

2018 Big West Women's Basketball Tournament

Game 2 - First Round Quotes

Final - No. 6 UC Riverside def. No. 7 Long Beach State, 79-66

No. 6 UC Riverside

Head Coach John Margaritis

(Opening statement)

"I was pleased with how tonight's game was played and I thought that Long Beach with their talent and how well they play and perseverance, they never quit until the last second and that speaks volumes with how well their program is going."

(On playing UC Irvine)

"Long Beach and UCI are similar. They are both quick and could shoot perimeter shot but lots of similarities. I'm just hoping we get some rest tonight and get up in the morning and figure something out. They beat us twice already but it's a new season and it doesn't mean much if we don't play hard tomorrow."

Senior Guard Michelle Curry

(On the win over Long Beach State)

"We came together as a team and put more effort and emphasis on playing offense and defense to outplay the opponent and that's what resulted in this game."

Freshman Guard Tianna Eaton

(On the win over Long Beach State)

"Energy is what we stress a lot and my teammates did a good job keeping the energy up knowing that the season is almost over and we can't give in now."

No. 7 Long Beach State

Head Coach Jeff Cammon

(Opening statement)

"I couldn't be prouder of our young ladies. It's tough because of the way we've been playing, we wanted to continue this ride." Our kids fought and competed and showed togetherness and that's what we wanted to instill this year. This is going to be one heck of a team in the future and what you're seeing right now is just the ground floor. They have the ability to do something special here, it's very encouraging and we're excited for the future."

(On Cecily Wilson)

"This young lady (Cecily Wilson) she's been playing practically on one leg, she hasn't been practicing. Then she comes in and plays like a warrior. She's probably one of the best competitors I've coached at any level. She's tough, she competes on both ends of the floor, she wants it and she cares. I'm hoping that she rubbed off on our younger players and I think it has. She's an incredible young woman on and off the floor. It's going to be hard to fill her shoes going forward."

Senior Guard Cecily Wilson

(On the end of the season)

"It's always tough losing, especially the last game of your senior year. It's just like coach said, they were more experienced and we got exposed a bit in second-chance points."

(On her approach to the game)

"I was just attacking the basket. I really wanted to win so I was trying to make it happen anyway I could. I was feeling good."