



# ***MOUNTAIN WEST CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY***

<b>Year</b>	<b>Champion</b>	<b>Runner-up</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Location (Host)</b>	<b>Att.</b>	<b>Offensive MVP</b>	<b>Defensive MVP</b>
2013	Fresno State	Utah State	24-17	Fresno, Calif. (FS)	31,362	Derek Carr, Sr., QB, FS	Derron Smith, Jr., FS, FS
2014	Boise State	Fresno State	28-14	Boise, Idaho (BSU)	26,101	Grant Hedrick, Sr., QB, BSU	Tanner Vallejo, So., LB, BSU
2015	San Diego State	Air Force	27-24	San Diego, Calif. (SDSU)	20,959	Christian Chapman, Fr., QB, SDSU	Na'im McGee, Jr., LB, SDSU
2016	San Diego State	Wyoming	27-24	Laramie, Wyo. (WYO)	24,001	Rashaad Penny, Jr., RB, SDSU	Damontae Kazee, Sr., CB, SDSU
2017	Boise State	Fresno State	17-14	Boise, Idaho (BSU)	24,515	Brett Rypien, Jr., QB, BSU	Leighton Vander Esch, Jr., LB, BSU
2018	Fresno State	Boise State	19-16 <sup>(OT)</sup>	Boise, Idaho (BSU)	23,662	Alexander Mattison, Jr., RB, BSU	Mykal Walker, Jr., LB, FS
2019	Boise State	Hawai'i	31-10	Boise, Idaho (BSU)	23,561	Jaylen Henderson, Sr., QB, BSU	Sonatane Lui, Sr., DL, BSU
2020	San José State	Boise State	34-20	Las Vegas, Nev. (SJSU)	0	Nick Starkel, Sr., QB, SJSU	Cade Hall, Jr., DL, SJSU
2021	Utah State	San Diego State	46-13	Carson, Calif. (SDSU)	13,445	Logan Bonner, Sr., QB, USU	Byron Vaughns, Jr., DE, USU
2022	Fresno State	Boise State	28-16	Boise, Idaho (BSU)	24,037	Jake Haener, Sr., QB, FS	Cam Lockridge, Jr., DB, FS
2023	Boise State	UNLV	44-20	Las Vegas, Nev. (UNLV)	31,473	Taylen Green, So., QB, BSU	Alexander Teubner, Sr., S, BSU

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## SCORING

### TOUCHDOWNS

3	Timothy McVey (AF) at San Diego State . . .	12/5/15
2	Taylen Green (BSU) at UNLV . . . . .	12/2/23
2	Jordan Mims (FS) at Boise State. . . . .	12/3/22
2	Brandon Bowling (USU) at San Diego State. . .	12/4/21
2	Marcus McMaryion (FS) at Boise State . . .	12/2/17
2	Rashaad Penny (SDSU) at Wyoming . . . . .	12/3/16
2	Grant Hedrick (BSU) vs. Fresno State . . . .	12/6/14

### TD RESPONSIBILITY (PASSES AND RUSHES)

4	Taylen Green (BSU) at UNLV . . . . .	12/2/23
4	Logan Bonner (USU) at San Diego State. . . .	12/4/21
3	Nick Starkel (SJSU) vs. Boise State . . . . .	12/19/20
3	Jaylen Henderson (BSU) vs. Hawai'i . . . . .	12/7/19
3	Josh Allen (WYO) vs. San Diego State . . . .	12/3/16
3	Timothy McVey (AF) at San Diego State . . .	12/5/15
3	Derek Carr (FS) vs. Utah State . . . . .	12/7/13

## ALL-PURPOSE

### ALL-PURPOSE YARDS

250	Jacob De Jesus (UNLV) vs. Boise State . . . .	12/2/23
243	Rashaad Penny (SDSU) at Wyoming. . . . .	12/3/16
207	Nikko Remigio (FS) at Boise State . . . . .	12/3/22
200	Alexander Mattison (BSU) vs. Fresno State . . .	12/1/18
187	Avery Williams (BSU) vs. San José State. . . .	12/19/20

## RUSHING

### ATTEMPTS

40	Alexander Mattison (BSU) vs. Fresno State . .	12/1/18
25	Jordan Mims (FS) at Boise State. . . . .	12/3/22
25	Donnel Pumphrey (SDSU) at Wyoming . . . .	12/3/16
22	Jay Ajayi (BSU) vs. Fresno State. . . . .	12/6/14
21	Ashton Jeanty (BSU) at UNLV. . . . .	12/2/23
21	Josh Quezada (FS) vs. Utah State. . . . .	12/7/13

### YARDS GAINED

200	Alexander Mattison (BSU) vs. Fresno State . .	12/1/18
156	Jacobi Owens (AF) at SDSU. . . . .	12/5/15
153	Ashton Jeanty (BSU) at UNLV. . . . .	12/2/23
128	Rashaad Penny (SDSU) at Wyoming. . . . .	12/3/16
112	Donnel Pumphrey (SDSU) at Wyoming. . . . .	12/3/16

