

# **2019 Big West Women's Basketball Tournament**

## **Game 2 - First Round Quotes**

### **Final - No. 7 Long Beach State def. No. 6 Cal State Fullerton, 60-54**

#### **No. 7 Long Beach State**

##### **Head Coach Jeff Cammon**

*(Opening statement)*

"I'm very proud of these ladies and their effort. We've had a tendency all year when teams go on runs or we aren't scoring our energy dips. But tonight we competed for 40 minutes, especially in the second half. We played tougher. I thought Fullerton out-scraped us in the first half. Excited to be going to the second round."

*(On the play of freshman guard Justina King)*

"She's been huge. For a freshman to come in and have the responsibility to have the ball in her hands 80-90% of the time and make key decisions, it's huge. Her mental toughness has really allowed us to compete and stay in games. Record is one thing but we've lost a lot of close games. We've competed in this conference and she's been a big reason. You don't always see it in the stat sheet but her leadership helps boost this team."

*(On facing UC Riverside)*

"We're different teams now. First time we played, we played really well at UCR and we controlled most of that game. And then it came to us, and we controlled a lot of the game but imploded in the 4th quarter and went on one of our famous droughts. But we're scoring the ball better now and we're a better team. And UCR is too – I think it's a good matchup for both of us. It's going to be a good test for us but I feel good right now the way we're playing and defending and rebounding. It's not going to be easy by any stretch but I think our young ladies are ready for the challenge."

##### **Freshman guard Kianna Hamilton-Fischer**

*(On maturation and mindset)*

"I feel that once we play so much we've just got to step up and play. Just play with confidence and go out and play the game."

#### **No. 6 Cal State Fullerton**

##### **Head Coach Jeff Harada**

*(Opening statement)*

"First of all, congratulations to Long Beach State, they played a great game. It was a competitive game for 40 minutes, and they made a few more plays than we did. They executed when they needed to and hit some timely shots which was the difference in the game. But, I'm proud of our team. We had a great season. This game doesn't define what we accomplished this year. I'm proud of our effort."

*(On the difference in the game)*

"They just hit shots when they needed to. They made plays and we got into a lull offensively. For the game, you look at the stats and we missed too many free throws and too many paint shots to win a close game like this. We must have left close to 20 points on the floor. I think that was the difference; they finished plays when they needed to and we didn't."

##### **Sophomore guard Raina Perez**

*(On how she will translate her on-court leadership to next year)*

"This game was definitely tough, but I think it's a stepping stone to what as a team we can be. For me, personally, I'm definitely going to get back in the gym and the weight room to get stronger and just prepare better."