



2009 NCAA® WOMEN'S FINAL FOUR®
National Semifinal Game 2 · No. 1 Connecticut vs. No. 2 Stanford
Scottrade Center · Saint Louis, Missouri
Sunday, April 5

STANFORD LOCKER ROOM QUOTES

Junior Forward Jayne Appel

On Connecticut:

"They have very talented players and they do things extremely well. I think we were able to handle a lot of their runs."

On what we accomplished in Saint Louis:

"Naturally, we came here to win. We are still a very young team. This summer we will shoot a lot as a team, do a lot of running and try to become one of the fastest teams in college basketball."

On how tough this game was:

"I'm extremely proud of our team – we never gave up. We were down by as many as 30 points. We probably could have given up, but that's not Stanford basketball."

Junior Guard Rosalyn Gold-Onwude

On what it's like to play for Stanford:

"It's a blessing to be a part of Stanford, both on and off the court. I've been exposed to so many things that will be helpful in developing my career. I've certainly made lifelong friends here, especially on this team. We've been able to reach the Elite Eight and the Final Four the last three years. As a junior, I have one more chance at it."

On the strength of the Pac-10 Conference:

"It's been a really good year for the Pac-10. The conference was very well represented in the tournament. Look at Connecticut – they had to beat two Pac-10 teams to get here (California and Arizona State)."

Sophomore Forward Kayla Pederson

On the length of the season:

"It's been a very long, but a very fun season. I'm very proud of this team. We wanted to win, especially for our seniors (Jillian Harmon and Morgan Clyburn)."

On Connecticut:

"They are a very talented team at all five positions. I think we did a good job stopping some of their transitions. They are a really tough team to beat."

On Stanford's chances next season:

"We are an extremely young team and we have a couple great recruits coming in to help us. We won our last 20 games coming into Saint Louis and we reached the Final Four the last two years -- very few other teams can claim to do that. I'm extremely proud of everyone on this team."

On her feelings after the loss:

"I think we have that much more to strive for next year. I just want to say I am so proud of this team. With two minutes left in the game we were all still encouraging each other and we never gave up. I know we'll be back next year."

On how she feels Connecticut with matchup against Louisville:

"I haven't seen Louisville play much but I think that if Connecticut plays like they did tonight, it will be hard for anyone to beat them."



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On being down at halftime:

"We knew what Louisville had done in the first game and talked about it at halftime. We thought that since they came back in their game there was no reason we couldn't do it, too. No matter how much we were down we talked about making our own comeback and to just worry about one basket at a time. It worked for a while when we cut the lead from 30 to 20, but it just wasn't enough."

Sophomore Guard Jeanette Pohlen

On what positives come from the loss:

"We're young. We have our All-American coming back and we're just a young team that's still growing, I think. The fact that we made it this far is amazing. Of course making the finals was our goal but we've still accomplished a lot. We know what we can do, we know what we are capable of and I think we'll just keep getting better and better."



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