On the defensive stop on the first-half scoring attempt:* San Marcos plays very direct so I knew there was going to be a lot of balls coming over the top, and they got that flick. It went right over me and past our other fullback. I saw [Kayla Anderson] running in and I knew there was no way I could get to her so I just knew I had to drop central and get to the ball. I got there in time to kick it off the line.

**Maddy Samilo, freshman midfielder**

*On the lone goal of the night:* Everything slowed down a whole bunch when I saw [the ball] coming across, and then the front post was open so I just slipped it in there.



**Cal State San Marcos** [complete post-game: [https://youtu.be/HySrMZXi\\_wg](https://youtu.be/HySrMZXi_wg)]

**Bobby Renneisen, head coach**

*Opening statement:* I thought it was a great game. Obviously a lot of credit to UCSD, congratulations and best of luck to them in the final, but I'm really proud of my team. They fought hard. I think going into the season, first year being post-season eligible in the NCAA we weren't getting a whole lot of love, persay. To be in this position – preseason we were rated No. 8, and look at where we're at now. Couldn't be more proud of my entire team, the entire program, my seniors for sure. Great leadership all the way through and gave the No. 3 team in the country every bit they could handle.

**Morgan Simmons, senior defender**

*On the close battles between the two sides:* Structurally, we both have really good shape and we're a very disciplined team all the way around so it's always going to be a head-to-head battle. Cross-town rivals, it's always a good show, for sure. Both teams have a lot of heart and we come out here and we always give it our all so it definitely makes for an interesting result every time.

**Karly Dunning, senior defender**

*On the first-half chance:* I feel like, if anything, it didn't hurt our momentum but it helped our momentum. Kayla [Anderson] had an amazing game getting in behind the defense and making things happen and she just got a little unlucky right there, a little bit more behind it and maybe it would have went in. But I'm so proud of my team, proud of my girls. We left everything out there tonight.