

# 2009 Big West Women's Basketball Tournament

## Game 4 Quotes

Final - No. 6 Cal State Fullerton def. No. 4 Pacific, 64-62

### No. 6 Cal State Fullerton

#### **Head Coach Maryalyce Jeremiah -**

"We came into this tournament knowing that we could compete. I think in the first two days we have shown that. This game, we knew, would come down to the team that made the fewest mistakes. Lauren (Chow) is just a go-to person. Everybody knows that. Jenna Breite (who hit the winning free throws) has done a great job for us. I'm just so happy that I'm happy to coach them another day. This is just a great win for us. Jenna has worked really hard to get into the lineup. She is a player who will go into the game and has done a great job. She goes into a game and will do what we need her to do. This is a great moment for Jenna. Lauren (Chow) is so smart on the floor. She sees so many things on the court. She knows what she is doing. She is so smart. This was a great team effort. This team is trying to prove something. We've had a disappointing season in terms of wins and losses. But we are trying to prove that we are a team to be reckon with. Our defense the past two days has been tremendous. I am so excited for the players. People say you can't win four games in four days. But you know, people do win four games in four days. I read something the other day ... 'if you dream in the dark, nothing happens. But if dream when you're awake, you make your dreams happen.' That's what our kids are doing. They are not sleeping, and I'm dreaming along with them."

#### **Player - Jenna Breite**

**On hitting the winning free throws - "I was a little nervous, but I've been working on my free throws. I knew that I was going to make them."**

### No. 4 Pacific

#### **Head Coach Lynne Roberts - Opening Statement**

"It's a frustrating loss. I thought our team played pretty hard. We made some mistakes on offense, but . . . it was a frustrating loss. I don't gave anything else to say."

On her relationship with Coach Jeremiah

She's a great coach and a good friend. If there's someone to lose to and have her career keep going it should certainly be her. She's been a pioneer for the women's basketball game. I have a ton of respect for her. She's a great person. Coaches for the right reasons. She's someone who women's basketball will miss once she retires.

On getting behind early in the game and having to climb out of a 13-point deficit

The one downside of having a bye is you're going to be nervous the first few minutes you play. Fullerton obviously didn't have those nerves in the first five or six minutes so they kind of threw the first punch and the whole rest of the first half we were recovering. So at halftime we just kind of talked about that - that they were quicker to the ball and they got all of the loose balls and were out-rebounding us which we don't get out rebounded, and they just controlled the game. In the second half I thought we did a better job of being aggressive in that sense. And I think that was the difference in our cutting the lead but as close as we could get it just kept getting taken from us.

**On Amber Simmons only playing seven minutes in the second half due to foul trouble.**

**Obviously she's our leading scorer and our go-to on offense so that was huge. I thought Karen Dawkins did a nice job when she came in, but we just couldn't catch a break.**

#### **Player - Amber Simmons**

On only playing seven minutes in the second half due to foul trouble

It was definitely frustrating. I also thought Karen came in and did a good job but (only playing 22 minutes and fouling out is) a terrible way to end your year.