

2013 NCAA Women's Volleyball Tournament
First & Second Rounds
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Stanford Head Coach John Dunning

Opening Statement...

"I want to congratulate Madi and Inky on a great season so far. They have worked really hard, and get better every day. They help our team in a lot of different ways, and we're just grateful. I want to congratulate them and the rest of the team for getting to this point because it's hard to get back to this point every year. I want to congratulate Oklahoma for the season they had. They really forced us out of our offense tonight, and that can happen in the playoffs."

On getting a lot of players involved on the block early...

"I thought that was the thing they depend on the most, is their block [Oklahoma]. Their defense, I thought, did a great job behind the block tonight. We couldn't get the ball down, but I think Madi did a really good job. She is really getting better every time we play by either holding people or setting past our middles and getting them to commit, or setting our middle. Because our middles get a lot of kills and they hit at a high percentage, she's figuring out how to work both those angles with other teams and kind of neutralize the block a little bit."

On protecting the hitters really well...

"The further you get into this tournament the more you keep playing teams that are better and better and better. They play higher, and the net play just begins to get amazing, and you have to have great connection in your offense. The other team is going to stop you, and you have to be able to cover each other. We've been trying to focus on it, particularly during this part of the year, to make sure to get better at it. You don't have any other choice."

On facing an experienced team like Oklahoma...

"They have very experienced seniors. They went to them early, and they know what they're doing. I mean they were ready for us and they were going to go at us, and they did."

Sophomore middle blocker Inky Ajanaku

On going through the Tournament process a second time around...

"I definitely feel more prepared in school than I was last year. I am almost on top of everything, not quite. But it's fun to be a little scared about that. I feel like being a sophomore helps. You've been there before. You know, at least up to a certain point, what to expect."

Sophomore Setter Madi Bugg

On getting to meet former Stanford volleyball standout Bryn Kehoe for the first time...

"I was very excited. She gave me her cell phone number, and told me to call her. I was 11 years old the first time I met her. I told myself I was going to pick the winning team between Boston College and Stanford for the school I wanted to go to. And, she was the setter at the time, so naturally it made sense."

Oklahoma Head Coach Santiago Restrepo

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“I’m very proud of our team. They fought very tough against a very talented team.”

On his seniors...

“They meant a lot to the program. Sallie McLaurin has been an All-American for us three years in a row. As you can see today she was hitting above .300 against a very talented team. Eden Williams has been with us for four years and has been really good. Keila Rodriguez, this was her first time playing full-time as an outside hitter.”

On his strategy tonight against Stanford...

“Against Stanford you have to work with all six cylinders and hope they have an off night. We kept neck and neck with them, but unfortunately the balls bounced their way. Hats off to them, they’re a very balanced team with good coaching. Our plan was to be aggressive tonight and we were, but it wasn’t enough.”