

Kevin Foster's Record-Setting Night Leads Broncos Past Wright State and into CBI Finals

Dayton, Ohio – On a record setting night for senior Kevin Foster, Santa Clara men's basketball advanced to the final of the College Basketball Invitational presented by Buick with an 81-69 victory over Wright State. Foster scored 33 points with six threes and four steals. After scoring 34 points in the quarterfinal matchup with Purdue, Foster becomes just the third Bronco with back-to-back 30-point games. The others are Dennis Awtrey on March 1 and 7, 1969 and Kurt Rambis on Jan. 4 and 5, 1980. Foster also moved into first place on the SCU single season steals list with 85 this year. His six threes put him at No. 5 all-time in the NCAA, moving past Stephen Curry. The win puts Santa Clara at 24-11 and ends Wright State's season at 23-13.

The Broncos will face George Mason (21-14) in the best of three championship series as the Patriots were 62-52 winners vs. Western Michigan tonight (22-13). The location and time of the first game are TBA.

Santa Clara has won 24 games for just the third time in the 106-year school history of basketball; and 24 games for the second time in three years, having won 24 in 2010-11 when the Broncos won the CIT.

Santa Clara shot 47.7 percent from the field (31 of 65), including 33.3 percent from beyond the arc (8 of 24). The Broncos shot 73.3 percent from the free throw line (11 of 15). They collected 33 rebounds, 15 assists, eight steals, two blocks and had six turnovers.

Santa Clara was led by Foster who scored a game-high 33 points on 11-22 shooting and was 6-12 from deep. Foster added four steals, three assists and one rebound. Evan Roquemore added 16 points on 5-12 shooting and five assists. Yannick Atanga had a team-high nine boards to go with four points. Marc Trasolini added nine points and three rebounds.

Wright State shot 54.2 percent from the field (26 of 48), including 26.7 percent from beyond the arc (4 of 15). The Raiders shot 76.5 percent from the free throw line (13 of 17). They collected 25 rebounds, 14 assists, two steals, no blocks and had 15 turnovers.

Wright State was led by 17 points on 6-7 shooting from A.J. Pacher. Pacher added a team-best eight rebounds as well. Jerran Young scored 13 points on 6-9 shooting with two boards while Miles Dixon chipped in 10 points with three assists.

