



## 2017 Sun Belt Conference Volleyball Championship

Jonesboro, Arkansas – First National Bank Arena  
November 19, 2017

### Post-Match Quotes

#### Coastal Carolina Head Coach Jozsef Forman

##### *Opening statement ...*

"This is very special for me because this is the fourth championship in all from two different conferences (Big South and Sun Belt). Four or five weeks ago when we were playing we didn't expect to win this championship. My team was so resilient today – the first set was a very high level of volleyball, I think we were above 60% in hitting. Texas State is a well-coached team that has very high volleyball IQ players. They proved that it wasn't easy but I'm really excited. I have to congratulate them and also my team."

#### Coastal Carolina student-athletes Leah Hardeman and Kyla Manning

##### *On winning another conference title ...*

**Manning:** "For me, as a freshman, it's my first ring so it means a lot. Coming to Coastal I know I made the right decision because we win over here. It sets a precedent on how I want the rest of my four years to go."

**Hardeman:** "It was a great experience; I'm excited that we got two in a row [four in a row for me]. I would like to thank my teammates Kyla, Sara, CC and Sydney for stepping up in leadership roles, they definitely got the most points in this game and gave me some space to be a leader. Last year's team was completely different from this year's team; I had a bigger role as a leader so it was difficult this season to step up, as being one of the two leaders from last year, and we grew a lot as a team. Kyla grew fast every single game so I'm excited to see how she plays throughout the rest of her career at Coastal. I hope she gets four rings too."

##### *On the competitiveness of Texas State ...*

**Hardeman:** "We knew it was going to be a fight. We knew that every single point was going to be for either us or them. We were ready for the fight but we weren't ready for the first three sets."

**Manning:** "I think that during the whole season, we haven't really beat a team in three that often so I felt that we were ready for a long match. We prepped for this all season, we had the fight in us and it came out tonight."

##### *On taking control after intermission and a 1-1 tie ...*

**Hardeman:** “We have been through that, every single game. We were resilient and we knew that if we fought and had high energy that we were going to win. We have been in that situation every single weekend so we knew that we were going to come out on top.”