

# 2015 Big West Men's Basketball Tournament

## Game 5 - Quarterfinal Quotes

Final - No. 1 UC Davis def. No. 8 CSUN, 71-67

### No. 1 UC Davis

#### **Head Coach Jim Les -**

*(Opening statement)*

"I think this game was characterized by two halves. I don't think we came out aggressive enough in the first half, they deserve credit and set the tempo of the game."

"The difference in the second half was they (CSUN) shot 40 percent in the second half in comparison to 58 percent in the first half."

*(Aggressive start for CSUN)*

"They are a physical basketball team. It is a matter of responding to it. We were just a step slow in the first, in the second half it was their same physicality but we responded to it and became the aggressor."

*(Tyler Les three to set momentum)*

"That was a good example of a big play he has made. As long as we can get stops, it doesn't take us long to get out of it, we have that type of offense. Our seniors stepped up and made big plays."

*(Josh's development this season and tonight)*

"Josh has spent a lot of time in the weight room. He has gotten stronger but that hasn't taken away his versatility. He is a tough cover on the offensive end and becomes a play maker on the defense end. A great senior leader stepping up tonight."

#### **Guard/Forward Josh Ritchart -**

*(Emotional significance)*

"It is awesome to be here this year and accomplish all we have. Last year we were on the sideline but this year, to be able to come out here and have an effect is meaningful. Still a lot more to accomplish."

*(Defensive come back)*

"I think in the first half we were sluggish on defense. In the second half we wanted to increase our intensity and let our defense get us back in the game.. Once we got some stops we caught momentum offensively."

#### **Forward J.T. Adenrele -**

*(Emotional significance)*

"To work our way back to where we needed to be after being out last season took a lot of work. It has been great to see the season blossom. It is a great feeling to be back out here with my teammates."

### No. 8 CSUN

#### **Head Coach Reggie Theus -**

*(Opening statement)*

"I want to commend Davis for having a great year and for coming out and staying the path that they were on in the game. Their seniors didn't get rattled when they were down 10, they stayed the course. For our guys, it's been a tough year and I commend my team 100 percent. They've fought through a lot of adversity this year."

*(Today's game-plan)*

"When you have the ability to prepare for a team for four-five days, you can take away certain things. I thought we did a good job with our game plan, that's what got us the lead. In the second half we made mistakes in those areas and they capitalized on them."

#### **Forward Stephen Maxwell -**

*(Today's game-plan)*

"In the first half I felt like we were focused on the game plan but in the second half we made too many mistakes on the defensive end."