



2018 Big West Women's Basketball Tournament

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Game 3 - Quarterfinals Quotes

Final - No. 6 UC Riverside def. No. 3 UC Irvine, 86-74



No. 6 UC Riverside

Head Coach John Margaritis

(Opening statement)

"We were told in UCR's Division I history no other player had scored 40 points so this is something else that occurred tonight (for Michelle Curry) so that's good stuff. I just felt that the credit goes to our young ladies, it wasn't an easy game, they fought and they fought for 40 minutes. Also the credit goes to Irvine because they never gave up. It was a long game, it was an exciting game, I wish I could have enjoyed it a little bit more but it is what it is."

(On Michelle Curry playing with foul trouble)

"One thing that I have not done that I learned a long time ago, is that I will not sit people on the bench just because they have two or three fouls. I would rather lose with them fouling out than me thinking they're going to foul out."

Senior Guard Michelle Curry

(On her career-high performance)

"As soon as the game started the refs were calling it close so we knew to attack and that we would most likely go to the free-throw line so I took advantage of that. I just wanted to get the job done, I wanted to go to the Honda Center. It was a team effort and we had a lot of energy coming off of the bench."

(On making 18 free throws)

"That's my time to just relax and make the bucket. I feel comfortable at the free throw line."

Senior Guard Lauren Holt

(On Michelle Curry's performance)

"It's crazy. She didn't realize she had 40 until the game was almost over. People that are scoring that many points are worried about it and looking up to see how many points, she not even worried about that, she's worried about getting to the Honda Center. She knew she had to play her role and take over and she took over."

No. 3 UC Irvine

Head Coach Tamara Inoue

(Opening statement)

"Anything can happen in March right? Riverside with their five seniors really played like seniors and they didn't want to go home. We knew it was going to be a tough one and that we had to grind it out but I think experience definitely showed on their team. I still believe I have the best player in the conference next to me (Morgan Green). She leads us everyday so just to have her for another year and with this team that is developing I think we have something special."

(On UCR's Michelle Curry)

"She got 40 points on us I think that's enough said. She's extremely crafty and she dips her shoulder and is able to get fouls."

(On Morgan Green in foul trouble)

"Obviously when you have your best player out at the end of the game it hurts you."

Junior Guard Morgan Green

(On being out at the end of the game)

"I have no trouble being there for my teammates, that's what I do on a daily basis whether I'm on the floor or not. I think there were a lot of positives to take from this year. We had a great turnaround with 18 wins. It's all about the margin of growth from here. I don't think we should be down on ourselves, we had a great year."