



**March 20 2010 Stanford Press Conference Quotes**  
**Stanford Head Coach Tara VanDerveer**

*General Statement...*

"I thought we came out and really got into our transition game in the second half. I thought Jeanette [Pohlen] did a great job pushing the tempo, hitting her outside shot, and taking the ball to the basket. I thought we got more aggressive in the second half both offensively and defensively and Nneka [Ogwumike] was really doing a great job the whole game on the boards, and that was a real big key for us. I haven't seen the stat sheet but both Kayla [Pedersen] and Nneka were rebounding and Nneka especially on the o-boards. I thought that our team worked hard defensively but we weren't really as quick as we needed to be getting out on some of their shooters and switching when we needed to switch on them. I just want to congratulate Riverside on their excellent season and I thought they gave us a very tough game. Now we really need to turn our attention and get ready for Iowa."

*On if she used the Kansas loss as motivation to her team prior to the game.*

"No. Did not talk about it all. I just think we focused on what we wanted to do. I think we had enough distractions with our team having finals. I personally like playing the first game and you know they were watching that other game. I know all the different kids on the team watch the games all day, I mean that's all that's on but I didn't talk about it."

**Sophomore Forward Nnemkadi (Nneka) Ogwumike**

*On an incredible move to the basket that was whistled for a travel.*

"Honestly I think I kind of surprised myself with that move, but afterward the ref actually she said people were telling her it wasn't a travel so she thinks she made a bad call. No hard feelings or anything, a call is a call it's not the end of the world."

**Junior Guard Jeanette Pohlen**

*On her shooting:*

"It's always nice as a three-point shooter when you are hitting your shots and they're going to be doubling and tripling Jayne [Appel] and Kayla and Nneka. Obviously they are our No. 1 go-to players so when they are doubling them they are very unselfish players and they're going to kick it out so hopefully I'm going to be ready to shoot if they do need me. I just try to be patient and take good shots."



**Junior Forward Kayla Pedersen**

*On focusing on their own game with all the upsets in college basketball this weekend.:*

“The whole mentality right now, and I think that we carried it over from the Pac-10 Tournament, was one-and-done. So we have to play like every game is our last game. Today could have been our last game, so did we leave it all on the floor? As you can see by Kansas losing, nobody is safe in the NCAA Tournament and that’s what I love about it. Anything can happen. We definitely go into each and every game with that mentality.”

“The first half I just wasn’t aggressive enough, letting people push me around. Then coach set up a play for me for the very first play in the second half and I think that kind of helped my confidence ‘like ok she is still going to go to me’ and my teammates had my back the whole time and just kept telling me to be aggressive and I ended up getting to the line a couple of times. I just kept going at them.”