



## 2018 PAC-12 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

### Post-Game Notes

GAME 2: #5 California (71), #12 Washington (68)

Thursday, March 1, 2018

#5 Cal moves on to face #4 UCLA, tomorrow at 2:00 p.m. The Bruins have a perfect 5-0 record against the Bears in previous Tournament games. UCLA beat Cal twice during the regular season, 82-46 in Berkeley and 60-52 at Westwood.

This game was a rematch of the regular season finale, won by Cal in Seattle, 83-67.

Cal is now 4-0 vs. Washington in Tournament games; it will play in its 16<sup>th</sup> consecutive quarterfinal round.

3 Bears scored in double figures: Mikayla Cowling (13<sup>th</sup> time this season; 4 times 20+ points in last 6 games, 6<sup>th</sup> overall for the season), Asha Thomas (18<sup>th</sup> time), and Jaelyn Brown (10<sup>th</sup> time).

Husky Amber Melgoza became the 12<sup>th</sup> player to score at least 30 points in a Tournament game. Her 30 points, tied her for 10<sup>th</sup> on the single game Tournament record list. She scored 22 of those points in the second half.

Melgoza scored 30+ points for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time of her career (20+ points for the 14<sup>th</sup> time this season and in double figures for the 27<sup>th</sup> time in 30 games). Teammate Khayla Rooks did so for the first time since 12/3 (4<sup>th</sup> time on season.) Her three 3 point field goals equaled her career high.

After the Bears led wire-to-wire last Sunday against the Huskies, the game featured 8 lead changes and 7 ties in the first half. 13 of the 14 Bears and Huskies who played in the first half scored; Christine Anigwe was the only player who did not.

The Bears are now 19-0 when leading at halftime.

With 8:23 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, Cal took a 41-30 lead. Washington went on a 21-4 run to take a 51-45 lead with 2:11 to go. The Bears outscored the Huskies 5-0 to end the quarter. The run continued into the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, reaching 14-0, before Melgoza made a FG plus one at 6:51.

Thomas was 6-7 from the free throw line, including scoring Cal's last two points. Her conference leading FT% for the season now stands at .882 (75-85).