

# 2012 Big West Men's Basketball Tournament

## Game 5 Quotes

### Final - No. 3 UC Santa Barbara d. No. 6 Pacific, 72-52

## UC Santa Barbara

### **Head Coach Bob Williams**

(On the game): "Obviously we played really well. I loved our response when we were up 10 and they hit back-to-back three-pointers on us that were unguarded and we called timeout and we responded. We took a 14-point lead at the half and we turned it into a 25-point lead. I thought Bos (Kyle Boswell) and Keegan (Hornbuckle) were the difference for us in the first half. They were physical and they moved. ... To have six turnovers in this game of this magnitude was impressive."

(On playing in Anaheim): "Between OJ and Jaime (Serna) and Nunn (James Nunnally) we have a great deal of confidence playing down here and they have passed it on. We've played really hard and we've played with confidence. And like last year we have one focus."

(On Lorenzo McCloud's three-pointers): "Well, he got three open ones – naked – and I got frustrated. We just wanted to be better matched. I'm not frustrated if Lorenzo hits some three's. I'm frustrated if he hits open three's. We got a little spectator-ish and he hit a few in a row."

(On possibly having a target on their back after winning the last two titles): "Every game you have to go out there with a one-game championship mentality and you've got to play. All the teams are equal, it doesn't matter what the seed is. We don't approach it like we have a target on our backs, we approach it as an opportunity to win. We don't take it that way (having a target), we've just got to go out and play."

### **Sophomore guard Kyle Boswell**

(Shooting in a bigger arena): "It's not a big difference for me. A hoop is a hoop and a ball is a ball. I felt pretty dialed in during warmups. I was just looking to provide a spark off the bench."

(On his shooting): "I feel like I have more confidence every game and my teammates have been finding me. With OJ and Nunn, they've (defenses) have to make a decision whether to double in the post or come out and guard us. My shot is feeling good and I'm getting into rhythm. If I miss a few in a row, it's not the end of the world. I am just trying to get on a roll."

### **Senior guard Orlando Johnson**

(On his windmill dunk): "I haven't been working on it. It just comes naturally. (laughs) I practice it when my legs are feeling good and when coach calls me an old man. Luckily my legs were feeling pretty good."

(On the noon start & 9 pm game on Friday): "I love the 12 o'clock because that's the time we practice at every day. Nine is going to be a beast because I'm tired by 9. I might have to take a Five Hour Energy."

(On playing well in Anaheim): "I feel good every time I come down here. We've got a little streak going and I love to come down here. Coach draws up a great game plan and we try to execute and play to it before he starts chewing us out. (laughs)"

## Pacific

### **Head Coach Bob Thomason**

(On the game): "Well obviously our last two games have been disappointing ones at the end of the year. We just didn't play with a lot of spunk in the first eight nine minutes of the game. Santa Barbara did a great job making some threes, and they are so big inside they make it so hard for you. We have to play, not a perfect game, but nearly a perfect game. They really deserved to win it. They've been playing at a high level maybe the last two weeks."

(On if they (UCSB) remind you at all of the team that won the Big West Tournament last year): "I thought them and Long Beach could slug it out for the league, but they seemed to not be able to do that against Long Beach. The year before they were 8-8. They were limping into the tournament, not playing very well, not nearly up to their capabilities, and they played really well, and they played a great game against Long Beach at the right time. Over time, what team is better. Long Beach has proven that they are better over time, but when you play one game ... (UC Santa Barbara has) all the ingredients: great size, great wing players, point guard play."

### **Junior guard Lorenzo McCloud**

(On how he felt): "I felt way better the past couple of days. I was feeling good out there."