

2012 Big West Men's Basketball Tournament

Game 12 Quotes

Final - No. 3 UC Santa Barbara def. No. 4 Cal Poly, 64-52

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Head Coach Bob Williams -

(On the win): "That's a pretty typical Cal Poly game. It was physical and grind-it-out. We saw it coming with how they played the last two games in league. What I'm most proud of is how we weathered the storm. We didn't shoot the ball well early but we hung in there and weathered the storm. I thought we were calm and had pretty good composure. We felt it was the type of game. We know tomorrow is not going to be easy for us."

(Only 3 turnovers): "We took really good care of the ball, especially against a very physical team. We have to take care of the ball to win this thing. We know that, so overall, yeah, that's a huge statistic for us."

(On Christian Peterson): "I thought Christian did a great job for us. At this time of year everyone's searching for things. ... Keegan (Hornbuckle) played so well we didn't have to (go back to Christian), but he got a little gassed. So we put Christian back in but we were only expecting him to play for a minute, but he did everything we wanted him to on the floor. He's such a competitor and he's a man out there and he really helps us do what we need to do."

(On facing Long Beach tomorrow): "I think it's a game a lot of people want to see. I'm excited to see if we will be able to do it again. We will see if we're able to be a better team than the last two times we played them. UOP won three in a row and it would be an honor to be in that category. It's nice to be in this game for three straight years and our seniors and their seniors have battled three years in a row starting when they were sophomores and that's unprecedented. I think it's going to be a great game."

Orlando Johnson, senior guard -

(On his late 3-pointer): "Off that rebound I wanted to push it. I saw that Jaime's (Serna) man was down and I wanted him to set me a screen and see what they did. Both guys stepped back. I was praying that it would go down because I wasn't feeling it (all game), but I got my legs into it and luckily it dropped."

(On playing Long Beach again): "Everybody is looking forward to that match-up and I know we are. We're excited for this game tomorrow. Definitely whoever wins is going to have bragging rights. We are looking forward to putting all the chips on the line and we are going to go out there tomorrow and let it all hang."

No. 4 Cal Poly

Head Coach Joe Callero-

(Opening statement): "Congratulations to Coach Williams and Santa Barbara for - we talked in the hallway - what a multi-pronged team they are. It's not just an Orlando Johnson show. They have many guys that can score, very physical in the post, and I think that when you have a player as polished as Orlando Johnson is, sometimes you overlook some of the other good things they do as a program."

"One thing that jumps at me as a coach is their ability to take care of the basketball. We played a game tonight, a highly pressurized situation and they only have three turnovers the entire night. I think that's a real credit to their team."

Player- David Hanson, senior forward

(On tonight's game): "Santa Barbara, they're big, they're physical. I thought they did a very good job playing physical with us. We're a little bit smaller so credit goes to them. With that being said, I thought we did a good job. We outrebounded them by a few but it was very physical. It was a very physical game and I think that's definitely a strength of Santa Barbara."

Player- Amaurys Fermin, senior guard

(On the physicality of the game): "(It was a) semifinal game, Big West, Cal Poly versus Santa Barbara, a big rival. We knew it was going to come down to physicality and throughout the end of the game we were both battling each other, rebounding and diving on the floor and calls were made. We knew it was going to be a physical game and let it be known it was a semifinal game."