

Stanford vs. Florida State post-game quotes
NCAA Women's Soccer Quarterfinal
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Stanford Head Coach Paul Ratcliffe

Opening Statement...

I'm very pleased with performance of the team tonight, and we're very happy to heading back to the Final Four. I think our entire team is top quality, and I think that any of them are capable of scoring at any time. I'm proud the whole team is stepping up and making a difference, and each player is making a huge impact.

On being up 1-0 at the half...

During halftime, [my message] was to stay confident, keep playing good soccer, get another goal to put the game out of reach. And then they just kept coming.

Senior Christen Press

On heading back to the Final Four...

We're really excited. It was a great team win tonight, and so we're really proud of that.

On playing Florida State...

I think a lot of [our success] comes from the fact that we attack from all angles. We have our outside backs getting the attack, all three of midfielders, our center backs hold a lot of our possessions. So even when teams play defensive, we try to get around them, over the top, try different things.

On playing her final game at Cagan Stadium...

I was nostalgic, sitting there watching our team and everyone's excited to go to the College Cup. It was a huge crowd with a lot of energy, everyone on their feet. It's a positive note that we went out on, and it would have been a lot worse if we had not won, but we have to keep it in perspective.

Junior Teresa Noyola

On Stanford's success...

We've seen [teams like Florida State] before. We weren't entirely sure what they were going to give us. I think that the skill that we have all around the field, whatever gameplan teams have thrown to us, I think we've adjusted really well, and that showed today. They're used to dominating the midfield, dominating the possession. That was our gameplan. Take control of the game from the midfield to all the way down the field and make them defend because that's not what they are comfortable doing. We were able to do that and it worked out.

Freshman Emily Oliver

On Florida State's offense...

I think our best defense is our offense, to be honest. We keep the ball really well in the back. When we have the ball, there's no way that they can attack us. We're very clean in our passing in the back and swinging it. Our forwards are good at holding it. Just keeping the ball is our best defense. Our communication in the back is very strong, we're all connected. I always feel comfortable behind our back line. They're great players no matter who's on the field.