



2018 NCAA® DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL  
CHAMPIONSHIP

NCAA First Round

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LOCKER ROOM QUOTES

**STANFORD**

**BRITTANY MCPHEE**

"We just really wanted to get the job done, especially after watching Missouri get upset. We didn't want to leave anything to chance. We were very focused."

"We just try to play our game, especially since it's the NCAA Tournament. You don't need any extra incentive to play hard."

"The coaches did a good job with our scouting report. We were locked in defensively and that just helps lead to good offense. We were able to run our plays and hit shots."

"We believe we can play with anyone. But we just know that it's one game at a time and anyone else can play with anyone because everyone is in the tournament for a reason. You have to get past the next game before you think about anything else."

"FGCU is a really good team, even if they aren't super-tall. They get into it defensively and kind of disrupt things. They have really good shooters, so we'll have to prepare for that."

**DIJONAI CARRINGTON**

"We really, really focused on defense. We limited them to one shot a lot of times and we didn't give them what they wanted. Even though they got shots off, they weren't the shots they are accustomed to taking."

“We watched the Selection Show and saw how people responded to playing different teams. We knew they kind of had our number. Especially after last year, we didn’t come out strong enough and we let them beat us in our own house. We weren’t going to let that happen again.”

“FGCU is obviously a very, very good shooting team and very scrappy and aggressive. I think we have to throw the first punch. We can’t let them come out and be more aggressive than us. We have to be the aggressors from the tip and until the last whistle. We have to use our size and strength, because those are definitely an advantage.”

## **GONZAGA**

### **JILL BARTA**

“The last time we played Stanford, it was a different year and a different game. This game came down to who was more prepared for it, and basically that’s how it played out.”

“We could have rebounded better and ran our offensive players better. We had to do one of those two things. We rebounded poorly and shot awfully from the field. If we do any of those things better, it’s a different game.”

“I’ve got to give it to Stanford. They played an awesome game. They made us play to our weaknesses. Kudos to them.”

### **CHANDLER SMITH**

“If we would have played Stanford earlier in the year as opposed to now, it would have been a different matchup just because of how the season progresses. Teams mature and get better at certain things. The difference from this year to last year ... We had some key players on the roster, huge defensive players, who gave us a lift last year. We struggled defensively tonight. I think that could have made a difference, especially in terms of our rebounding.”

“Stanford is a fundamental team. They’re really good at driving and dishing. We struggled with our rotation at times, and definitely at getting second-chance points. That really hurt us.”