

# STANFORD ATHLETICS



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**Stanford (1) vs. Boston College (2)**  
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**NCAA Tournament Quarterfinal**  
**Stanford, Calif.**

### **Stanford Head Coach Paul Ratcliffe**

#### ***On the game...***

"I thought it was a strong performance against a solid Boston College team and I'm really proud of our team, they played really well."

"I think this was our best performance of the tournament so far and that overall we played great possession soccer and generated a lot of fantastic chances and put away three great chances. I was really pleased with the performance overall."

### **Stanford forward Kelley O'Hara**

#### ***On playing with Christen Press...***

"I think that our opportunity to play with each other, for I guess two solid years now, has definitely helped and I would say that we work well together and have good chemistry and we've done a great job of learning each other's tendencies. At the same time we have an incredible team behind us and I thought they really put on a show tonight."

#### ***On her teammates...***

"If you look at the stats, BC who is an amazing soccer team and has a great attack and has put up a lot of goal this year, and our defense held them to five shots. You know they got an early goal and I think that was kind of a wake-up call but our defense played incredible tonight and the midfield was awesome as well. Everyone did their job tonight, and that's why we were able to play and put together 90 minutes of soccer."

#### ***On coming from behind...***

"We've been down before a couple of games, so I think that experience helped us tonight and just to know that 'hey you go down a goal, I mean they scored in the first three minutes so that's kind of a benefit to us, we have how many minutes left to score on them.'"

### **Stanford forward Christen Press**

#### ***On playing with Kelley O'Hara:***

"In the last year Kelley and I have played together so much, we play on the U-23s and in the summer we played together on the [USL W-League's] Pali Blues, and I think that that has really helped us learn. I feel like when I look at Kelley on the field I know what she's thinking and I know what she wants from me. She'll often look at me and be like 'come on Press give me a thumbs up' and I'm like 'ok'. We can pick each other up and I think a lot of it is chemistry and that we're really good friends."

#### ***On coming from behind:***

"I think that sometimes teams come at us and attack us and we're like 'whoa'. That goal just came out of nowhere, but watching the way our team responded as soon as we got the ball back, I had positive thoughts. Just watching the way we ran at them and didn't back off at all. That's why we got the win tonight."

### **Boston College Head Coach Alison Kulik**

#### ***General statements...***

"I thought we probably made it real exciting the first three minutes for everybody; two goals in the first two-and-a-half minutes. I thought...clearly coming in here we knew we were playing a team that was undefeated and No. 1 in the country and I think certainly they are deserving of that status. I applaud our team and our team's effort from the start of the game to the end. I thought we gave it everything we had but I have to give a lot of credit to Stanford, certainly in the match tonight, and in the season that they've had."

"We're real confident with the progression of our team and one of the goals we had was to get where we hadn't gone before and that was here in the final eight. We're really happy with this year's progress and the progress over the last few years and certainly the goal for the future for these two [V. DiMartino and Bouchelle] and the remaining of the returners will certainly be a No. 1 seed and to get into that next session."

***On playing in the Atlantic Coast Conference and how Stanford compares...***

"We love our conference and we believe it prepares us for big games like this. There are no games in the ACC that are easy games, so we're trained to keep our focus, we're trained to be confident in big games, which certainly helps us in the NCAA Tournament."

"I think the biggest thing that sticks out in my mind is that they [Stanford] have two of the most prolific goal scorers in the country. I think in the ACC there's a lot of scoring that's divided amongst the front six, but clearly with Christen Press with 20 goals and Kelley now on 25, both having 10 shots apiece on us, with this being typical behavior, they're in my mind, and the ACC has a lot of good forwards, but Kelley and Christen certainly are two of the best in the country."

***On Stanford senior forward Kelley O'Hara...***

"The thing about Kelley O'Hara, and I have a lot of respect for her is that...is the biggest goal scorer in the country, and she's also the hardest working soccer player I've seen. Sometimes in all sports you see leading scorers pick and choose their time and maybe get a little bit soft at times, but not Kelley O'Hara. I have a lot of respect for the fact that that kid is always tracking back into her back third, is hard working, and also trying to set people up. She deserves to be on the full national team."

***Boston College freshman forward, Victoria DiMartino***

***On if cross-country travel was a factor in the match...***

"I didn't think it was the trip; I thought we prepared ourselves well for the game. It's a 90-minute game and its two great teams. Of course your body isn't going to be running...keep going, back and forth, back and forth. I think we held our own, and I think fatigue comes in. Ninety minutes is a long time. I think we overcame it and we played well."

***On Stanford's tying goal just 50 seconds after Boston College's goal...***

"I don't think it was that devastating. We were shocked, but our team's so close and we knew to get right back on it and keep going, we just kept attacking and attacking, it didn't stop us."

***Boston College sophomore midfielder Julia Bouchelle***

***On the emotion after the quick first goal...***

"I think after the first goal we had a lot of energy and, I don't know, I think we kind of surprised ourselves scoring that early, but I think we wanted to keep up the intensity and keep attacking them. I think a quick goal is surprising, but after the goal we had more intensity than we had coming into the game, and it really pumped us up to keep going throughout the game."