



Postgame Quotes

(2) USC vs. (6) Loyola Marymount - Saturday, May 15, 2010

**2010 National Collegiate Women's Water Polo Championship
Aztec Aquaplex | San Diego State University | San Diego, Calif.**

**(2) USC 10, (6) Loyola Marymount 6
NCAA Championship - Semifinals, Game 4**

USC Head Coach Jovan Vavic

Opening Statement:

"I've got to say that LMU has improved from the beginning of the season to the NCAA's. We played them early in the season and they were tough, but they have done a great job this season and in this tournament. They were tired because of the very physical game they played yesterday. If they were not tired, tonight could have been a different game. Our girls did a great job at the end, they stayed poised and they made some keep defensive stops."

On Playing Stanford in the Championship Game Tomorrow:

"Stanford has a very good defensive team. They play for each other and they defend really well. They help each other, they have three big girls so they can defend at 2-meters with more than one player. They're very physical and they're very fast. Offensively they have a couple of very good players. Overall they are just balanced."

On Any Changes USC Can Make After Playing Stanford so Often:

"You always make adjustments. From game to game, there are certain things you can do a little bit differently and you hope that it's going to work. I think that both coaches will spend tonight looking for little things."

USC – Joelle Bekhazi

On Getting to the Championship Game and Falling Short the Past Few Years:

"This time there are five seniors and they've had three upset losses. I think this year everybody is fired up. We don't want (the seniors) to leave without a ring on their finger."

USC - Kristen Dronberger

On Getting to the Championship Game and Falling Short the Past Few Years:

"Like Joelle said, we have five seniors and I've been closer to them than anyone in my entire life. I've shared more with them than anyone else. It's just extra motivation to send (the seniors) off into the real world with something more than just a diploma, like a national championship ring."

Loyola Marymount Head Coach Kyle Witt

Opening Statement:

"Trying to figure out a place to start is pretty tough. We were down 7-6 in the third quarter and kept firing shots off and they didn't fall for us. I was really proud of the way the girls played. They didn't get frustrated. They didn't get upset at a call. They didn't get upset at a bad coaching decision. They didn't get upset when a teammate (messed) up. They played through everything. There was a lot of heart out there and that is why I am really excited for us to play tomorrow in that third-place game. I think we have the talent and I think we have the heart and desire to come back and do a quick turnaround and try and take that third-place game from Cal."

"I really think USC was very well prepared and played a very good game. They had a lot of great shots on cage and the ones that didn't hit the corners I think our defense did a good job smothering and Cato did a good job of taking down. We had opportunities in the front court through a lot of effort and a lot of hard work and it was just great to see. I am really

happy that we are playing our best polo right now. I just wish we could have had a couple of extra balls fall our way and change the outcome of that game.”

On the difference in the fourth quarter:

“I think what USC did better than us in that fourth quarter was just execute at the very end of the shot clock with their shots. They were very high quality, high percentage (shots). Our girls funneled the shots generally to the right positions, but we gave them too much time to get a really good luck on cage against a shot blocker and a goalie and if you do that with an elite-level player, it generally is not going to go in your favor too often. By no means did we run out of gas. By no means did we quit, which was something I was really happy about. It just didn’t go our way toward the end.”

Loyola Marymount - Anne Scott

On how the emotion of yesterday’s win played into today’s game:

“I don’t think it was completely forgotten, but that was yesterday and we needed to refocus on today’s game. Yesterday was a big win but today is a new game that would have advanced us forward. It helped with our confidence coming into this game - taking on a big-name team and a great opponent. It just game us confidence coming into this game. I don’t think it was forgotten.”

Loyola Marymount - Kristine Cato

On preparing for tomorrow’s game:

“I think we are not very happy with the outcome today and I for one am ready to get in the pool. If it was five minutes (later) I would be ready to go. Honestly, I am ready to play the next game and forget about this game. It really did hurt to lose but that is just fuel for the fire to do the best we can tomorrow and go for third place.”