

**Stanford 3, Albany 0**  
**NCAA First Round - Dec. 5, 2008 - Stanford, CA**  
**Quotes**

**Stanford Head Coach John Dunning**

*General thoughts:*

"I think we're all very proud to represent Stanford and to represent the people who have been in this program for so long in the national championship again this year. We're just looking forward to our match with Long Beach State."

*On tomorrow's match with Long Beach State:*

"I've known Brian for years, and I've probably coached across the court from him 50 times, I'm not sure exactly. He's a great coach. His team is, if they're not the most disciplined, they're among the most disciplined teams in the country, and they know a lot about volleyball. I hadn't seen them play this year, until tonight. I'm very impressed. I thought they did a great job. I know they'll battle tomorrow night. I know that they have a lot of feelings in the match tomorrow night with one of their assistants retiring after the season ends, whenever it ends for them...I know there's a lot going with them in every match they play."

*On getting every player on the court against Albany:*

"When you're in a situation where you can do that, everyone works hard everyday on our team. They deserve it. And it doesn't always happen, especially as we go through the Pac-10 because so many of our matches are really tough, so it's great to see them all on the court. They deserve it. It's nice to have a chance to do it."

**Senior Foluke Akinradewo**

"For the seniors, especially, it's very important to take each match very seriously. Albany was a great team. They won their conference, and just knowing that every match could be your last is motivation to try to do your best every time you step out on the court, and I think that everyone on our team did a great job tonight."

**Sophomore Alix Klineman**

*On her height:*

"It's an advantage to be taller, but I still have my own things that I need to work on. Just because I can reach higher than most people doesn't mean I'm perfect in every other area. I went into the match just like everyone else working on things."

### **Albany Head Coach MJ Engstrom**

*On Stanford:*

"They're just exactly like we thought they would be. Big. Good. They're ranked number two in the nation."

"On the East Coast and in our conference, we don't get to play teams that play as high. We play as high a height as anybody in our conference. That's why we win because we're relatively above everybody in distance above the net. So it took us a little while to make that adjustment. We had people up on boxes blocking all week. It's a little bit different when they're dynamic and there's a timing thing, and I don't think we had anybody on a box who was up as high as Foluke tonight anyway. But I think the team had fun."

"We want to be good, and we're getting some very good support from our athletic director. On the East Coast, since we're not in the Big Ten or the Big East, we have to schedule, so in the beginning of the season, so that we play bigger teams. And we were fortunate to get into a number of tournaments where we played some Pac-10 teams, some Big Ten teams, and that's what we're going to continue to do. It's the only way that we can get better."

### **Senior Kamisha Kellam**

*On her four years at Albany and on beating Cleveland State:*

"It's exciting. That's what we have worked for. Every year, we want to advance. It was the first step, just getting past the first round. We got to play Penn State, which was awesome. They're really good. I've had a wonderful four years. I couldn't have asked for anything better. I have a great team, and we played some tough teams, but we've hung in there and my team has a lot of fight, and that's all that I could ask for."

### **Sophomore Brooke Stanley**

*On playing Stanford and Penn State:*

"You can't get any better than that. Our coach just says to mentally prepare for those games. You go back and you mentally prepare for them, and you just get better and better as you go. I love playing them. You play for everything. You don't give anything, just go all out, so it's fun."