

# SESSION II PRESS CONFERENCE April 22, 2010

## **Alabama Head Coach Sarah Patterson**

On advancing to the Super Six:

"I'm so proud of our team. Our goal at the beginning of every season is to be on the floor on the last night for a chance to win the championship. Our team has put ourselves in that position and that's all I can ask from them. The competition out there was great; there were a lot of nerves from all the athletes on all the teams. Congratulations to the teams that have advanced because it is not easy to do."

## Alabama gymnast Morgan Dennis

On advancing to the Super Six:

"I'm really excited and proud of our team for advancing. The way we performed tonight, we had a few mistakes, but those are just some little things we have to clean up for tomorrow. I think we're ready to go and I'm really excited."

#### Florida Head Coach Rhonda Faehn

On advancing to the Super Six:

"Congratulations to everyone that advanced. It is obviously very challenging out there, so I know that our athletes felt a lot of nerves when they were starting out. I know our athletes felt uptight during the first event and really had to rally on the last two events. I was happy with the way we responded and got the jitters out of the way."

#### Florida gymnast Marissa King

On advancing to the Super Six:

"It was very unnerving during the first two events, but our team came through over the final two. We really fought to the end, because that is what [champions do]. We just have to come back stronger and more aggressive. We just went on the floor and said, 'Let's have fun!' We didn't feel the vibe we usually have with our team, so we picked things up at the floor routine and that is what made the floor successful for us. I felt that we really carried that momentum into the vault. That is what being a team is about."

#### **Stanford Head Coach Kristen Smyth**

On advancing to the Super Six:

"There really was a great field of teams and the competition was very tough. We're really thankful to be moving on. We're looking forward for the chance tomorrow to showcase what we're capable of doing. I felt really good about my teams finish on balance beam but we really struggled throughout the night in many areas so hopefully we got the nerves out and we can start fresh tomorrow."

## **Stanford gymnast Carly Janiga**

On advancing to the Super Six:

"I'm really proud of the team and really excited to have another day to go to showcase what we're capable of. Like everyone was saying, there were nerves out there and I think everyone felt them and being able to advance is awesome because there is nothing else to qualify for. There is nothing beyond tomorrow's finals so we can just tell each other that it's all out on the last day of the season."