

## **Stanford Head Coach Johnny Dawkins**

### *Opening Statement...*

"I think it was a hard-fought game by both teams. I give Arizona a lot of credit. They made the stops in the second half when they had to. We had a period there where it's tied or we're up by one, and we went through a drought of not scoring the basketball. And, you can't have extended periods of that against a team like Arizona. Offensively, they have so much firepower that you can't keep sustaining empty possessions, and that kind of hurt us. But, you give them credit defensively for putting us in that position."

### *On Arizona's defense...*

"They had a lot of points of emphasis to take certain guys out of the game and they were able to follow that scheme. When we did get some good looks, unfortunately, we didn't knock them down. You can't always expect that to happen. If you're relying on that every night, that's a tough way to play. You need to tell on the defensive presence and you need to rely on your intangibles of the game. And we didn't do that as well."

### *On going deep into his bench tonight...*

"We played a number of players, we thought that was a plus for us. I thought our bench came up and gave us a big lift. The main thing was that their statutes played very well. Anderson and York, offensively, set a tone out there and it was hard to keep up with that. We had to score to try to stay close and it wasn't a night where we were hitting baskets."

### *On the team's consistency...*

"We're looking for consistency. We need to find that through maturity, as our guys mature through this conference. Our conference is great. Every team is very good and we have to mature through this process. And as we do, I think we'll find more consistency in our play."