### Nov. 28, 2014

# STANFORD vs. FLORIDA

# NCAA women's soccer quarterfinal At Laird Q. Cagan Stadium

# Postgame quotes

#### FLORIDA COACH BECKY BURLEIGH:

## On Florida's season

"We had a great season together. It was such a fulfilling and rewarding season. They know that. They were willing to fight as hard as they could for each other. As a coach, what more can you ask?

#### On the match

"It was a tremendous match between two really good teams. It just went down to the wire. Penalty kicks are a little bit of a crapshoot. But I was super proud of our team, and the effort they showed to be down twice to a team as quality as Stanford and to come back twice. We just really played hard. I was really proud of our team's effort.

"We came so close. There were so many chances where an inch here or an inch there and it could have gone either way."

#### STANFORD COACH PAUL RATCLIFFE:

#### On Florida's performance

"Congratulations to University of Florida, I thought they were an incredible team who played very good soccer and gave us such a tough match. It could have gone either way. Fortunately, we were able to win in PK's, but I was impressed with their entire team. Becky (Burleigh) does an incredible job and we were fortunate to get by them."

#### On Chioma Ubogagu's performance

"Chi was incredible, she was breaking through, beating players on the dribble and creating chances...she just couldn't connect that last touch into the goal. She was unfortunate but I thought we created a lot of good opportunities. Give Florida credit because they covered us well and their goalkeeper made some big saves and they were really resilient."

#### On scoring early

"It was nice to get an early goal in the first five minutes...Chi got in behind and crossed it to Taylor (Uhl) who slotted it in, so i thought we were going to have a real positive game with that start. But they fought back and got that unfortunate own goal from us on a free kick, but it was a very nicely taken free kick, and hard to stop."

#### On returning to the College Cup

"It's never going to be easy winning in the quarterfinals, it's always going to be difficult and I feel for Florida because I know how difficult it is when you're so close. I thought they had an amazing game. We're happy to be back. Last year we didn't get there. I think it's a great treat for the kids and the thing we all look forward to is going to the final four. It's going to be a really fun weekend and the opportunity to claim the national championship is a great karat for all of us."

#### On the penalty shootout

"We had a lot of good players who could step up for penalties so it was a hard choice, but i think all the ones we selected came up big. We had 10 players wanting to take a penalty kick which is a good sign for the team."

# **On Jane Campbell**

"Goalkeepers are very good because they practice all day shooting on each other, it was a hard decision because Sarah Cox is a very good goalkeeper too and we were thinking of putting her in for PKs. It was a difficult decision but Jane came up big with that save and scoring her PK, so it worked out in the end."

#### On the team in general heading

"I told the team I'm really proud of them but we're not done and we want to get after it this weekend, have a big push, and win another national championship. It would be a dream come true for all of us."

#### **On Florida State**

"Florida State is a great program, Mark (Krikorian) does a great job and they're a talented team. It's not going to be easy -- no games have been easy to this point. So, I expect the final four to be four of the best teams in the country."

# STANFORD GOALKEEPER JANE CAMPBELL

#### First save

"It was a huge boost for us, I told the team before when we were going out for the penalty shootout, 'I'll do my job, I need you guys to do yours.' We were fortunate for the first shot to hit the post and bounce out, so I'll take that as a save and move onto the next one."

# Second save

"After the second save for sure it really gave us the confidence we needed to finish it. Taylor (Burke) made a great save on our second or third kick...she's a great keeper, very athletic and we were just fortunate to put them away."

#### **On Practicing PKs**

"Sarah (Cox) is really good at PK's. She's really good at reading players, probably one of the best goalkeepers at PKs there is. At the end of practice we always take them against each other, and Alison our other keeper is pretty good at them too."

"Done it before, I told Paul I really wanted to and I'm glad he believed in me to do it. It's not very often you have a goalkeeper hit one."

#### On 10 girls wanting to take a PK

"I think they [the coaches] had their mind made up about the five, even Haley (Rosen) coming in cold was huge for us. She came up really big for us; that's really hard to make a PK after not playing much."

#### On the two goals conceded

"Great free kick. I didn't even know it was an own goal until halftime, I didn't know who it went off of until someone told me. It's just an unfortunate bounce, it happens in games...kind of like the second goal, that was pretty much an own goal itself. They're little mistakes we can fix and we're just fortunate to come away with the win"

#### On Florida State

"They're a really good team. They've obviously been dominating the tournament, winning big almost every game. It will be really fun to play them in Florida, but I think we're up for the challenge."

# On this Stanford team

"Talking with the juniors and seniors, the veterans who have been to the final four before, it's crazy to think come tomorrow night there will only be four teams left in the entire country playing soccer. That's as special as it is. That's just a great feeling to have, a feeling l've never had before. This team always finds a way [to win] and people have said we're a second half team and that we start slow, but at the end of the day we have one loss and I'm so happy, so proud of everyone, the back line especially since I work with them the most. A lot of us, most of us actually, I'm sure are very pumped for Florida State."

# On erasing last season's disappointment

"Our goal last year was to win the Pac-12 championship, so this year we had to brush that aside and make a statement. This year was a year for us to do it, since everyone was able to look past falling short the year before. We set the same goal, to win the Pac-12, but UCLA was able to win that. It was well-deserved by them, but once we were past that we knew we couldn't dwell on it. We had another goal in mind, making it to the College Cup, and now 180 minutes later hopefully we'll get that ring."

#### Difficulty of schedule

"We had a really tough preseason schedule. Playing Florida at the beginning of the year. When we all found out this would be the matchup we knew it would be a great game. Florida is one of the best teams in the SEC, and even the country. But so are we, based on this year, so we were really confident and knew it would be a hard-fought battle. It ended in a tie, without PK's we would have tied, so it was great to have that hard preseason to prepare us for what was to come."