



# 2010 GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

## **SUPER SIX PRESS CONFERENCE NATIONAL CHAMPIONS UCLA BRUINS April 23, 2010**

### **Head Coach Valorie Kondos-Field**

#### *Opening Statement*

"I know as coaches we all like to say how great our teams are, but I can't remember in my 29 years at UCLA having a team that bought in from day one. They bought into every little thing that we asked them to do, including taking ownership of your team. It was after our second loss at Stanford that the team got together and decided what type of team they were going to be and told us coaches. As long as it works, we're in. We all bought in."

#### *On the team's leadership:*

"I strongly believe that the foundation of this team and of this championship was built on the strong foundation and efforts of our senior, Anna Li, and our two fifth-years. They build that foundation and this team believed and trusted. Sacrifice wasn't a negative word, it was a positive word. We knew, regardless of where we finished, if we did it right and did it with integrity, we would have no regrets."

### **Anna Li**

#### *Thoughts on winning a National Championship:*

"Looking back on the whole thing, it's so exciting. We talked as a team today and we decided we were just going to have fun today and that's how we've been the whole season. We were in our own Bruin bubble and we brought that Bruin bubble to Florida. It's what we trained and what we prepared for. We just had fun out there. It's still not real yet."

### **Elyse Hopfner-Hibbs**

#### *On performing the final routine on floor:*

"It was such an exciting moment. Before I even performed my routine, my goal was to go out and do what I normally do. Out of my peripheral vision I saw my team going crazy so I kind of had a feeling that something amazing had happened. I just tried to focus on what I had to do. I really wanted to just soak up every single moment because moments like these don't come around very often."

### **Brittani McCullough**

#### *Thoughts on winning a National Championship:*

"I think our passion as a team altogether is wonderful and is really unique. All of our work paid off and it was a lot of fun. It was absolutely amazing."

### **Vanessa Zamarripa**

#### *On achieving the teams goal*

"It feels great to accomplish what we set out to do. Our goal for tonight was to soak in every moment and that's what we did. It feels great to know that at the end of the day we did what we said we were going to do."

### **Niki Tom**

#### *Thoughts on winning a National Championship:*

"I think the most amazing thing is that from day one, in pre-season, we all bought in. We had one goal and today we came out and achieved the one goal that we all set. We all made commitments to ourselves and one another and we all bought in and it paid off. There is no better team out there."