

2017 Big West Women's Basketball Tournament

Game 10 - Semifinals Quotes

Final - No. 2 Long Beach State def. No. 3 CSUN, 61-60

No. 2 Long Beach State

Head Coach Jody Wynn

(Opening statement)

"That was a great 40 minutes of basketball. It was a high intensity game from opening tip to the final buzzer. It was an entertaining game to watch for the fans. CSUN is a tough team and they're so young and so big, but I'm just really proud of our resiliency and focus, and most importantly proud of the entire team for staying disciplined to the game plan for 40 minutes."

(On the game plan vs. Channon Fluker)

"We were trying to throw a lot of different looks at her and not allow Northridge to get comfortable lobbing it over our heads on our full front. The first two games this season we full-fronted - and we're only 6-1 at best - so they just lobbed it over our heads. We made a few wrinkles in our defense to try and mix things up. We knew (Channon Fluker) was going to score. Obviously, we didn't want her to have 39 like the other night, but just making a concentrated effort on both ends of the floor to keep her a little uncomfortable."

(On facing UCSB in the championship game)

"(Onome Jemerigbe and Drea Toler) are two of the quickest, fastest guards I've ever coached against. We split the regular season series - they beat us pretty handily up there and we held on for dear life at home. It's going to be a battle. They have some great experience on the floor and another big center who demands a lot of attention. I think it's going to be a great game and it's going to be a lot of fun out there."

Senior Guard Raven Benton

(On being aggressive offensively)

"It was a game plan for me. These last few games I want to do everything I can for my team so I knew I had to be aggressive early."

Senior Guard Anna Kim

(On coming in ready to play)

"I was just thinking of the next play. I have full trust in my team, I wasn't worried one bit. Coach says when your name is called just be ready. I wanted to be the biggest cheerleader on the bench as much as possible and whenever coach subbed me in, I was ready for the next play."

No. 3 CSUN

Head Coach Jason Flowers

(Opening statement)

"First off hats off to Long Beach State for the win, and to a really good year up until this point. The last three or four minutes I just kind of, soaked it all in, and looked around the gym and just smiled because I thought it was a pretty good basketball game. It wasn't the prettiest at times but I thought you had two teams, two groups of young women, showing a lot of character, and showing a lot of competitive spirit and obviously they were one point better than we were today."

(On the game being decided by the final possession)

"Coming within one possession, like I told the group afterwards, I'll take full responsibility for the last play. If the coach gets credit when the ball goes through the basket, then I'll definitely take full credit it doesn't. Getting them to understand the importance of every single possession is something we try to overemphasize from day one. Regardless if its coaching or parenting, regardless of what you tell them, sometimes they have to experience the other end of it to understand the importance of it. Hopefully, that's what we take away from this is that every single possession counts, there just has to be that sense of urgency."

(On Emily Cole's final game)

"She's had a great four years here. From where the program has started and for her to be able to say that three out of the four years she was here she ended her season in this building says a lot about who she is and her character, she's a great young woman."