

# 2017 Big West Women's Basketball Tournament

## Game 4 - Quarterfinals Quotes

Final - No. 4 UC Santa Barbara def. No. 5 UC Riverside, 81-71

### No. 4 UC Santa Barbara

#### **Head Coach Bonnie Henrickson**

*(Opening statement)*

"Other than Sarah's offense, everybody's offense can be ugly in March but obviously she had great rhythm. She can be the first to tell you that everybody set good screens for her early and then we stopped trying to set her screens because Curry defended her screening action and we did get her on some drive and kick so and then force Curry to play transition defense and not give up a layup and got a couple more in the second half."

*(On countering UCR's offense)*

"They ran a lot of good motion and use screens and screen really well. And then we got to where you look at how many and ones. It was threes, three point plays, then we answered the run, which you have to do. They made a run we answered and then limited their run then we got to the free throw line and made some layups and more threes and then use clock management at the three minute mark on down."

#### **Sophomore guard Sarah Porter**

*(On her approach to the game after a previous career-high against UCR)*

"I didn't really think about that. I was just ready for whatever they gave me. I had a lot of open shots"

*(On hitting a record nine three-pointers)*

"It just means that hard work pays off in the offseason and just getting extra shots in the gym. Feels good."

#### **Junior Center Drew Edelman**

*(On UCR's defense against her)*

"Yeah I would say they were collapsing a little bit more so on the weakside. Their player would come over and double sometimes. Like you said, my teammates were looking for me and when they weren't doubling, we took advantage of it and then if they came over and doubled I would kick it out and Sarah would just hit any three so. It was a really good combination going on."

### No. 5 UC Riverside

#### **Head Coach John Margaritis**

*(Opening statement)*

"It was a tough game for us. I thought that Santa Barbara played and that they were prepared. Their players were very focused. I also thought that we battled as hard as we could, we obviously were short in points at the end of the game, but I'm really proud of how hard we attacked and stuck with our approach to the game and how hard our young ladies played."

*(On Malou De Kergret fouling out of the game in the third quarter)*

"Obviously we want to be on all cylinders. She was playing really well, she was making shots. If you don't foul out, you always play at full strength, but that's not the game. The game is you get five fouls and you're out. And we earned the five fouls and she was out. It was a big loss, especially when our bench is not very deep and we don't have a second Malou to come in and replace her. So if Michelle (Curry) had fouled out yesterday, it would have changed that outcome. It doesn't take much to make a difference. That's why I'm proud of how we played."

*(On the tough matchups against UC Santa Barbara)*

"You have to pick your poison. When (Sarah) Porter is on fire, and (Drew) Edelman wasn't going away – she played 38 minutes. If you eliminate Edelman, then you get a different result. But if you take away Porter you may have a different result, but maybe someone else shoots the ball. Edelman is where it starts and we just didn't have the means to defend her. We had somebody on her, but it didn't matter. They could still get the ball in. We had a huge problem in defending that."

#### **Senior Guard Simone DeCoud**

*(On the end of her UCR career)*

"It was emotional, but it's not the last game I'm ever going to play in basketball. So I wasn't too sad."

#### **Junior Guard Michelle Curry**

*(On defending Edelman and Porter)*

"You have to give up something. So we gave up the three in the first quarter, then Edelman continued to score down low. It's pretty hard to guard a post and we don't really have one, so the match ups weren't really that great. We tried the best that we can."