

2009 National Collegiate Women's Water Polo Championship
College Park, Md. – Eppley Recreation Center
Friday, May 8

No. 2 Stanford vs. No. 7 Marist

Postgame Quotes

Stanford Cardinal

Head Coach John Tanner

On Stanford's strong first half:

"We came out with a lot of energy, which is what we wanted to do. We wanted to play up-tempo and make them play at our speed and I think we did that right away. Having four or five goals in the first few minutes helped us get into the flow of the tournament. We wanted to come out of the gate really fast and we were strong in all phases of the game in the first half."

On having the opportunity to rest his starters:

"It's a physical demanding sport and you have to be ready to play everyday no matter what. But it was fun to get the whole team plenty of time and distribute that. It adds to the energy when you have everyone contributing."

Junior Driver Kelly Eaton

On Stanford's victory:

"That's how we wanted to start the tournament and how we intend to end it, with a bang."

"Obviously you can't win games without offense, but in the first half we held them to one goal. We really want to be stronger on defense and not have even the best teams score any goals if we can help it."

Marist Red Foxes

Head Coach Ashleigh Jacobs

On the loss:

"When you open up with the No. 2 team in the country, you know you're in for a tough game. Half the battle is making it to the tournament, but it's tough to come out and play the No. 2 team in the country. We knew it was going to be difficult coming into it. You don't want to give up 21 goals ever, let alone 8 of 11 on 6-on-5s. There are definitely things that we'll take out of this and aim to fix."

On moving on from the loss:

"You can't overlook the opportunity to play the No. 2 team in the country in the NCAA opening round. They're No. 2 for a reason, they've battled with one, two, and three and they're a very good team. We're moving on in that we've got two more games to play and not hanging up on the fact that we didn't come out and have a huge upset. But there's a lot to be taken from this game that we can tweak to finish out this tournament strongly. We still have our goals and we will work to do those in our last couple games here."

Junior Driver Kristen Barnett

On Marist's goals for the rest of the tournament:

"It's a bigger competition out here and we definitely need to prove ourselves. Games like these give us a chance to grow and allow us to work on things that we've worked on in practice."

"We want to at least win one game out here. We have the opportunity to do it; we've grown as a team, made huge strides, and we're the best team Marist has had, hands down."