### TOUCHDOWNS

3	Timothy McVey (AF) at SDSU . . . . .	12/5/15
2	Taylen Green (BSU) at UNLV . . . . .	12/2/23
2	Jordan Mims (FS) at Boise State. . . . .	12/3/22
2	Marcus McMaryion (FS) at Boise State . . .	12/2/17
2	Rashaad Penny (SDSU) at Wyoming . . . . .	12/3/16
2	Grant Hedrick (BSU) vs. Fresno State . . . .	12/6/14

### LONGEST RUSHING PLAY

70	Taylen Green (BSU) at UNLV . . . . .	12/2/23
66	Brian Hill (WYO) vs. SDSU. . . . .	12/3/16
65	Jacobi Owens (AF) at SDSU. . . . .	12/5/15
51	Karson Roberts (AF) at SDSU . . . . .	12/5/15
50	Ashton Jeanty (BSU) at UNLV. . . . .	12/2/23

## PASSING

### ATTEMPTS

53	Derek Carr (FS) vs. Utah State . . . . .	12/7/13
52	Nick Starkel (SJSU) vs. Boise State . . . . .	12/19/20
45	Brian Burrell (FS) at Boise State. . . . .	12/6/14
42	Logan Bonner (USU) at San Diego State. . . .	12/4/21
41	Hank Bachmeier (BSU) vs. San José State . . .	12/19/20

### COMPLETIONS

36	Derek Carr (FS) vs. Utah State . . . . .	12/7/13
32	Nick Starkel (SJSU) vs. Boise State . . . . .	12/19/20
30	Brian Burrell (FS) at Boise State. . . . .	12/6/14
29	Logan Bonner (USU) at San Diego State. . . .	12/4/21
20	Four times, last by: Hank Bachmeier (BSU) vs. San José State . . .	12/19/20

### CONSECUTIVE PASS COMPLETIONS

8	Taylen Green (BSU) at UNLV . . . . .	12/2/23
8	Marcus McMaryion (FS) at Boise State . . . .	12/1/18
7	Brian Burrell (FS) at Boise State. . . . .	12/6/14
6	Logan Bonner (USU) at San Diego State. . . .	12/4/21
6	Logan Bonner (USU) at San Diego State. . . .	12/4/21
6	Hank Bachmeier (BSU) vs. San José State . . .	12/19/20

### COMPLETION PERCENTAGE (Min. 10 Comp.)

80.0	Taylen Green (BSU) at UNLV . . . . .	12/2/23
69.0	Logan Bonner (USU) at San Diego State. . . .	12/4/21
69.0	Jaylen Henderson (BSU) vs. Hawai'i . . . . .	12/7/19
67.9	Derek Carr (FS) vs. Utah State . . . . .	12/7/13
66.7	Brian Burrell (FS) at Boise State. . . . .	12/6/14

### YARDS

453	Nick Starkel (SJSU) vs. Boise State . . . . .	12/19/20
404	Derek Carr (FS) vs. Utah State. . . . .	12/7/13
332	Brian Burrell (FS) at Boise State. . . . .	12/6/14
318	Logan Bonner (USU) at San Diego State. . . .	12/4/21
248	Josh Allen (WYO) vs. San Diego State. . . . .	12/3/16

### TOUCHDOWNS

4	Logan Bonner (USU) at San Diego State. . . .	12/4/21
3	Nick Starkel vs. Boise State. . . . .	12/19/20
3	Josh Allen (WYO) vs. SDSU . . . . .	12/3/16
3	Derek Carr (FS) vs. Utah State . . . . .	12/7/13
2	Taylen Green (BSU) at UNLV . . . . .	12/2/23
2	Jaylen Henderson (BSU) vs. Hawai'i . . . . .	12/7/19

## LONGEST PASS PLAY

68	Derek Carr (FS) vs. Utah State . . . . .	12/7/13
59	Brett Rypien (BSU) vs. Fresno State. . . . .	12/2/17
58	Logan Bonner (USU) at San Diego State. . . .	12/4/21
57	Taylen Green (BSU) at UNLV . . . . .	12/2/23
55	Nick Starkel (SJSU) vs. Boise State . . . . .	12/19/20

## MOST PASSES HAD INTERCEPTED

3	Brian Burrell (FS) at Boise State . . . . .	12/6/14
2	Jayden Maiava (UNLV) vs. Boise State. . . .	12/2/23
2	Taylen Green (BSU) vs. Fresno State . . . . .	12/3/22
2	Josh Allen (WYO) vs. San Diego State . . . .	12/3/16
2	Derek Carr (FS) vs. Utah State . . . . .	12/7/13

## RECEIVING

### RECEPTIONS

17	Iasiah Burse (FS) vs. Utah State . . . . .	12/7/13
10	Josh Harper (FS) at Boise State . . . . .	12/6/14
9	Deven Thompkins (USU) at San Diego State .	12/4/21
9	Davante Adams (FS) vs. Utah State . . . . .	12/7/13
8	Brandon Bowling (USU) at San Diego State .	12/4/21
8	Jesse Matthews (SDSU) vs. Utah State. . . .	12/4/21
8	Cedrick Wilson (BSU) vs. Fresno State. . . .	12/2/17

