

2012 Big West Women's Basketball Tournament

Game 9 Quotes

Final - No. 7 Long Beach State d. No. 1 Cal Poly, 48-45

No. 7 Long Beach State

Head Coach Jody Wynn

(On the game): "It was an incredible game and atmosphere. We know each other so well."

"We set women's basketball back 20 years in the first half. We told the players that was our second half of shoot around and it couldn't get any worse than that."

"I'm extremely proud of our collective defensive effort... our offensive and defensive effort in the second half started with our defense."

"Sometime inexperience works in your favor. They don't know they are supposed to be scared."

(On Devin Hudson): "She was guarding one of the best players on the West Coast and did a good job."

"We've been saying, Why not us, why not now? If we continue to believe in each other and have each others backs, anything is possible."

(On Saturday opponent): "We have vivid memories of losing our last game to both UCSB and Pacific."

Hallie Meneses, sophomore guard

"As point guard, I'm told to be the leader. Someone had to step up. The 3-pointer at the end of the half gave me confidence."

(On last field goal): "I felt confident and comfortable shooting it."

(On late composure): "My mom always tells me I'm so easy to guard because I'm looking pass first. She told me to be more aggressive."

No. 1 Cal Poly

Head Coach Faith Mimnaugh

(On the game): "Congratulations to Long Beach State. They played an excellent game and their game plan was strong in putting the press on us and getting us out of our transition."

(On Jonae Ervin's injury after three minutes): "It was a major impact to the game. She makes us go. It was a contributing factor in slowing us down."

(On Cal Poly's supporting cast stepping up): "They were a little hesitant in assuming a role, but we didn't make shots. Most of the shot opportunities we got today we'd be happy to normally get. In the first half, Long Beach State went through a drought and we didn't capitalize on it. We took to many threes during the first half and didn't shoot well from the floor at any point. We got Kristina in single coverage at some points, but it was difficult to get points at other positions."

(On team's struggles during the first half): "We tried to find ways to get Kristina in isolation with back screens. We didn't create the movement we wanted and they were able to double-team her with our stagnant sets. They switched zone and man-to-man defense on us and made it tough for our freshman point guard. They had a great game plan considering the limited personnel we had on the court."

Kristina Santiago, senior forward

(On Cal Poly's slow start): "Personally, I didn't think I've played as bad as I have in the past (at the tournament). On the whole, we were consistent up and down today. Defensively, we didn't have the confidence we should have."