



## 2013 PAC-12 MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Post-Game Notes

GAME 6: #4 Arizona (79), #5 Colorado (69)

Thursday, March 14, 2013

Arizona advanced to its third consecutive Conference Tournament semifinal, where it will take on top-seeded UCLA at 6 p.m. PT on Friday. UCLA took both games from the Wildcats during the regular season, winning 84-73 in Tucson on Jan. 24 and following it up with a 74-69 victory at Pauley Pavilion on March 2.

Arizona and Colorado met twice during the regular season. The Wildcats overcame a 16-point deficit in Tucson with 12:40 remaining in regulation to tip the Buffs in overtime on Jan. 3. Colorado held serve in Boulder, beating Arizona 71-58 on Valentine's Day.

Today's meeting was a rematch of last year's Pac-12 Tournament final won by Colorado, 53-51. Since 2011-12, the teams have split six games in the series—both are 2-0 at home, 0-2 on the road and 1-1 in the Pac-12 Tournament. Four of those six games have been decided in the final two minutes of regulation or overtime.

The #4 seed has advanced to the semifinals for the third straight season, and Arizona has been involved in all three semifinal matchups. In last year's semifinals, the fourth-seeded Wildcats dispatched #9 Oregon State, and in 2011, #4 USC fell to #1 Arizona in the round of four.

Four Wildcats and three Buffaloes scored in double figures, and all nine Wildcats who saw action found the scoreboard.

Colorado trailed by as many 14 points in the second half but closed to within two points with 1:03 remaining in regulation.

Arizona's Nick Johnson (18 points) led the team in scoring for the second consecutive game. He was 6-of-7 (.857) from the floor, including 2-of-2 from three-point range and was 4-of-5 (.800) from the charity stripe. Johnson has scored in double figures 21 times and has led the team in scoring seven times in 2012-13.

Solomon Hill, who is among the Pac-12 leaders in a number of statistical categories, scored 13 points, grabbed seven rebounds and dished four assists in the win.

Spencer Dinwiddie led all Colorado scorers with 18 points, marking the 15th time he has paced the squad in scoring this season. It was his 27th double-digit scoring effort of the year.

Andre Roberson (15 pts, 11 rebs) posted his 12th double-double of the season. He has had at least 10 rebounds, two steals and two blocks in 11 games this season, more than twice as many as any other Division I player.