

Broncos Win CBI Title With 80-77 Win Over George Mason

FAIRFAX, Va. -- The Santa Clara Broncos used a big second half and claimed their second postseason tournament title in three seasons winning the College Basketball Invitational presented by Buick in a decisive third game, 80-77 over George Mason on Friday night in Fairfax, Va.

GMU's Patrick Holloway missed a three-point attempt at the buzzer and Santa Clara broke a nine-game winning streak by the home team in the Championship series to become the third team in CBI history to win the title on the road.

Santa Clara finishes at 26-12 and 9-7 in the WCC. George Mason finishes at 22-16 and 10-8 CAA. The Broncos have traveled 8,427 miles during the CBI.

Santa Clara shot 50 percent from the field (29 of 58), including 30 percent from beyond the arc (6 of 20). The Broncos shot 72.7 percent from the free throw line (16 of 22). They collected 30 rebounds, 15 assists, eight steals, two blocks and had 11 turnovers.

Santa Clara was led by tournament MVP Kevin Foster, who scored 24 points and set a new CBI record with 158. Marc Trasolini added 20, scoring 16 in the second half making his first seven field goals, and Evan Roquemore had 19 hitting four free throws in the final 20 seconds.

George Mason shot 41.8 percent from the field (28 of 67), including 24 percent from beyond the arc (6 of 25). The Patriots shot 68.2 percent from the free throw line (15 of 22). They collected 46 rebounds, 11 assists, four steals, one block and had 16 turnovers.

George Mason was led by Sherrod Wright, who collected his second straight double-double with 24 points and 10 rebounds, Jonathon Arledge added 16 points and Erik Copes grabbed 11 boards.

