



**March 22, 2010 Stanford Press Conference Quotes  
Stanford Head Coach Tara VanDerveer**

*Opening statement*

“First of all, I just wanted to compliment Iowa on a great season. With all the adversity they faced, to be here and play as well as they played to be in this game, I thought they had a very good team. Our team came out and we really had to play great defense, take away their three, and I thought it was very fortuitous that Ros found her three in this game and she just was on fire. Our whole team played well, but this was Ros’s night.”

*On getting a sense before the game that something like this might happen with Gold-Onwude, or any of the kids*

“I can’t even pretend to be able to figure them out. With Ros’ and Jayne’s experience, of losing here to Florida State (in the 2006-07 second round), they knew how important it was to play well. And the fact that the last two years we’ve gone undefeated on our home floor and got a great crowd, they were excited. And Ros has been playing really well. Ros plays great defense and tonight’s game she had a lot of assists and she was on fire, and I hope she builds on it. All of our guards have been playing really well from the Pac-10 Tournament through this tournament.”

*On comparing tonight’s first half as one of the team’s better efforts this season*

“We’ve had some great games this season, but we definitely got out of the blocks fast tonight. I thought our defense good, we really wanted to block down on No. 2 (Kamille Wahlin) and No. 24 (Jaime Printy). Twenty-one was a tough matchup for us, we struggled with her a little bit, but we were willing to give those shots by trading the twos for the threes. Offensively, we went inside to Jayne. I was ready for them to play a zone, we didn’t see much zone, and I think that was because of Jeannette’s and Ros’s shooting. I think we’re better, I think we can improve and come out next week in Sacramento and play even better.”

*On Ogwumike...*

“We expect that every game from Nneka. She’s one of our foundation players. We count on Nneka and her leadership and being vocal.”

**Senior Guard Rosalyn Gold-Onwude**

*On the last time she had a shooting night like that*

“Never. I don’t know if I’ve made six threes in a game, but I have had some good shooting games. I’d hit a shot but also my teammates helped. Nneka was in my ear, saying “keep shooting, keep shooting.” They made me feel like a better player and that helped a lot.



It was nice to have family support from the crowd. I had good friends, but I also had my, sort of, California family – people that supported me every single game since I was a freshman – and I thank all the people who became my extended family for being here tonight.”

*On before the game when she was leading the huddle before the game*

“I do a pregame rally a minute or two before the game starts. Usually, there’s a bunch of speeches. Jayne rallies us right before the game. My speech is pretty much a fire and brimstone, let’s go, get ready, take it at them, we don’t like them type speech. It gets the blood flowing. I look everybody in the eye. Tonight, I told Nneka, Jayne and Kayla they were unstoppable. I told Jeannette that you are as good as you believe you are, and that our destiny’s in our hands.”

*what about the rush you got from the crowd?*

“Our fans at Maples Pavilion are wonderful, not just tonight, but throughout my entire career. They come in game in, game out. Big games, games not as big. But tonight, for my final game at Maples Pavilion, I really couldn’t have scripted it any better. I feel really special and happy right now, and the fans made me feel very nice tonight, and I thank them for elevating me and my teammates as well.”

### **Senior Center Jayne Appel**

*How did you feel about playing your last game here?*

“Ros had her special moment when she came out of the game, and we set her down and said she wasn’t allowed to have that because we have four more. That’s our goal. But we’ve had fans come and support us in little games and big games, and to have a crowd like tonight and to play as well as our team played is a great feeling. It helps get the train really moving to the national championship game, which is our goal.”

*What kind of momentum did you get with Ros’ shooting from the time the game started?*

“It was huge. We depend a lot on Ros for defense. She’s our No. 1 defensive stopper. Everyone is aware of that. So, with Ros hitting big shots for us, one after another, after another, everyone was feeling energy off each other. It keeps building, and it’s hard for the other team to stop. That’s kind of what happened tonight.”

*Do you envision playing in the WNBA next year?*

“It’s a very exciting thing, but I think most of us know you can’t get back the experience that we have right now, with our teammates and the position we’re in. We’re treasuring every moment we have, every last second we have with this team. That is the No. 1 priority on our minds right now – Stanford basketball.”

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**Sophomore forward Nnemkadi Ogwumike**

*When you were telling Ros to keep shooting, did you really feel like you needed to do that?*

“Tonight, obviously, yes. Every game, I always try to talk to Ros. She brings a lot to our team. Without her, defending would be a lot harder than it is for our team. But, I just give her a wink here, a smile there, make things light on the court and take care of business while were playing.”