

2009 State Farm Pac-10 Women's Basketball Tournament
Galen Center – Los Angeles, Calif.
March 13, 2009
Quarterfinal #3 - #1 Stanford 77, #9 Arizona 46

Arizona Head Coach Niya Butts

Opening Statement

“Obviously we're disappointed with the outcome of tonight's game. I didn't think we gave them the game we deserved. They knocked down shots no matter what defense we were in all night. We wish them the best of luck in this tournament and in the NCAA Tournament.

On limiting the inside touches of the Arizona post players

“When we got the ball in the post, they doubled down and came over with the trap. They were physical and more aggressive. We did not attack them and get to the basket. It took us too long in setting up our offense and getting into our sets.”

On Stanford's rebounding

“When you allow 17 offensive rebounds and let them shoot at that high of a percentage, it's going to be tough to get a win.”

Differences from the game two weeks ago

“They ran the exact same plays as the last time, it was just more our lack of movement and activity in the zone. We went man-to-man and they got lay-ups out of it. Tonight we couldn't stop them in either defense. Let me say again, I give Stanford and their players all the credit in the world for stepping up and looking like the #2 team in the country.”

Looking back over her 1st season and looking ahead

“The foundation to any good team and great program is recruiting. Stanford has built a tradition and a culture that can be very intimidating for teams. They have done such a great job with those things and set the tone for this conference. We need to get to work and get back in the gym this offseason and work on our deficiencies.

Arizona sophomore forward Ify Ibekwe

General statement

“We got their attention and the attention of everyone in the Pac-10. They were focused on us and were not looking ahead. I think that's a compliment to us that we showed we could play with them.”

Reflections about the season and the upcoming offseason

“We have grown and matured as a team on the floor. Early in the season when our backs were against the wall, we would let down. Now we fight and think much better on the floor. We need to learn to play with energy and intensity for 40 minutes instead of just in spurts.

Arizona freshman guard Courtney Clements

On Stanford's three-point shooting

“When a team is shooting that well, it can get hard to get past it. We have been in games where that has happened before and we came back. I thought tonight we beat ourselves a lot more.”

About the offseason

“For me this offseason, I know I need to work on my ball-handling and getting in the best shape I can. It was difficult to be injured and then try to come back.”