



## Mountain West Men's Basketball Championship – Quarterfinals

### Postgame Notes | March 14

### #1 Utah State 87, #9 Fresno State 75 OT

#### Championship Notes

- The No. 1 seed is now 23-1 in the opening round of the MW men's basketball championship, with the lone loss coming back in 2004.
- The No. 9 seed will continue to search for its first win in a MW men's basketball tournament quarterfinal contest, falling to 0-8 all-time.
- Three of the last four MW quarterfinal games have gone to overtime:
  - No. 5 San José State def. No. 4 Nevada, 81-77 in OT on March 9, 2023
  - No. 2 Boise State def. No. 7 UNLV, 87-76 in OT on March 9, 2023
  - No. 1 Utah State def. No. 9 Fresno State, 87-75 in OT on March 14, 2024
- Overall, this is the 12<sup>th</sup> overtime game in Mountain West tournament history.

#### Utah State Notes

- The Aggies improved to 17-8 (.680) all-time in the MW tournament. Utah State's .680-win percentage is the second-best in MW postseason, trailing only San Diego State (.712).
- Utah State is now 6-5 in quarterfinal contests.
- Senior **Darius Brown II** tallied 11 assists, tied for the fourth-most in a single MW tournament game and the most since March 7, 2018, when UNLV's Jordan Johnson had 12 helpers against Air Force).
- The 2023-24 MW Player of the Year, **Great Osobor**, racked up 17 rebounds, tied for the fourth-most in a single MW tournament game and most since Nevada's AJ West pulled down 18 boards against UNLV on March 11, 2015.
- Osobor shot 15-of-24 from the free-throw line on Thursday. The 15 makes are tied for the fourth-most in a single MW tournament contest and the most in a quarterfinals game, while the 24 free-throw attempts are tied for the most all-time (BYU's Jimmer Fredette; March 11, 2010 vs. TCU).
- Thursday marked Utah State's first OT game in the MW tournament.

#### Fresno State Notes

- Fresno State is now 9-11 all-time in the Mountain West tournament, including a 1-2 record as a No. 9 seed.
- Thursday was Fresno State's second OT contest in the MW tournament and first since March 9, 2022 (def. San José State).