

**POST-GAME QUOTES
STANFORD SUPER REGIONAL GAME 1
STANFORD 6, ARIZONA 4**

ARIZONA

Head Coach Mike Candrea

Opening Statement:

"It was a typical super regional you game. You get to this time of the year and I was very pleased the way we came out, thought our hitters did a great job battling Penna. ...In games like this you play a good team and give them a crack and they took advantage of it. You know what, we still have innings to play and my job now is to get this team ready to play tomorrow."

On his relationship with Stanford Coach Rittman:

"We have spent a lot of good times together but when the game starts the game starts and I'm out to beat him and the day I don't feel that way its time for me to get out of coaching. I think we have a lot of respect for each other and we'll never let our friendship get in the way of good competition."

On playing for 7 innings:

"Sarah threw well there for awhile, but you know it's a game with 7 innings and that's the biggest challenge at this time of year. You've gotta be able to win the close ones; you've gotta be able to shut things down. The problem for me is that we intentionally walked Haber and then gave up a home run. You get in situations like that at the top of the order and you have to shut down their best and we didn't do that tonight. We did a lot of good things that I'm proud of; this team battled tonight. Like I told them, 'as long as you have innings you have a chance.'"

On team's play:

"I was proud of the way we played tonight. I thought mentally we competed as well as I've seen us in a long time. ...If we're gonna win at this stage in the game, you have to have great pitching, you have to play good defense, and you have to have great hitting. You have to do those three things; you can't get away from doing those three things and be successful at this time of the year."

On tomorrow:

"You take it one game at a time. The biggest thing is not getting too far ahead of yourself. It takes a special group to be able to play the game hard and not worry about it until you get there. ...Stay in the present moment and compete like hell and the next thing you know you're in a good situation. ...It's one of those days where you've got to get on a roll and if you get on a roll, you can ride the role until the next week. ...As long as you have innings you have opportunity."

Senior 1B Sam Banister

On Penna

"She made a lot of adjustments, and unfortunately we made adjustments too late in game and that's what happens."

On the error at first base causing momentum:

"Yeah, you could definitely feel that, but it's our responsibility to shut that down. ...But I think if we shut that down, we'll be fine."

On the error at first base:

"It was an outside pitch and she turned on it and it hit me right on the knee and I didn't really have time to see it."

On possibly playing two games tomorrow:

"Playing a double header isn't anything new to us; as long as we go out and win that first game it always gives us a chance. One thing with our team is once we get on a roll, we get on a roll. If we can do that and get on fire, then we'll be pretty successful."

Sophomore OF Brittany Lastrapes

On confidence for tomorrow:

"It gave us confidence that we can get runners on base and hit them in. ...I think from the first inning on we need to get runners on every inning and keep hitting at Penna, that's the heart of their team."

On coming back:

"I think even in the last inning when we had two outs, I still thought we could come back. ...As long as we have innings to play; I never think we're going to lose until the inning's over."

On our offense:

"We definitely know that our offense is probably the strongest in the country and I have a lot of confidence in the eight hitters behind me. No team's gonna out-hit us."

Freshman DP Lini Korja

On her role:

Throughout practice and working with coach, offensively, that's my job - I'm the DP. I have to look for good pitches. ...I feel that I've been seeing the ball. ...All we can do is come back sharp tomorrow."

STANFORD

Coach John Rittman

Opening statement:

"Great win tonight for our program; very proud of our team and the way they played, the way we made adjustments during the game, the way we got ourselves out of some tight situations. We made some mistakes tonight and we have to get better tomorrow. Arizona's a very good hitting team; we're a very good hitting team. It's two great teams going at each other and we know our work is not finished. We have to come out focused and ready to go."

On the base running error:

"It's a big game and you have a lot going through your mind as a baserunner in that situation. ...I think she just in her excitement of trying to get around the girl who was going to tag her she took a step back to try to fake her out and go around. It was a critical mistake at that point of the game, but Melissa's a battler, she didn't hang her head, she came back and made great defensive play later in the game and that's what we expect out of her. The team picked her up."

On using Missy tomorrow:

"I'm very comfortable with Missy and very comfortable with Ashley Chen...Whatever it takes to get the job done. ...We can't start thinking past the first inning tomorrow. We've gotta come and take it one pitch at a time. Arizona's a good team; they're gonna come out and fight like heck tomorrow and we're gonna come and fight like heck and see what happens."

Freshman CF Sarah Hassman

On her slide into first base:

"It looked like she was coming up kind of slow and it looked like she was going for the tag, so I tried to play it safe."

On the error causing momentum:

"It's all about momentum and from that error we knew we could build something off of it. ... We were thinking one run at a time and slowly but surely we kept going off the momentum."

Senior 2B Maddy Coon

On her home run:

"I was just trying to keep the rally going. To tell you the truth, I was just thinking a ground ball up the middle. I wasn't thinking a home run, I was just trying to keep it going."

"I was really excited...was happy to come through for my team. I really just hoped it would keep the momentum going for us, keep our team up, and we can beat that team and keep it going for tomorrow."

On being a senior with Penna on this team:

"This team is something special and I think we know that. ...We just hope that it can continue. We're a very talented group and we have a lot of great chemistry and we're just trying to help lead our team."

Senior P Missy Penna

On mixing up pitches:

"I was trying to mix it a bit to keep them on their toes. ...Keep 'em guessing."

On facing Chambers:

"She's a good hitter; I know when she comes up she has the power to hit the ball real far. I try to mix it; keep her guessing, in and out, and so far that has been successful."

On her approach for tomorrow:

"Just the same as any other game. I'll prepare myself for the first game, the first batter, and not look ahead to two games. ...One batter at a time, one pitch at a time, because that's the only thing I can do."