



2019 NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Chicago Regional · (1) Notre Dame vs. (2) Stanford

Wintrust Arena · Chicago, Illinois

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POSTGAME LOCKER ROOM QUOTES – Stanford

Alanna Smith, Stanford, Forward

Q: So tell me, when do you think the game got out of control for you?

AS: I think just we came out at halftime and kind of lost our focus a little bit and against teams like Notre Dame you can't do that. They're a great team, very talented and they just got away with it. We had a bad quarter and then we spent the fourth quarter trying to get it back.

Q: You guys have been a great defensive team all year long and they ended up shooting 60 percent or better from the second half. How did that occur?

AS: Like I said I think it was just, we lost focus. We weren't doing the things we were in the first half. We weren't boxing out, we weren't following our game plan as well and again they came out really aggressive. They're a very, very good team and obviously they were going to make some changes. And I think they came out very aggressive and, yeah, we just didn't do enough of a job of defending.

Q: What can you say about your career here?

AS: It has been the best four years of my life. I don't think I'd be the person I am today without my teammates and my coaching staff, and it is going to be very, very hard to leave.

DiJonai Carrington, Stanford, Guard

Q: When do you think the game got out of control? How do you think the game got out of control?

DC: I wouldn't say until the fourth quarter. I mean in the Pac-12 tournament championship we also kind of laid a little egg in the third quarter, and I think after that third quarter we were still in it for sure but I think in the fourth quarter we started turning the ball over and they were getting easy buckets like they wanted. So I would say part way through the fourth.

Q: What about your season this year, how do you wrap that up?

DC: I'm proud of us. I think the way that we bounced back from last year's season was incredible. I think people see that we made the Sweet Sixteen, but I think we, well not I think, I know we got pummeled in the Sweet Sixteen last year and I think that the way that we just battled back this whole year [was incredible]. We had an early loss to Gonzaga and I think that we kind of rallied from that really well and we were able to put each other on our backs. In different games, different people stepped up and this team is really special and our seniors are irreplaceable. There won't be a team like this but hopefully we'll be able to live up to this standard next season.