

POST-GAME QUOTES STANFORD REGIONAL GAME 6 STANFORD 4, CAL POLY 0

STANFORD Head Coach John Rittman

(Opening Statement) "I'm very proud of the way our team handled this weekend - the pressures of hosting a regional, the pressures of playing in a western regional which is typically loaded with great 1, 2, 3 and 4 seeded teams. This was a very tough regional and to win three games in a row is very special and it shows that we have a lot of leadership on this team, we have some postseason experience and we have some very good players. Today was an example of that. We came out and took advantage of Anna Cahn's wildness in the first inning and were very patient. There has been games in the past where we chase pitches in that situation and don't scratch out a run and I was very pleased with how we were patient and got a run in the first inning. That took a lot of pressure off of us. Then Missy pitched extremely well. We put pressure on them all game. I think their third baseman has made six or seven outstanding plays against us this year. I thought we were snake-bit a little. We probably had four or five line drives outs right at people but I knew we were putting pressure on them and knew we would eventually find a hole and break through and we did that. I'm very pleased with our effort. We know that this is just one step in the process of where we want to go."

(on playing Cal Poly) "I knew between Nevada and Cal Poly we were going to face a tough opponent. We were very familiar with Cal Poly. Sometimes that's easy and sometimes it can play against you because they're familiar with you as well. I thought Missy pitched extremely well and we got the clutch hitting we needed against a very good team."

(on Sarah Hassman's hit) "That was a huge hit. When the bottom part of the lineup can spark us and you've got Haber, Hansen, Koplitz, Coon on the top, it really puts pressure on the pitcher and the defense. That's why [Becerra and Hassman] are down there. They both have speed and the ability to steal a base if we need it and they have been pretty clutch."

Missy Penna

(on going to a Super Regional) "We went last year, going again this year and I'm really excited about that. We're ready to carry the momentum from this weekend into next weekend and just play our best."

(on playing at home) "We're used to the field, we know how it plays. We're in our home. We're comfortable here and hopefully that will give us an advantage coming into the game."

Alissa Haber

(on her doubles record) "It feels good to get the win, good to get the RBI. I feel like that was what I was most happy with. I felt like earlier in the season, I'd come up in an RBI situation and not be able to perform and I feel like this weekend I was put in a lot of those situations and I was able to pull through for the team. As far as the doubles go, I always try to hit gap to gap. Instead of aiming for the lines like I used to, I aim for the gaps and good things happen. And I feel like my speed helps with the doubles a little bit."

(on the top of the lineup) "I think we definitely all feed off of each other. Even if we're just seeing the ball well, we just kind of string it from at bat to at bat. We just have to carry that into next weekend. We've seen the Arizona pitchers a couple times now so we're hoping that we can capitalize on that next week."

CAL POLY
Head Coach Jenny Condon

“Stanford did a great job today. They came ready to play. I thought we did a good job once we got through the first inning. I thought Anna [Cahn] might have been a little bit too relaxed, her pitches were moving well but Stanford was patient and swung at good pitches. You can’t win if you don’t score and we stranded too many runners. Overall I thought it was a great game and I’m really proud of the effort the kids put out today.”

(on Missy Penna) “She hits all her zones. She goes screw, curve, rise, drop, change. She’s got all the pitches so if one is not working or someone’s not biting on one, she’ll go to another one. She works the whole plate, she works the black, she works the chalk lines and the batter’s box. She’s just so tough. She’s a workhorse – she throws and throws and throws and never tires. She’s impressive. She’s a great pitcher.”

Anna Cahn

“I felt like my pitches were moving a lot, maybe a little too much. They weren’t hitting the spots that I wanted them to.”

“I wanted to make them put the ball in play. Our defense is amazing and they were making amazing plays so I just wanted to have them work for me.”

Melissa Pura

(on playing Stanford for the third time) “I knew going into this game that it was a rematch. We played them tough the first two times, so we were definitely competing with them. It was a battle and I definitely think we still can compete with them.”