

2017 Big West Women's Basketball Tournament

Game 3 - Quarterfinals Quotes

Final - No. 3 CSUN def. No. 6 Hawai'i, 71-64

No. 3 CSUN

Head Coach Jason Flowers

(Opening statement)

"Every time we played them, they were better. They were playing well coming into tonight. We knew it and we talked about it. So, hats off to Coach Beeman and her program. Those kids played with a heart of a champion. Obviously, several of those kids were on the roster last year when they won the championship. Congrats to them and their season. And for us, our kids stepped up and showed toughness in the second half."

(On the adjustments after being down double-digits)

"We adjusted our ball screen defense, early on. We started off one way and we weren't really good in it. They were getting some good looks. So, we adjusted that. Offensively we talked about executing. We talked about being more aggressive and taking shots that were open. So, It wasn't necessarily any X's and O's adjustments. It was more of execution adjustments and I thought we did a better job of executing in the second half."

(On free throw shooting down the stretch)

"You know, we subscribe to the Shaq philosophy. You gotta' make them when they count. Or you got to make one out of the two."

(On Channon Fluker)

If she keeps working, she's going to be ok. She can end up being pretty good before it's over. When we do the things the right way, I think the sky is the limit for several of our kids, including 33."

Sophomore Center Channon Fluker

(On her game today)

"I think it definitely was the most amounts of shots I've taken. It wasn't planned, I just played and whatever I felt I just did."

No. 6 Hawai'i

Head Coach Laura Beeman

(Opening statement)

"First off , I want to congratulate CSUN and Coach Flowers. He's done a remarkable job with that team and especially with Channon Fluker. There's no wonder on why she was Player of the Year. She's a handful. We ran double teams from different people and different positions and man and zone. We still didn't have an answer for her and we send her to the free throw line to many times. We just didn't have the man power."

(On the offensive struggles)

"Our shooting percentage with Sarah, Bri and O wasn't as good as we expected. Credit to CSUN and what they did offensively. The light was a little too bright for us tonight, at times. I'm incredibly proud of what this young team has done and the adversity we seen this year. I actually think we are playing our best basketball and I would have liked to see us play a couple more times, to see if that is true."

Junior Guard Sarah Toeaina

(On CSUN adjustments)

"They packed in their paint a little more. They adjusted how they came off the screen defensive wise. It was tough in the second half."