

# 2019 Big West Women's Basketball Tournament

## Game 3 - Quarterfinals Quotes

### Final - No. 3 UC Riverside def. No 7 Long Beach State, 67-50

#### No. 3 UC Riverside

##### **Head Coach John Margaritis**

*(Opening statement)*

"Interesting game, it was a battle and both teams fought to the very last second, we just happened to have a few more points than the opponent. Congratulations to them, they had a heck of a season. We saw them early in the year, we see them now, and they are so much more improved. And they were such a tough opponent. Our young ladies, we've battled and we've done that throughout the year. It was a team effort, looking at the scoreboard and the stats. It was a team effort. We just have to go back, there's another game coming up soon.

*(On preparing to Long Beach State)*

"We knew a little bit of what to expect, and did a decent job of not only preparing for it, but also executing. We started off the game well. If we had a slow start, it could have been anyone's game, it could have been their game. So we started the game well and overcame some of the things that they were doing and some of the possessions, we had to stick in there and stick to our gameplan."

##### **Sophomore guard Keilanei Cooper**

*(On the altercation in the fourth quarter)*

When we came out in the beginning, we were already pumped up and had a lot of energy. So when the incident happened, it didn't change anything, but it did in a respect and price thing. But yes I guess it did pump us up.

##### **Junior forward Marina Ewodo**

*(On the mindset of the team)*

"Coach Margaritis prepared us really well. I trust in all of my teammates, and when it comes to just playing with six people, I know all of us can step up. Playing with us, we're used to it now, we've been playing like this all year, and everyone else rotates, and that didn't really phase us.

#### No. 7 Long Beach State

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

*(Opening statement)*

"We have a wonderful group of young ladies and I am proud of them. The expectations were high for a group of young kids that stepped up and competed as hard as they could. We had our struggles throughout the year but I feel like we have grown and its only going to make us better. I am looking forward to a bright future for Long Beach women's basketball."

*(On the physicality of the game)*

"I thought the game was fought in the trenches and won in the trenches. I thought they were way more physical than us. They out-scraped us. It was 41 to 23 on the boards."

*(On the future)*

"We have a lot of pieces but it needs to be developed. Talent is one thing but it takes more than talent to win games. We lost a lot of close games. You can call it bad coaching... I have to get better and my staff has to get better but if we work the way we are supposed to we can compete at the top of this conference no doubt.

Have a good summer."

##### **Sophomore guard Shanaijah Davison**

*(On the season)*

"We have grown tremendously. I think in this offseason we just have to be focused and determined and very hungry for this next season."