

STANFORD ATHLETICS



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California Postgame Quotes

Head Coach Kirk Everist

On the game:

"Everybody looked a little slow in both games today, I think the kids get so amped up to play that it looked to me that we were a little tired before the game even started. We were struggling a little bit offensively because of that. We struggled, but they only got two goals on the board. Defense is effort, so the effort is not a problem. Navy played very well, they came out with a little bit of a different offense than they've played all year. Its similar to what they've done in the past but they have better athletes this year, so they caught us off-guard on the first couple of possessions and we had to adjust."

On looking ahead to a rematch with USC:

"These guys aren't playing for me, or for another icon from a long time ago, they have to win a championship for themselves and they're not defending anything. No matter what happens tomorrow, they still have a championship that can't be taken away. They are playing for their own championship, the 2007 team's championship, and nothing else."

On the tight nature of the game:

"I think that this Navy team is the best they've ever had in a long time. It's the most balanced team, they have good lefties, strong two-meter men, and they are always fit. But this Cal group has good, solid athletes that can go toe-to-toe with anybody, and certainly playing them earlier in the year gives them an idea of the athleticism of our guys and what we're going to do. It also gives us a little bit of an idea of what they're going to do."

"Both teams did a good job of negating the other's strengths and goals."

Senior Attacker Michael Sharf

On the chance to repeat as national champions:

"I feel like all season we've earned the right to be here. All season long we worked to get here, and we did have a lapse last Saturday, but the work that we did before that helped carry us to today."

On the rematch with USC:

"I'd expect it to be a close game up to the end, so that wouldn't surprise us at all. Whether we're down by one or up by one, I think the game's gonna be decided in the last 30 seconds. That's how it's gone the last couple times we've played them and I don't expect it to be any different tomorrow."

Senior Utility Jeff Tyrrell

On bouncing back from offensive struggles:

"We just slow down. We know we're gonna get it done at the end of the game, and if there's not an opening then, it will come later. We were patient and kept moving the ball around."

On coming back from the early deficit:

"This is the biggest stage in college water polo, there's no one on this team that's not going to be ready to play. Everyone has that confidence."

Senior Center-Back Adam Haley

On coming back from the early deficit:

"I think this team's always been pretty good at overcoming adversity. Throughout the year we've been down a couple times and we've come together to get it done."

On playing in front of a hometown crowd:

"It's definitely fun to play in front of my hometown, it makes it all that much more special, having family and friends in the stands."

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Navy Postgame Quotes

Head Coach Mike Schofield

On the game:

“Most of the game we had pretty good balance and rotated back when we should have, but a couple times we didn’t, and twice our young guys in there got caught looking. I think we have good team speed, our balance is good, our recognition is good, and Michael [Mulvey] made a great decision to dump the ball at half-tank late in the game, it saved us a goal.”