

# 2009 Big West Women's Basketball Tournament

## Game 6 Quotes

Final - No. 3 Cal Poly def. No. 2 UC Riverside, 58-57

### No. 3 Cal Poly

#### **Head Coach Faith Mimnaugh -**

"We've never been here, but we think it is kind of fun. I am really excited for the players today, they have worked their tails off all season long to get here."

On the last play:

"We knew Foster was a 44% free-throw shooter so we were trying to ice her. Tratter, we talked about coming up with the rebound and she pulled it down. McBride had to make a great pass at the right time and the right place. And, Santiago is miss delivery. She was like the mailman today. It is all about the team."

On the win:

"We are stunned. We always believed, but in the manner it happened none of us will ever forget it."

#### **Player - Kristina Santiago**

On coming back against UCR:

"No one on our team had a doubt. I don't know if that seems realistic, but that is how we are, that is how this team is."

On hitting the last shot:

"Its amazing, its an unreal feeling. I knew my offense wasn't there today so I focused on the defense. That last play though made it all okay. All my missed shots were okay because the last shot is all that matters."

#### **Player - Megan Harrison**

On out-rebounding UCR:

"Rebounding is our focus every game. Every game plan is rebound, rebound, rebound. We should out-rebound teams since it is always on our minds."

### No. 2 UC Riverside

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

"I thought that it was a tough game and both teams fought hard. I really think Poly earned it. They made all the plays down the stretch."

On what happened at the end of the game

"We had to handle the ball so we could get Seyram [Gbewonyo] or Kemie [Nkele] to the line, we didn't do that"

On what happened on the last play

"We missed the free throw then we reacted to the ball. We did as much as we could to hurt ourselves."

"If we can replay those eight seconds and things go a little different, we win this game, but we didn't win this game."

On the play of Cal Poly

"They came in and did a great job challenging us, they battled. They made a couple of big shots and big plays. They hung in there, and hung in there, then capitalized at the end."

How was this game different from the last two times you played Cal Poly

"Their intensity level and focus was different than the first time we played them. We didn't shoot the way we did last time and they took care of business."

#### **Player Kemie Nkele -**

**On what was different from the last time you played Cal Poly**

"I don't think too much changed, just the effort."