



2006 NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Championship

National Championship Match - Stanford vs. Nebraska

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Post-Match Quotes • Nebraska

Head Coach John Cook

Opening statement

"What a tremendous accomplishment to win a national championship. Of all of the teams to win a national championship, this may be one of the best of all time. This team definitely maxed out everything that they had. With the pressure they had to deal with all season, and then to be able to play in front of 17,000 each night, is just an unbelievable experience. To follow that up with two Nebraska girls getting the last two kills on the night is a fairy-tale ending.

On ranking this championship with all of his personal experiences

"This probably ranks No. 1. This team maxed out to their abilities. They really never waived the entire year, and they embraced it if they did. To win this here in Nebraska, with this group of people and overcoming the obstacles to get here and dealing with this pressure it has to be No. 1.

On Jordan Larson

"After Thursday night, Steve Pederson (Nebraska's Athletics Director) called HuskerVision and had them put together highlights of Larson making big plays. We worked on that Friday and coach (Lee) Maes and Jordan watched it last night. Jordan is a great player, and one of the most rewarding parts of this is seeing how she responded from Thursday night's match. That's why she is a good player. Jordan made a choice to have a big night."

On the season

"When we won in 2000, people would say that those people were already here (when I got here), but look at what we had to replace last year, and the expectations that were placed on us, being ranked No. 1. We've got two freshmen on the court. At times we had four first-year players out there. It's an amazing accomplishment. I told this team when we were in China that something special was going on. When you go on a trip to Asia for 20 days, and you come back as tight as possible as a group, there was just something special. They found a way to get it done. I don't think we are the most talented team. I'm not even sure we were the best team, but we found ways to win. That's why you play sports, and those are the intangible things you work for."

Sophomore OH Jordan Larson

On the season

"It was just such a long journey for our team, starting in China, we've went through some rough times. I knew we would pull it together in the end. I just wanted to win it for my team and play my hardest and forget about Thursday and give everything I had."

Junior OH Sarah Pavan

On winning the championship

"It's unbelievable. I don't even know what I'm thinking right now. I've won championships with teams before, but this doesn't even compare. These are my best friends, and to share this experience with them on the court and the coaching staff, I am just ecstatic right now. It's unbelievable to know we are the best team in the country."

Redshirt Freshman S Rachel Holloway

On winning the championship

"This definitely was a great journey. I can't believe (my team) put up with me all year. I've made some stupid mistakes, I'm not going to lie. But, they helped me through it, and I owe it to them. I couldn't do anything without the hitters I have."

Junior MB Tracy Stalls

On winning the championship

"You talk about the ultimate goal; our goal we kept talking about was to max-out our potential. We did and that's the best feeling, dealing with things that are totally out of our control, and dealing with those things with our preparation, our effort, our attitude, and just how we relate with each other. Together we did. It's the best thing, to take this talent that the Lord gives you and max it out, you can't think of a better feeling."