



# Stanford University ATHLETICS

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## **Postgame Quotes – NCAA Tournament First Round – Stanford 3, Sacramento State 0**

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

#### ***On the play of Sacramento State***

"I was very impressed with Sacramento State. I think Randy [Dedini] really organized his team with a great game plan and his team really battled hard and made it a very tough game. Their goalkeeper was tremendous in the first half and the second half and made some really spectacular saves."

#### ***On the play of freshman Sydney Payne***

"Sydney has been training very, very well. I knew she could go in and score the goal. There was no doubt in my mind that she could go in and break the ice for us and she did."

#### ***On the depth of this Stanford team***

"It is incredible. It is great to have players, especially freshmen come in and make such a big impact scoring goals. It is great for the team spirit and it is a credit to the freshmen that they have come in and worked so hard and improving with every game and every practice."

#### ***On facing Santa Clara on Sunday***

"Santa Clara is traditionally a fantastic team. It is going to be a battle. We have to prepare for them and play our best to get a result against them. They are a good team."

### **Freshman Forward Sydney Payne**

#### ***On her game-winning goal***

"The play, Quon got the ball and she was coming across the right flank and slotted the ball back and I hit it with my heel in. It felt great. It was a really great goal. I just made contact with the ball and tried to get it in the back of the net anyway I could."

### **Sacramento State Head Coach Randy Dedini**

#### ***On the game:***

"I'm extremely proud of our girls from Sacramento State, up against the No. 1 team in the country, and well-deserving team. We knew we were up against a great opponent, and we tried to keep it as close as possible for as long as possible, and tried to get them frustrated but they didn't get frustrated. We tried to keep it as close as possible for as long as possible and sneak a goal in there. We had a couple of chances, but they're such a strong team, they don't allow much. I'm just really proud of our girls for the mental focus, just coming in and playing as hard as they possibly could and not being intimidated by this Stanford group. I'm really proud of the way we played, I know we gave up 42 shots but a lot of those shots were from distance or contested. I'm just proud of our girls for the way they battled."

#### ***On the performance of the defense and goalkeeper Savannah Abercrombie:***

"[Savannah] is a great goalkeeper, she was our team MVP last year. This year she came off of wrist surgery early in the season and it took her awhile, she played a great game tonight and we needed her to to keep it close. I'm proud of her as well for not being intimidated and just trying to do what she could do. She could only do as much as

she could do, and she did a great job. We've got her back next year, and I'm hoping that all of our girls can learn from this experience, get a taste of it and come back even better next year."