

# 2019 Big West Men's Basketball Tournament

## Game 5 - Quarterfinal Quotes

### Final - No. 2 UC Santa Barbara def. No. 7 CSUN, 71-68

#### **No. 2 UC SANTA BARBARA**

##### **Head Coach Joe Pasternack -**

*(Opening statement)* "I thought our guys really competed for 40 minutes. It's a game of runs. We went on a 19-0 run in the first half and they punched us back and then they went on a run in the second half, and we had to punch back. I'm just so proud of our team, their resiliency today, because that's one really good basketball team with two great players. They're not easy to defend and I thought our guys, especially toward the end of the game, we made a matchup switch and put Amadou [Sow] on Lamine [Diane] and I thought Amadou did an excellent job defending him. For him [Sow] to get 11 rebounds and 16 points as a freshman... his consistency in his free throw shooting have improved so much I'm so proud of him."

*(On doing things differently)* "You know, I wish I could tell you there was some secret formula. I thought our guys really positioned themselves wherever he [Lamine] went, right to left, he had a guy one each side of him and we worked on that three days this week of really being in the gaps so he couldn't go right or left and our team just really responded to our preparation."

*(On Max Heidegger having one field goal)* "We have five guys average double figures. This isn't a one man show. It wasn't his night tonight, but he hit a huge three and two huge free throws for us. This is a full team ... we outrebounded them tonight and that was a huge key to the victory."

##### **Freshman forward Amadou Sow -**

*(On defensive play)* "Lamine [Diane] is a great player. We needed a stop and I had to do what I had to do to get the stop, and I was able to come out with it."

##### **Graduate student Ar'Mond Davis -**

*(On late game defensive play)* "They were being lazy with their passes on the wing, so I knew we could get the stop right there so I tried to get in the passing lane and I was able to get it off his hand."

*(On CSUN taking a six-point lead)* "When they took a six point lead, I was thinking, 'this could really be it,' so I just had to do what I can to get us back in the game and that's when I got more aggressive defensively and offensively."

#### **No. 7 CSUN**

##### **Head Coach Mark Gottfried -**

*(Opening statement)* "I thought our kids played their hearts out. Played as hard as they could possibly play. The game came down to the last few minutes. We gave up a big three, I thought that hurt us — [Armond] Davis' shot in the corner. We had some offensive trips where we just came up short. Not bad shots, the ball just didn't go in. But boy, our players played really hard, theirs did too. It was a great basketball game and we just came up a few plays short."

*(On the nature of tournament play)* "I think in March, anything can happen. You kind of have to just win one and get to the next one. We came up short."

*(On up-and-down season being a success)* "We didn't win as many games as maybe we'd all like to, but I think when you consider where the program was and what's been established now... I think we started the year arguably, I don't know all the statistics, but maybe the most inexperienced team in the country, let alone the conference. To look at where we started and where we are today, there's a lot to feel really good about."