

2017 Big West Men's Basketball Tournament

Game 6 - Quarterfinal Quotes

Final - No. 3 Cal State Fullerton def. No. 6 CSUN, 81-68

No. 3 Cal State Fullerton

Head Coach Dedrique Taylor

(Opening statement)

"Always feels good to win, particularly in the post season. I felt this group did what they needed to do in the second half. The first half had some unusual line ups on the floor, but we fought through it. The second half we got our rhythm on defense. Offensively we got ourselves going because of our defense. That has to be our calling card; our defense in this type of environment.

(On winning their first conference tournament game since 2010)

"I told our group we are going to enjoy it for a couple of hours and then we are going to turn the page. We came here to continue to move forward and earn the right to play tomorrow and we have to earn the right tomorrow to make it to Saturday."

(On playing UC Davis)

"It will be a heck of a game. Their pace is exceptional. We will have our work cut out for us on our defense. Everybody is talking about our defense and we will see if we are on our game tomorrow. I think that make the difference on who wins and who loses.

Sophomore Guard Kyle Allman Jr.

(On the turning point of the season)

"I think it started after we lost to Riverside at home. We came together as a team, even though there were some losses in there, we came together. We play hard and we play together."

(On the high pace of the game)

"For me personally, they just allowed me to get out and run. Being in transition is one of my strengths, really all of our strengths."

Senior Guard Tre' Coggins

(On the importance of defense)

"That is the whole message of our season...our defense and not turning the ball over. I think coach has done a great job of drilling that into our minds and training us to always be attentive on defense."

No. 6 CSUN

Head Coach Reggie Theus

(Opening statement)

"I thought we played a good half of basketball. I thought the first half we did everything game plan wise that we were supposed to do. We outrebounded them and were out in the break. Tavrion Dawson played really well early, and I thought our energy was really high. Then we came back in the second half and our defensive energy was just not where it was in the first half. When TD got hurt, that really hurt us, because we don't really have anyone else to play that spot. We played well and got to the rim, but for us, if we only get to the line 11 times there's something wrong because that's not the way we play."

(On the guard play)

"When you look at it, I thought their guards in the second half outplayed our guards. You look at the numbers and they got to the line 22 times. Part of that is not having any bigs in the back. But, when it's all said and done, I thought in the first half our guards outplayed them and in the second half their guards outplayed ours."

(On senior guard Aaron Parks' career)

"I can tell you that if you had 12 guys like Aaron with his attitude and work ethic, you'd be a heck of a basketball team. Not one time in his four years, have I ever had to tell him to pick it up. Not one time in his four years have I ever had to ask him about anything in terms of his character, mentality or work ethic. And, academically he's the same way."