

STANFORD POSTGAME PRESS CONFERENCE QUOTES

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Head Coach Paul Ratcliffe

Opening statement ...

"It was a disappointing end to a great year. It's always difficult to lose in overtime because you can't make any changes or do anything to get back into the game because the game is over with one kick of the ball. Overall, I'm proud of the team, great year. Tough way to end."

On towards the end of the game ...

"Obviously it went to overtime, so you do get a little bit of tired legs. But, it's a game of chances. We had a couple of chances and we didn't put them away. They (North Carolina) got that clear chance at the end and they put it away."

On his three captains, what they meant to the Stanford program ...

"This entire senior class when you look at their overall record, through their four years, it's pretty remarkable. I think it's best in the country. I'm really thankful that they won the championship last year because they're definitely champions. No doubt in my mind."

On being frustrated on not being able to beat North Carolina ...

"The last couple of times we played them, I think we tied them, so that was frustrating we couldn't break through. And tonight in overtime, we've played them on evenly matched games and on a different day, it could of went a different way."

On the condition of the pitch ...

"I don't make any excuses. The pitch was obviously slick, but you could still play on it. I thought it was still playable. It did hurt our possession a little bit. I think everyone was a little bit worried about slipping. Overall, it was the same for everybody who played in games where its been raining before."

Emily Oliver, Goalkeeper, Junior

On her play during the game and keeping her teammates going ...

"I think our team had a great game. I was really proud on how everyone battled up to the end. I was trying to just do my part. That said, I think our backline was solid. Everyone left their heart out on the field tonight and I'm really proud of our team."

On UNC's Crystal Dunn ...

"Crystal Dunn is a fantastic player. Great speed. One of our tactics was to just cover up the middle. Be honest, I think we did a great with that tonight and I'm very proud on how we handled her."

On the senior class at Stanford ...

"The whole senior class has been fantastic. Not just on the field, but off the field as well. I think each one of them brings something different. They're special people, special players and we're definitely going to miss them next year."

Lo'eau Labonta, Midfield/Forward, Sophomore

On the chances of getting a goal ...

“That first one where I won on the second ball, that keeper she had, probably had one of the saves of her lives. And that was very frustrating. And then I had a couple of other that I should of put away. But at the end of the day, they got the result and it was frustrating.”

Courtney Verloo, Forward, Redshirt Junior

On the energy and atmosphere of the game ...

“I think both teams showed a lot of heart. You have to give credit to North Carolina, they came out strong and high pressure. I think we battled back just as strong and gave everything that we had. It was unfortunate that we couldn’t come out with the result tonight.”