

## 2010 NCAA® WOMEN'S FINAL FOUR®

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# STANFORD LOCKER ROOM QUOTES

#### Senior Center Jayne Appel

On how she feels after her injury tonight:

"I don't feel much right now. When I left the court I got a shot of pain medicine that went straight into my system so I don't really feel it. I'm probably going to feel it in about three hours."

#### On where and when she got injured:

"My ankle. I twisted it really bad about the same if not worse. I was coming down behind someone, as I believe it was Tiffany Hayes during the minute-mark in the second half."

#### On if they just taped her ankle during the game:

"We just added extra tape. When I walked off the court I got a shot of Toritol, I think, and just tried to come back and finish it out."

#### On how much pain she's been in since this was a prominent injury:

"During the game I was being honest as I really haven't thought about it much until this game when I re-injured it. It was mainly pain after the game as it was pretty intense. It was just an unfortunate time to have an injury like an ankle where it's not that serious but it can keep nagging on. I couldn't practice, I couldn't do any type of conditioning, so it was really difficult."

#### On if there was a lid on the basket as she couldn't get in rhythm tonight:

"I don't think I was very effective, definitely wasn't one of my better games, but I'm not a player who is going to blame it all on my injury. I think it was a tough battle game, we played them very smart in the first half as I think we held them to one of their lowest scoring halves in quite a while. But they came out in the second half and started making some perimeter shots and we didn't as we couldn't finish inside."

#### On if they did everything they wanted to do defensively, especially in the first half:

"Yeah. Until a good part in the second half, our gameplan was to have them hit those outside shots before we guard them out there. It was just the luck of the draw."

#### On making it to three Final Fours and only being stopped by UConn and Tennessee:

"Yeah it was definitely tough. My dad told me that there have been only nine schools in my four years who have even made it to the Final Four, so I feel so blessed as I wouldn't have come with any other team. These girls are my family as we gave it our all."

#### On getting some rest before the Pro-League:

"I will definitely have to take that into consideration. I will take the Pro-League into account but having played hurt for four weeks, I think people have seen what I'm individually capable of and what my presence is to a team. It's really up to them; the ball is in their court, as it's just a waiting game now."

### On playing the best team so far they've ever faced this year:

"Absolutely. They played very well in the second half. To be down and to be out of their comfort zone for all year, they battled back very hard. Everyone knows they're a great program as it was just really bad timing especially with the ankle injury in the first place and then it was a nightmare to come back."



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#### Senior Guard Rosalyn Gold-Onwude

On this being a worse loss since they had them down by halftime:

"Yes and no. We had to come back from being down by fifteen at one point but we didn't give up, as I think that's one of the best trademarks of Stanford in the past three Final Fours. We were down against Tennessee, we were down against UConn, and at no point in time did anyone on our team give up."

On what was the gameplan in the first half as she didn't play much:

"I didn't know either. I think (Coach) Tara wanted to get some different looks out there and I think other people came out there and made some good plays for us. I think throughout our season it's been a team effort and I think in the first half it was a great team effort but in the second half it obviously didn't work that well."

On surprised on the low-scoring game:

"I was wondering why it was a low-scoring game, but I didn't care how much we scored as long as we were the bigger number."

On them coming back and making a run similar to the last match-up:

"We knew it was coming, but I really hate a missed opportunity. We had them down and I think they looked very human for a while as I still think they are, but I think we needed to be perfect and have the same execution for forty minutes and we didn't."

#### **Junior Guard Jeanette Pohlen**

On what Stanford did to UConn defensively in the second half:

"I would say we were in man but a zoned man, if you could imagine that. They weren't all up over Doty, Hayes and Green, as we weren't flying up on them at all as a lot of teams do. Even though they're great shooters we watched a lot of film on them and they really want to drive first. We were switching 1-4 when Jayne (Appel) was in the game so that we always had somebody on Maya and always had good box out position."

On if it was frustrating for both teams to have less appearing games tonight:

"Yeah. I'm sure they missed a good amount of shots, we missed a good amount of shots but I think overall you saw two teams play a great game and we didn't give up at the end. We didn't just back down when they were up by eleven, as within a minute-something left in the game we kept going. We kept trying to hit threes, we kept fouling them, as it's kind of telling about our team that we're not just going to let someone walk all over us. We're a great team and we're going to be great next year."

On if there was any constellation in making them work for this win tonight:

"A little bit, but I feel that was our game for the taking. They pulled through as in the end as tonight they were the better team. As hard as we fought and as much effort as we put into that game they came out National Champions."