



## Stanford Press Conference Quotes December 3, 2017

### **Stanford Head Coach Paul Ratcliffe**

#### **Opening Statement:**

"It was a fantastic game, very entertaining. I am very proud of this group; they worked tirelessly all season."

#### **On UCLA tying the game:**

"The character of this team is very strong. We talked about determination and resiliency, and they fought back. Jaye (Boissiere) scored a fantastic goal. It's difficult to come back from a situation like this but these girls wouldn't be denied."

#### **On today's game:**

"We had a couple breakdowns, but we fought back and got that last goal. It was a fantastic way to end the game. It was a very entertaining game; each team dictated their possession."

#### **On coming out strong:**

"You have to show the other team that you're ready to play and ready to go after them. You have to start out strong in those big five moments."

#### **On freshman Catarina Macario:**

"Catarina is incredible. She's a freshman with the maturity of a senior. Every time she gets the ball she looks like she's capable of creating, if not, scoring a goal. She had remarkable numbers; there isn't enough I could say about her."

#### **On playing a conference rival for a national championship:**

"It's one of the more difficult things to do - you don't want to see a team for a second time. It showed the mentality of our team that we started faster and harder than ever to win this national championship."

### **Stanford Freshman Catarina Macario**

#### *On focusing after UCLA equalized:*

"Possession is what we do best, so after they scored we knew that it was a new game. We had to settle down and play our game. We were confident in our abilities. Jaye (Boissiere) was able to score, and now we're national champions."

### **Stanford Redshirt Sophomore Jaye Boissiere**

#### *On this year being sweeter after last year:*

"I don't know if that makes this year sweeter, but it put a fire in our belly. At the end of the day, any team can take a game, but this year we knew what we had to change, what we had to do better."

#### *On coming back from an injury:*



"It's been a wild journey, but I have had a great support system all around. Getting back there and playing has been unimaginable. It was very special."

### **Stanford Senior Andi Sullivan**

*On what was said in team huddle after UCLA equalized:*

"Alana (Cook) gathered the team and said 'Alright, this is a new game'. She reset us as a group and it lifted us as a group. She was brilliant in that moment."

*On playing her last game at Stanford:*

"I don't think it gets much better than what just happened. It keeps hitting me in waves. It's amazing, and I don't think I've ever felt so complete in my life."

*Watching Jaye Boissiere come back from injuries:*

"She's one of the most inspirational people that I have ever met. She never stopped working; she did everything she could do. She never quits. She's one of the most underrated players in college soccer, so I'm glad she's getting the attention she should after scoring that goal. She's been that good all along; she knew that and we knew that. It's been huge for us all season long."

### **UCLA Head Coach Amanda Cromwell**

#### **Opening Statement:**

"First I'd just like to thank Orlando City, UCF and Orlando Sports Commission for hosting a fantastic Final Four at an awesome venue. It's great to be back in Orlando with a bunch of familiar faces. Obviously the game didn't go the way we hoped - didn't get a great start with going down two goals, but I can't say enough about our team and the fight, determination to come back and tie it up. They fought until the end. We had some chances but in the end, I don't think we had enough in the tank to really force the issue the way we normally do with our press. The difference is it was a hot day, big field. I think the effort was there for 90 minutes. Hats off to Stanford; they played a fantastic game."

#### **On UCLA's corner kicks:**

"Yeah we thought we could target Hailie Mace at the near post. We had one in the first half that we actually had one of our players get in the way of Hailie, and we defended ourselves a bit. The run was supposed to be a little more out to the corner to be a distraction run so we knew we could be successful with that. The execution on the goal, Julia (Hernandez) got the flick that came back across. We have been talking about set plays all year and I was happy we got that to tie it up. I think we were dangerous enough to get another one on a set play - six corners, getting one goal is fair."

#### **On UCLA's second half:**

"Very opportunistic, you could see towards the end of the first half we almost got a (penalty kick); Julia (Hernandez) got taken down and there was potential to make it maybe 2-1 before half. We felt some momentum even though we didn't get that call. I think we had some run of play and I think Stanford got a little tired at the end of the first half. We used that even though



we didn't get the PK, just as momentum to say 'hey we can go at them and get this one goal in this first 10 minutes and believe.' I think these girls have shown all year long they're super resilient and trust in each other. That's what you saw in that comeback – doing what they need to do.”

**On returning to Orlando:**

“This week has been awesome in so many ways. UCF was my home for 14 years and these (former) players that came out to support me, that's what it's all about. It was cool for our players to be around all of this and see what it's really like. You spend four years at a college and you invest so much in each other's lives; I mean these girls are my life forever.”

**UCLA Freshman Delanie Sheehan**

**On the second half:**

“During halftime we talked about it and said we were going to go out and fight until the whistle. That's what we did.”

**UCLA Sophomore Jessie Fleming**

**On the second half:**

“Obviously, being two goals down we needed to push for a goal. We wanted one early and we got one, but we weren't lucky enough to get a second one. We just didn't have enough in the tank. I don't think we wanted it enough until the end.”