



March 21, 2010 Stanford Pre-Game Press Conference Quotes
Stanford Head Coach Tara VanDerveer

On Jayne Appel against Iowa State...

"I thought our offense takes what our defense gives us. That's what the defense gave us. Jayne did a really good job inside [against Iowa State]. If she's doubled, she's a great passer. That was a really great game for Jayne and really exciting for our team."

On facing Iowa...

"We probably shouldn't sit in a really compact zone. I think you've got to guard people. Obviously they have really good shooters. For us, to our advantage, I think that playing Oregon in our league has great shooters too. So our team is used to being out on very efficient shooters. I guess any team has to work really hard to take away another team's strength. For us as coaches, we try to identify the opponent team's strengths and try to figure out what the best matchups are for us. What's the best thing we can do to neutralize their strengths and at the same time take advantage of our strengths."

Senior Guard Rosalyn Gold-Onwude

On Iowa's Kachine Alexander...

"I believe she's really an excellent player from what we've heard and also from what we got to see from the few minutes that we watched the [Iowa-Rutgers] game. I'm sure that through the course of today that we'll be watching a lot of video, not only on her, but the rest of the team. They all possess a really good three point threat. They're a team that likes to play hard and they're not a team that we're going to take lightly."

On Iowa's threat as an underdog...

"I think that it's interesting all the different stories that play out the course of the tournament. While Iowa probably has its own story, we have ours as well. As a team, and even individually, I know that for myself, as a fifth-year senior, I know the only storyline I'm going to be worried about is the fact that I'm going to be playing at Maples [Pavilion] for the last time. I can tell you, last night I had an amazing rush from all the fans. Pretty much we've just got to focus on our own things, what we want to accomplish. In many ways, if we continue to advance in the tournament, we'll be an underdog coming up. But coming into this game tomorrow, I think we just have to focus on what's going to help us win."

On Jayne Appel's 46 points against Iowa State last year...

"I remember it was a really exciting game, not only for Jayne but for the entire team. To see a player that works so hard for her team, day in and day out, on and off the court. Someone like her to have a career and history making game like that was wonderful. Teams will have different strategies. [Stanford coach] Tara [VanDerveer] tells us not to expect that any teams seeing us this tournament will just leave Jayne one-on-one. We should expect that Jayne will be doubled at some point, and as guards, and any one else in the perimeter, any post players should be ready



for that, and step up. Jayne takes a lot of attention, and because of that, she makes the rest of us a whole lot better.”

Junior Forward Kayla Pederson

On the high expectations...

“We take every game one game at a time. You never know what can happen. It could be our last game tomorrow, so we just do everything we can to avoid that. We never look ahead.”

On preparing for the game against Iowa...

“I think all of our work is ahead of us so far in the day. We know that Iowa is a well-rounded team, defensively, offensively, on the boards. I think our biggest challenge of the day is staying consistent, combining all of our strengths.”