

## **Nebraska Cornhuskers Post-Match Quotes – NCAA First Round – Dec. 1, 2017 – Lincoln, Neb.**

### **Head Coach John Cook opening statement**

“Congratulations to Stony Brook on their season. I remember their coach from 2006. She was a setter for Northern Iowa. We had a really good match with them in the Coliseum in the tournament. I thought our team did a nice job taking care of business. We played really clean volleyball tonight. One of the top three highlights of the year was seeing Allie get that kill. She thumped that thing and just the excitement and the energy from the whole building was incredible, especially from her teammates.”

### **Senior Outside Hitter Annika Albrecht on Allie Havers’ first kill**

“It was awesome. She worked so hard for it. She works hard every day and she probably didn’t even know if she was going in or not and she comes in every day at practice and she works her butt off. So to that hard work payoff is just awesome as a teammate. She ‘super thumped’ it. It was awesome.”

### **Senior Middle Blocker Allie Havers on her kill**

“Well I didn’t [think I ‘super thumped’ it] at the time because my adrenaline was going, but I guess I ‘super thumped’ it, super wacked it.”

### **Senior Middle Blocker Allie Havers on if she knew she was going in the game**

“I kind of always have that mentality. You never know. It was a pretty cool feeling. Definitely probably one of the top highlights of my athletic career.”

### **Junior Libero/Defensive Specialist Kenzie Maloney on the impact of serving**

“[It was] a huge [impact]. We had them out of system essentially the whole night and then we’ve been working on out-of-system blocking and defense the whole week so it put us in a good position to get good [transition] plays and stuff like that. ”

### **Junior Libero/Defensive Specialist Kenzie Maloney on her confidence**

“It started] the beginning of conference play. I just felt really confident in my serve and I think it’s been building ever since then. As far as technique wise, I guess I’ve been holding my hand more. Just focusing on that and once I got going I was just confident and I don’t have to think about the technique stuff anymore.

### **Head Coach John Cook on serving**

“Yeah [I want them to stay aggressive on serving]. Sometimes it’s a little harder when we’re running points like that because the adrenaline is going and to keep it in. You saw Hayley Densberger was serving great. She would eventually would miss a serve and give them a side out because the get fired up, the adrenaline gets going, but yea, we always want to live on that edge. I think Stony Brook – if you ask them – I think they felt a lot of pressure from serving tonight.”

### **Senior Outside Hitter Annika Albrecht on back-row attacking**

“I think it’s just been more of a focus for us this year. With Tyler [Hildebrand] coming in and bringing different things than we’ve worked on in the past it’s been helpful for us. I think it’s been good this year. I think just overall he’s (Tyler Hildebrand) been helping all of us know that the block is a friend and not be afraid of it. That kind of helps, so when you’re going up and you see hands you can use them and it’s just another kill you can get.”

**Head Coach John Cook on putting away Stony Brook**

"I'm really please, because I'm going to give you two [different] examples. Last year against New Hampshire, we won 25-23. New Hampshire is from the same conference as Stony Brook and the year before, we lost the first game to Harvard. Penn State tonight lost a game against Howard. It's difficult to play these teams, because this is their National Championship match. We're supposed to take care of business. It's a different level than what we're used to playing at. They not as big and as physical. It's hard to play really, really well, but our team did a really good job taking care of business tonight. You just look at the stats. It's just very consistent so I'm really please how they took care of business."

**Head Coach John Cook when he considered putting Allie Havers in the match**

"I started thinking about it about three weeks ago. I had a feeling that in the first round that I wanted to find an opportunity to get her into the match because I got her in at Michigan and I saw the impact and how big of a deal that was to Allie and how much it meant. So, I've been thinking about this for quite a while and it worked out great."

**Head Coach John Cook on Washington State**

"[Taylor] Mims is a really nice outside hitter and she gets a lot of sets, so you know where the ball is going. I thought they played really good defense tonight. They've got a big, physical right-side player and a big, physical middle – Michigan State type level athletes. I thought they competed really hard tonight. They're used to playing great teams, so they're not going to be worried about playing Nebraska. We have to expect a really tough match. That's going to be our mindset going in. We're going to have to battle. They're going to be a handful to deal with."

**Head Coach John Cook closing statement**

"This team – and we did a really big press conference whatever day it was this week about the presentation they made on the first day about 'with each other, for each other'. Allie's a great example. You guys got to see what that really means tonight. That was one of my coaching highlights. Seeing Allie and the energy and the passion that her team and the love that they have for her was also a highlight for this year. It was a really, really cool moment tonight."