



Postgame Quotes

(5) Michigan vs. (8) Pomona-Pitzer - Saturday, May 15, 2010

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

**(5) Michigan 11, (8) Pomona-Pitzer 3
NCAA Championship - Semifinal Day, Game 2**

Michigan Head Coach Matt Anderson

Opening Statement:

"We accomplished what we wanted to do. We were playing in a game that we didn't want to be in, because we had wanted to advance to the semifinals. So you have to take that for what it's worth and understand it's going to be a little bit hard to get going. We just continued to work and play well defensively. We gave up only three goals and our counter (attack) started clicking, especially in the second period. It was one of those games out there that went the way I thought it would go. We've played a couple of other Division III teams from their conference and that's kind of how the way the games went where we started slow and then pulled away. It was what we needed to get ready for tomorrow which was an opportunity to get back on track. We're looking forward to facing UCLA. It will be a very good game and hopefully one of those that is exciting for the fans and the players as well."

On the Slow Start:

"First quarter we only actually had two shots that went on cage and five or six that went off cage. We were shooting the opportunities, but we just weren't putting it on the cage. It was definitely a layover from yesterday, but we picked it up with a six-spot in the second period, which was nice."

Michigan - Cara Reitz

On batting back today after a tough loss yesterday:

"Initially we were a little bit slower than we wanted to come out but we had a lot of support from the fans and our team. We are very good at motivating each other. If someone makes a good play, we're there to say, 'Hey, good job!' Getting the flow going is what allowed us to pick it up, which led to a lot of goals in the second period."

Michigan - Brittany May

On coming back from an injury (labrum) and being able to play in the NCAA Water Polo Championship:

"It means a lot to me. It's hard sometimes to keep the positive attitude when things are really going how you hoped. This team is so supportive and the coaches are so supportive and that really helped me want to finish out this last season and still be there and practice. Some days it feels like nothing is even wrong with my shoulder. I'm happy to be here with my team."

Pomona-Pitzer Head Coach Alex Rodriguez

Opening Statement:

"I thought we started off pretty well. We gave up a lot of counter attacks in the first quarter and she (Sarah Tuggy) had a bunch of huge saves that kept us in the game. In the second quarter, it seemed like we started to lose some energy on some level and Michigan started taking advantage of their size and speed. I thought my girls did a good job of fighting throughout the game and not giving up even though the score wasn't in our favor."

On final game tomorrow:

"This is our third year here. We've played Marist a couple of years ago and I think it was a close game. I was watching them earlier. They have some size and some skill, but my girls are motivated to come out and try the best they can against a well coached team. Marist's coach has done a great job developing that program the last three or four years. She

deserves a lot of credit for being here and being here consistently here now for the last couple of years. We are excited about the opportunity. Sarah (Tuggy) as a freshman has been huge part of our season. One of the the biggest reasons we are here is because of her and her play throughout our year. She's a very quiet girl, but is a solid as a rock. I don't ever worry about her being effected by anyone.... It's nice to have the backbone of your defense be dependable."

Pomona-Pitzer -Sarah Tuggy

On if she thought they had a chance to win after the first quarter:

"Absolutely, especially after the first quarter when it was one-to-one, I definitely thought we had a chance. I played my best the entire way through."

On Michigan's glee club being right behind her:

"In the regular season, its the opposite because we have a huge fan club that always sit right behind me. I don't really tune them out so much as let them inspire me."