

# STANFORD ATHLETICS



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## **Navy Postgame Quotes – Dec. 2**

### Head Coach Mike Schofield

On the game:

“We relied on our defense, and pretty much it was there the whole time, except for a few slip-ups. We were able to weather some storms on defense because we weren’t shooting the ball well, and [LMU’s] goalie had a lot to do with that. We stayed defensively and the transition game helped us nurse that lead as well as we did. I’m real proud of this group, this is probably the best senior class we’ve ever had, and the best team we’ve ever had, with all due respect to all who came before them.”

On an East Coast team defeating a West Coast team:

“This was not big enough. It’s still been however many years the tournament has been held that we haven’t had an East Coast team win on the first day. Until that happens, its still all conjecture and speculation, and close but no cigar.”

### Senior Center Bram Arnold

On his two fourth-period goals:

“I hadn’t been shooting very well the three quarters before that, so I was just glad that Coach let me stay in to have those opportunities. We’ve got to give it to the team and George [Naughton] for keeping us in the game. I was just in the right place at the right time, I guess.”

### Senior Attacker Aaron Recko

On the geographic diversity of the Navy team:

“We have guys from all over the country. I am from Texas, we have guys from California, Montana, a couple of guys from Chicago, so we may not be the pick of the litter or the best guys, but we all come to practice ready to work our butts off and its really fulfilling to get to this level and win a game. We met all the goals we set at this time last year, so its great for our team to meet those goals and to work hard even though we may not be the most gifted players.”

### Junior Attacker Mike Mulvey

On next year’s prospects and likely being the best returning East Coast player:

“Well, it really doesn’t mean anything unless there’s a good team around me. If that’s the case, then its up to me to help elevate the team’s play next season.”

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## **LMU Postgame Quotes – Dec. 2**

### Head Coach John Loughran

#### On the game:

“I thought we had plenty of opportunities to get ahead early in the game, but their defense kept us off-balance and we didn’t execute. Our shooting was pretty poor in the first half and I thought we could have been up a couple of goals going into halftime. I was frustrated that we were not executing our power plays and having some bad turnovers at two meters and not finishing some plays. Fundamentally we just didn’t do a good job.”

#### On next year’s prospects:

“We have three seniors leaving us, but we have some young players and Andy Stevens I feel was the best goalie in this tournament. We return a good core class of juniors, and Tibor [Forai] has one year of American water polo under his belt, which is a completely different style than he’s used to. I think we’re going to position ourselves to really make improvements on the weaknesses that we had this year, which were consistency and making adjustments. We’re a two-meter player and maybe another shooter away. This group is committed to working hard and I think we can put ourselves in a position to be at this tournament again and really make a legitimate challenge for the title.”