



Postgame Quotes

(3) UCLA vs. (5) Michigan - Sunday, May 16, 2010

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

(3) UCLA 9, (5) Michigan 6 NCAA Championship - Fifth-Place Game

UCLA Head Coach Brandon Brooks

Opening Statement:

"I'm really proud of my team today. I'm really proud with how the girls came out. They came out with a lot of energy and executed really well. They came out and did a great job of talking to each other. The defense was very solid like it has been definitely the second half of the year. We were faced with a tough road after losing on the first day and we responded about as well as you could."

You scored on your first six possessions, was that your game plan, to jump on them early?:

"That's always your plan - score on all your possessions, which would be nice. The plan was definitely to come out strong, come out aggressive. I didn't know we scored on the first six possessions, but we did that well. It's a tribute to how strong we are emotionally and how much we have grown since last September."

On his thoughts on the season and dwelling on the LMU loss:

"It's important to look back at why we lost (to LMU), but throughout the whole season there's a ton of positives to our team. We're always going to try and get better. We can definitely take this team to a whole nother level. We can still grow a lot as a team. As far as the potential for this team, I don't know, we're about half way. I think the girls that I have here are not only smart water polo players and experienced, but they're really talented. With a good offseason and a good fall and getting to know each other even more with another year of experience, we're going to be very solid next year."

UCLA Junior Grace Reynolds

On her three early goals and exploiting the Michigan defense:

"I believe (that was the plan). If they weren't going to drop back into two meters, it was wide open. It's just the way the game went, but then they started to drop back more and we played on the perimeter and did that perfect as well."

"I thought at first I'd feel more motivated and had a lot of emotions in the game. I wanted to go out and give it all I've got and that is what the team did as well."

UCLA Sophomore Caitlin Dement

On the team's emotions heading into the fifth-place game:

"Emotionally, it was a little hard. It wasn't really hard to play, but emotionally coming off of losing and not making it to the top the four and being on the other side of the bracket was a little difficult, but it is still the same game."

Michigan Head Coach Matt Anderson

Opening Statement:

"Not a lot to say other than we had 10 good periods here at the NAAs. Unfortunately, at a tournament like this, you cannot wait to start playing in the second period or take the period off. It is what it is. Considering at the beginning of the year we were not the choice to win the Easterns and for us to make our third appearance in a row (at NAAs) and also to beat very strong teams from the west coast, it is a season that I have no complaints with. If I base my season on if we won or lost our last game, I am not doing the right job as a coach. The fact that I got to come here with a group of ladies, re-

ardless had we finished first or eighth, I still walk away happy that I had this team this year.”

On the first period:

“We had three things we were supposed to accomplish in the first period and the first play of the game Cara Reitz has an incredible opportunity to score (on) our first shot. We did that perfectly and than did not do it again. We had a great last three periods and a few more well placed shots and I think that is a game we can get back.”

On UCLA getting off to a strong start:

“You always want to start the game with a block. Every coach will tell you that if the opposing team scores on the first possession you have to worry about how the team is going to respond with deer-in-headlights look or shake it off. Unfortunately, we didn’t shake it off today. That is why UCLA came in here as the No. 1 team in the nation.”