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## Mountain West

- The Mountain West is one of two conferences (Big 12, 8; MW, 6) with six or more teams ranked among the top 40 of the current NET rankings.
- The Mountain West is 104-38 (.732) in nonconference action in 2023-24, the third-best nonconference record in league history and best since the 2012-13 season.
- The Mountain West is the only conference to have all its teams finish the nonconference slate with a winning percentage above .500.
- Best in the WEST. The Mountain West is 24-7 against the Pac-12 (6-1) and West Coast Conference (18-6) in 2023-24.

## San Diego State

- San Diego State currently ranks 20 in the NET rankings.
- The Aztecs are 9-9 against Quad 1 and Quad 2 opponents. All losses are against Q1 opponents.
- SDSU is 8-8 away from home this season.
- San Diego State's average NET loss is 35 and average opponent NET rank is 25. SDSU's NET SOS is 28.

## Boise State

- Boise State currently ranks 24 in the NET rankings.
- The Broncos are 6-5 against Quad 1 opponents, which ranks 16th in the nation. One of 17 teams with at least six Q1 wins.
- Boise State is 7-3 on the road this season, which ranks 14th in the country.
- The Broncos average NET loss is 46, average NET opponent rank is 52 and NET SOS is 57.

## New Mexico

- New Mexico currently ranks 25 in the NET rankings.
- The Lobos are 6-7 against Quad 1 and Quad 2 opponents this season.
- UNM ended the nonconference slate with the ninth-best record in the country.

## Nevada

- Nevada currently ranks 30 in the NET rankings.
- The Wolf Pack are 6-5 against Quad 1 opponents this season, which ranks 14th in D1. One of 17 teams with at least six Q1 wins.
- Nevada finished the nonconference schedule with the fifth-best record in the nation.
- The Wolf Pack are 8-3 on the road this season, which ranks eighth in the country.

## Utah State

- Utah State currently ranks 31 in the NET rankings.
- USU won its first outright MW regular-season title in program history this season.
- The Aggies are 9-5 against Quad 1 and Quad 2 opponents. USU's average NET loss is 34.
- Utah State is 8-4 on the road, which ranks in the top 20 of country.

## Colorado State

- Colorado State currently ranks 37 in the NET rankings.
- CSU is 8-8 against Quad 1 (5-7) and Quad 2 opponents. The Rams have an average opponent NET rank of 45 and an average NET loss of 45.
- The Rams finished nonconference action with the 11th-best record in the country.

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### **No. 9 Fresno State v\* No. 1 Utah State**

- During the regular season, Utah State had 12 wins away from home (away and neutral site), tied for the third most in Division I (James Madison – 14; Indiana State – 13). Nine previous MW teams had this many wins prior to the conference tournament, and five of them went on to win an NCAA Tournament game that year (four made the Sweet 16).
  - Utah State is allowing a 28.2 three-point percentage this season, second best in Division I, and the best mark by a Mountain West team all-time. Last year, the teams that ranked in the top five of this category combined to go 11-4 in the NCAA Tournament (Tennessee, Houston, Alabama, San Diego State; St. Bonaventure didn't qualify).
  - The Aggies are shooting 49.8 percent from the field, which is currently the third-best mark by a Mountain West team all-time (sixth in D-I this season). The Aggies have shot at least 50.0% from the field in four straight games, their longest streak against MW opponents since February 2015 (also four).
  - Against New Mexico, Great Osobor became the first player to record 20+ points, 10+ rebounds, 3+ blocks and 3+ steals in a Mountain West conference game. It was Osobor's eighth 20-point double-double this season, tied for the most by any Utah State player in the last 25 years (2021-22 Justin Bean).
  - Fresno State shot 22-for-23 from the free-throw line (95.7%) in its win Wednesday over Wyoming. Among teams to take at least 20 foul shots, that's the highest FT% by any MW team this season in any game, and tied for the highest in MW Tournament history (Wyoming in 2006 vs. Air Force).
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**No. 5 San Diego State v\* No. 4 UNLV**

- The Aztecs have won eight straight conference tournament games against the Rebels, a streak that started in 2006. It's the longest win streak against a single team in MW Tournament history (next longest is six straight by UNLV over Air Force).
  - San Diego State has 12 neutral-site wins since the beginning of last season. The only teams with more in that time are UConn, Drake, Florida Atlantic and Gonzaga.
  - For the third consecutive season, the Aztecs are leading the MW in both scoring defense (66.3 PPG) and opponent field-goal percentage (40.6%). The only other D-I team to lead its conference in both stats over each of the last three seasons is Houston.
  - UNLV is 10-2 (.833) since January 27 as it has held opponents to 39.8% shooting from the field and 27.4% from three. They are only D-I team in that time holding opponents to a sub-40.0 FG% and sub-28.0 3PT%.
  - Dedan Thomas Jr. has 154 assists this season, most among Division I freshmen. That is also the most assists in a single season by a freshman in MW history.
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**No. 7 Colorado State v\* No. 2 Nevada**

- Nevada has won three straight games against Colorado State, winning this season's meetings by three and 13 points. Jarod Lucas is trying to become the first player with three 20-point games against CSU in a season since NBA No. 1 pick Andrew Bogut in 2004-05.
  - Nevada has seven Quad 1 wins this season, the most of any MW team. There are eight teams with more Quad 1 victories in 2023-24 and all are currently projected to be a top three seed in the NCAA Tournament.
  - Since the MW Tournament moved back to Las Vegas in 2007, the No. 2 seeds are 16-1 in their first game of the tournament. In that time, No. 2 seeds have won the MW title nine times (No. 1 seed – five times, No. 4 seed – two times, No. 5 seed – once).
  - Colorado State outshot San Jose State on Wednesday as the Rams have now had a higher FG% than their opponent in 26 different games this season. Only six D-I teams have done that in more games than CSU this season.
  - Isaiah Stevens is the only D-I player this season with 500+ points, 200+ assists and 100+ rebounds. The only other player in MW history to hit those numbers in the same season is Wyoming's Hunter Maldonado in 2021-22.
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**No. 6 New Mexico v\* No. 3 Boise State**

- Boise State has won seven of its last eight games against New Mexico, including both matchups this season. These teams have met in the Mountain West Tournament once before – a 70-67 victory by the Aggies in 2014.
  - Boise State is one of six D-I teams this season that has a trio of players all with 400+ points and 150+ rebounds (Bryant, Creighton, Florida Atlantic, Indiana State, James Madison).
  - Tyson Degenhart is one of two Division I players averaging 20.0+ points and 7.0+ rebounds since February 1 while shooting 50.0+ percent from the field and 40.0+ percent from three (min. 10 3PA). The other is Campbell's Anthony Dell'Orso.
  - New Mexico is one of three D-I teams currently leading its conference in steals per game (8.28) and blocks per game (4.22), along with Long Beach State and SMU. The Lobos have had at least 10 defensive stops (steals plus blocks) in 30 games, which are tied for the most in D-I this season and are the second most in MW history (2015-16 Nevada – 34).
  - JT Toppin recorded his 11th double-double with 18 points and 11 rebounds against Air Force, most by a D-I freshman this season. Another performance today would make him the fourth MW freshman in the last 15 years to have a double-double in consecutive conference tournament games (UNLV's Brandon McCoy – 2018, Nevada's Cameron Oliver – 2016, San Diego State's Kawhi Leonard – 2010).
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