



2018 NCAA® DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
CHAMPIONSHIP

NCAA Second Round

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LOCKER ROOM QUOTES

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NASRIN ULEL

“At the beginning, I felt like everyone was flustered and not doing what they were supposed to be doing. After that (first) timeout, we decided to come together and at least try to defend their sets correctly. I think we did a good job.”

“Obviously, we knew they were going to have help in the paint. We tried to just cut and penetrate, but they did a good job at covering our lanes.”

“I think we had a really great season. Our seniors did a phenomenal job helping us younger players and being leaders for us. They played a really good game tonight. We’re really proud of them and they were a big part of our success all year.”

ERICA NELSON

“I don’t think we were nervous. We knew what to expect and have been in this situation before. Our offense is best when we hit 3’s and we didn’t hit them. We started getting snagged on offense and had a couple miscues on defense.”

“We cut it to 10 in the fourth quarter, but they got a stop and went on like a 7-0 run. I think that was the turning point in the game.”

“Just look at our resume. Some of the teams that we’ve played are higher seeds than us. Our seed definitely didn’t define what we did this year. We had a tremendous season for being a Mid-Major.”

“When they talk about height, I don’t think it really matters. With our speed and talent, as you saw against Missouri, we went right around them. This game, they packed the paint, so that was tough.”

They weren't coming out on our shooters and were giving up 3s. We just didn't hit them."

STANFORD

KAYLEE JOHNSON

"We had a great scout from Kate (assistant coach Kate Paye). We knew what they were looking for. It wasn't just effort, it was focus and concentration because we knew it was going to be huge taking away what they wanted to do."

"They're a great team. We knew they were going to make shots and go on runs. It was almost an uncomfortable feeling the whole game, just because when it's a great 3-point shooting team, it doesn't matter what the lead is, it's easy to get back in. No lead was ever comfortable."

"If you look at our record from the beginning, I don't think anyone expected us to get this far. But I've always expected it. This is the standard that Stanford sets. Something that we always reminded each other at the beginning of the season is, yeah, our record isn't good, but it's a long season. We want to have what we need in March and that's finally come together for us."

KIANA WILLIAMS

"We knew we were going to rely heavily on our bigs to bang in down there. We just kept giving Alanna the ball. She was feeling it early. We just kept riding her. Defensively, we tried not to get too spread out. We wanted to contain the three, but not get too not give them wide open driving lanes for layups."

"Their ability to shoot the three-ball keeps them in games. When a team is shooting the three like that and making them, you can never relax."

DIJONAI CARRINGTON

"Early on we had injuries and tough losses, but we really never let those get to us or our record get to us. We just focused on what we could take from those games and what the positives were and tried to find the blessings in disguise. I think we were able to transform those things into positives and to help propel us into the rest of the season."

"The coaches work so hard. We were just talking about that in the locker room about how great our scout is and how much we focus. I just feel they take so much time and really put so much effort into the scouting report and they make sure that we understand it. They'll keep going over it until they're solid and that everyone understands it. They're very open to making adjustments. We came in with a specific gameplan. Some things changed during the game and we were able to adjust and still be successful. It shows how great they are and how quick they are on the fly."