



2016 NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

First Round · Stanford 85, San Francisco 58

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POSTGAME PRESS CONFERENCE QUOTES – SAN FRANCISCO

Jennifer Azzi, San Francisco Head Coach:

“Stanford is a really good team. I think they’re going to go really far and really deep in this tournament. Certainly, I have the utmost respect for Tara. I think she’s one of the best coaches in the country. There was a lot of hype around myself and her coming here.”

“They’re an incredible team. We needed to shoot well and we needed to rebound well and we did neither one of those things.”

“They defended us really well. They defended [Taylor Proctor] really well. And we didn’t have any answer for their offense either. They shot the ball extremely well. We tried man, we tried zone, we got into foul trouble.”

“I’m so proud of my two seniors: [Zhané Dikes] and [Taylor Proctor]. They came to USF when USF had won five games. And so they took a program from that to the NCAA Tournament. I couldn’t be more proud of them, and of our team, and of our program having won our conference and getting this great opportunity to get to the tournament this year.”

“It was all weird – that’s the best way I can describe it. I’m hugging Tara, and we’re both saying how it’s just strange. To play in this building and obviously our team to play against her team – I try to do my best to just focus on my team and to block it all out. And then my mom and dad are up in the stands, and they’re in their USF gear, not Stanford gear. The whole thing was just a surreal experience.”

“The biggest surprise for everyone is this is next level. This is the next level of physicality. They’ve got great size across the board, and inside, outside, on the perimeter, and it’s just a different level. We’re not used to this level of physicality.”

“The greatest thing [...] is that our youngest players got a taste of this and now understand what it means. I told them in the locker room after the game that every single one of the returning players should use this to motivate them in the offseason.”

Taylor Proctor, San Francisco Forward:

“Stanford is a great team. They’re a great team definitely and offensively. Their size bothered us a little bit. We just couldn’t put the ball in the hoop. I have to give credit to Stanford. They did an amazing job on us.”

“They’re a great shooting team. It’s definitely hard when they’re on a roll on the three-point line. But switching up defenses and stuff like that would help. They have great shooters on the outside so it was a little bit difficult, but at the same time, we should have adjusted and we didn’t adjust in time.”

“It’s very emotional just because it’s our last time playing with that team. Coach Azzi said she loved us, and I couldn’t have a better four years and a better coach. I’m so proud of this team and how far they came. And I know they’re going to do big things next year.”

Zhané Dikes, San Francisco Guard:

“It was an emotional time. It was an exciting time. We were all just really excited to be in this position. It’s been a long time since USF has been here. Coach Azzi, being the great coach that she is, tried to stay level-headed the whole time and keep our emotions calm.”

“There have been a lot of upsets and as a team, we came in there knowing that we could do this if we stuck to USF basketball and we stayed hungry every single possession. Stanford is an amazing team, and we just didn’t have enough of that fight in us.”

“Coming off for the last time, it was just emotional because this team has been the best team I’ve played on in my four years. Coach Azzi has been one of the best coaches and mentors that I’ve ever had my entire life, so just to give her that one last hug and come off for the last time was extremely emotional.”

POSTGAME LOCKER ROOM QUOTES – SAN FRANCISCO

Rachel Howard, San Francisco Guard:

“This was the best season of my life. I’m sure each and every one of us can say the same thing. That’s all we were talking about in the locker room. The only reason we’re sad is because this is the most fun, most competitive, most together season as a group ever. We’re just sad it’s over because we’re not going to have [Taylor Proctor] and [Zhané Dikes]. I’m so thankful to them for the foundation they laid. I’m ready to be the same kind of unit next year.”

“Each year when top players leave, someone else will step up. I don’t have any doubt that we won’t have a problem having leaders. So many people on our team are leaders naturally. Taylor and Z were just our number ones this year. I have no doubt that we’ll be able to have that same leadership next year.”

“We need to bring the same kind of fight next year. Our word the whole year was fight. Fight and heart, those two words. It will come back next year. Like I said we have a bunch of leaders ready to step up. We’ll be back if we stay together and stay hungry.”