

2018 Big West Women's Basketball Tournament

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Game 1 - First Round Quotes

Final - No. 5 CSUN def. No. 8 Hawai'i, 62-57

No. 5 CSUN

Head Coach Jason Flowers -

(Opening statement)

"Hats off to Hawaii's team and staff, we expected it to be a battle and it was a battle. Sarah Toeaina, she's a soldier and a warrior she really played well and fought for her team."

(On Tessa Boagni reaching 1,000 career points)

"She kept it about the team which she should, she earned a 1,000 points but obviously that's a benchmark for every player and left her mark at school program history. Only the people within that locker room know the story of each team or player. Her growth and now that she has that accomplishment she'll have that forever at CSUN and that's big time."

(On maintaining leads throughout the tournament)

"We have to value the basketball every play and possession and got to get consecutive stops. Those are the things that we have to continue. Lately, we have been taking care of the basketball which obviously gives us more opportunity."

Junior Center Channon Fluker

(On tonight's game)

"We got a lead and it gave us a cushion and helped us tonight. As a team, we find ourselves together and as the game continues we just have to play and get the next stop."

Senior Forward Tessa Boagni

(On reaching 1,000 career points)

"It's pretty cool but the team is looking to get a ring and that's the goal at the end of the season."

No. 8 Hawai'i

Head Coach Laura Beeman

(Opening Statement)

"First I want to congratulate Jason Flowers and Northridge, he finds a way. He's definitely fortunate to have a player like Channon Fluker but Tessa Boagni showed up to do what she needed to today."

(On Hawai'i's Performance)

"We just couldn't hit shots that's really what it comes down to. We turned the ball over a few times too many obviously but we made a brilliant comeback and our defense was pretty stellar in the second half and our press really helped us."

(On the Final Sequence of the game)

"That's one of the plays that people are going to remember but it's the however many possessions prior to that that effected the game. The missed layups, turning the ball over in transition, not getting an offensive board... Is that the position you want to be in when you've been down 14? Sure, but we shouldn't have been down 14."

Senior Guard Sarah Toeaina

(On the team coming back from 14-point deficit)

"You always want to see a team, especially if it's your own team, fight back and show a fight at the end of a game. It's been tough throughout the season, we have dug ourselves in a hole and kind of became a habit of something we've had to climb out of. If we hadn't dug a hole, I feel like we could have given a stronger fight."

(On the end of her collegiate career)

"You never want to go out with a loss. At the end of the day coach Beeman always says there's only one team in the country that ends with a victory. But it's been truly a blessing with those along side me and those who have helped and there's no other island or state I would have wanted to represent in my final game than Hawai'i."