Stanford vs. UCLA NCAA Tournament Nov. 19, 2010

### **Stanford Postgame Press Conference**

#### **Stanford coach Paul Ratcliffe:**

"We scored pretty early and we were able to be a little more conservative, especially when we got a two-goal lead. So, we were kind of absorbing pressure and counter attacking. It was a tactical move and we know UCLA is a great team. They are potent, and can score on you and they created great chances for themselves."

## On Christen Press as a senior captain:

"Christen has emerged as a fantastic leader. Everyone talks about what a talented player she is, but for me, her leadership skills have been tremendous this year. She really cares about everyone on the team, she works so hard in training, and she's an example for all the younger players. She has really emerged as a great leader and that's been a big part of our success."

#### **Stanford forward Christen Press:**

On the conditions of the game:

"A lot of the game turns into heart when it's raining. But things went our way early on, so we were able to control the game a little more. Games likes these are usually really tight if you don't get goals early and conditions get really bad. But we were able to control the game and it worked really well for us."

As a senior playing in her final games and advancing to the Elite Eight: "Going on a playoff run as a senior it resonates totally differently because you can fight twice as hard, and you're fighting just to be on the team for another day. For the four seniors, we want it so badly just because we love our team. We've had such a good experience we don't want it to end."

### **UCLA Postgame Press Conference**

#### **UCLA Head Coach Jillian Ellis:**

"We certainly want to congratulate Stanford and wish them all the very best to bring a championship to the Pac-10. They're a terrific team. Obviously, tonight our hearts go to my seniors, my players, for the season. I want to thank my seniors for what they brought to our program. I also want to thank my team for the efforts they had this year. It's been a tough and challenging year, but I'm proud of the way the team battled, especially in the second half today. I think we left it all on the field."

# Regarding next season:

"It's a new team, new season. Every player takes something forward that's going to come back with us. But it's a brand new team, new energy, different players. For us, it's just a continuous step to strive for excellence and that's what I'll continue to do with our program."

# **Elise Britt, UCLA Senior Forward**

On the own goal, during which she defended a ball in the air and it deflected off her head and into the goal:

"It could have been this rain. I haven't exactly played in it for a while and it just skimmed off my head the wrong way and I definitely wasn't anticipating it being that slippery."