



Postgame Quotes

(4) California vs. (5) Michigan - Friday, May 14, 2010

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

(4) California 12, (5) Michigan 8

NCAA Championship - Quarterfinal Round, Game 4

California Head Coach Richard Corso

On the four-five seeds playing:

"We were confident with our abilities. Michigan is a very good team and they played very hard. But we were confident and I knew that if we balanced our front court and continued to concentrate on defense we would score more goals than they would. I take my hat off to Michigan. They have had a great season. They play hard and train hard and (Leah Robertson) was outstanding and has been all year long. It was a hard fought game."

On the change in game flow in the second quarter:

"We had played a lot of freshmen at that point in time and that is when they changed defenses and went to a full court press. Once they did that, it took some of the air out of our sails. I felt pretty good about the way the freshmen played. San Diego's Dana Ochsner had a great game out there. We were able to isolate her at two meters. When they changed defenses, it spooked the freshmen a little bit."

On if the UCLA upset earlier in the day played into his team's mind at all:

"Of course with our scouting and watching video tape, you have to pay attention to another team's tendencies. With this team I have right now, we are being very selfish. This is something I learned as an Olympic coach, especially after '96. You have to be selfish in these championships, so we are just concerned about one thing, taking care of ourselves."

Michigan Head Coach Matt Anderson

Opening comment:

"Obviously, a disappointment (in the result). I felt the swing in the game was the second period. Other than that, the first period coming out 3-2 was fine. Second half, we were the aggressor and doing what we wanted, but it was that three-goal swing in the second that made the difference. As it comes down to in any championship, you've got to make your power plays. Though Lauren Orth did a good job with four out of five penalties, I think we were 1-for-7 on the power play and that was what was disappointing."

"If we had gotten up on them at 7-2 at half, we would have won the game. Coming back on a team like Cal, you can hope that you can get back to where you can get a final opportunity at the end of the game and we just (weren't able to). We are both like teams that whoever had the lead going into the half was going to have the advantage and we didn't, so hats off to Cal."

On the team's halftime adjustments:

"There's not really any team in the nation that can stay with us on the counter-attack in the second half. Our depth is good and our speed is as good or better than anybody. We showed that in the second half, but they had a lead and that was the difference. We had a few opportunities, especially in the fourth, but you can tell a couple of our counters with 3-on-2's and 2-on-1's, girls were kind of pulling up early, because they were rushing versus the clock. I felt if we were within one or two at half, our counter would take advantage in the second, but when you're playing a quality team like Cal, you give them a lead and they are going to shut down anybody."

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Michigan Junior Lauren Orth

On her performance:

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