### YARDS

168	Davante Adams (FS) vs. Utah State . . . . .	12/7/13
154	Brandon Bowling (USU) at San Diego State . .	12/4/21
148	Cedrick Wilson (BSU) vs. Fresno State. . . .	12/2/17
145	Ronald Butler (USU) at Fresno State . . . . .	12/7/13
137	Tre Walker (SJSU) vs. Boise State. . . . .	12/19/20

### TOUCHDOWNS

2	Brandon Bowling (USU) at San Diego State .	12/4/21
1	22 times	

### LONGEST RECEPTION

68	Davante Adams (FS) vs. Utah State . . . . .	12/7/13
59	Cedrick Wilson (BSU) vs. Fresno State. . . .	12/2/17
58	Brandon Bowling (USU) at San Diego State .	12/4/21
57	Austin Bolt (BSU) at UNLV . . . . .	12/2/23
55	Tre Walker (SJSU) vs. Boise State . . . . .	12/19/20



Fresno State QB Derek Carr, now with the New Orleans Saints, holds the MW championship game record for pass attempts (53), pass completions (36) and longest pass (68).

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## FIELD GOALS

### ATTEMPTS

4	. Matt Mercurio (SJSU) vs. Boise State . . . . .	12/19/20
3	. Jonah Dalmás (BSU) at UNLV . . . . .	12/2/23
3	. Jonah Dalmás (BSU) vs. Fresno State . . . . .	12/3/22
3	. Matt Araiza (SDSU) vs. Utah State . . . . .	12/4/21
3	. Connor Coles (USU) at San Diego State . . . . .	12/4/21
3	. Jonah Dalmás (BSU) vs. San José State . . . . .	12/19/20

### MADE

4	. Matt Mercurio (SJSU) vs. Boise State . . . . .	12/19/20
3	. Jonah Dalmás (BSU) at UNLV . . . . .	12/2/23
3	. Jonah Dalmás (BSU) vs. Fresno State . . . . .	12/3/22
2	. Jose Pizano (UNLV) vs. Boise State . . . . .	12/2/23
2	. Matt Araiza (SDSU) vs. Utah State . . . . .	12/4/21
2	. Jonah Dalmás (BSU) vs. San José State . . . . .	12/19/20
2	. Asa Fuller (FS) at Boise State . . . . .	12/1/18
2	. John Baron (SDSU) at Wyoming . . . . .	12/3/16
2	. Donny Hageman (SDSU) vs. Air Force . . . . .	12/5/15
2	. Nick Diaz (USU) at Fresno State . . . . .	12/7/13

### LONGEST FIELD GOAL

51	. Jose Pizano (UNLV) vs. Boise State . . . . .	12/2/23
51	. Jonah Dalmás (BSU) vs. San José State . . . . .	12/19/20
50	. Jonah Dalmás (BSU) at UNLV . . . . .	12/2/23
50	. Jonah Dalmás (BSU) vs. San José State . . . . .	12/19/20
47	. Jonah Dalmás (BSU) vs. Fresno State . . . . .	12/3/22
47	. Ryan Meskell (UH) at Boise State . . . . .	12/7/19

## PUNTING

### NUMBER

8	. Blake Cusick (FS) at Boise State . . . . .	12/1/18
8	. Quinn Skillin (BSU) vs. Fresno State . . . . .	12/1/18
8	. Blake Cusick (FS) at Boise State . . . . .	12/2/17
7	. Carson King (FS) at Boise State . . . . .	12/3/22
7	. Sean Wale (BSU) vs. Fresno State . . . . .	12/6/14

### YARDS

326	Blake Cusick (FS) at Boise State . . . . .	12/2/17
321	Blake Cusick (FS) at Boise State . . . . .	12/1/18
313	. Quinn Skillin (BSU) vs. Fresno State . . . . .	12/1/18
281	Sean Wale (BSU) vs. Fresno State . . . . .	12/6/14
278	Joel Velazquez (BSU) vs. San José State . . . . .	12/19/20

### AVERAGE (Min. 4 Punts)

46.3	Joel Velazquez (BSU) vs. San José State . . . . .	12/19/20
45.5	Tanner Blain (SDSU) at Wyoming . . . . .	12/3/16
44.8	Ethan Wood (WYO) vs. SDSU . . . . .	12/3/16
43.0	Garrett Swanson (FS) at Boise State . . . . .	12/6/14
41.8	Tanner Blain (SDSU) vs. Air Force . . . . .	12/5/15

### LONGEST PUNT

75	. Tanner Blain (SDSU) at Wyoming . . . . .	12/3/16
63	. Joel Velazquez (BSU) vs. San José State . . . . .	12/19/20
59	. Carson King (FS) at Boise State . . . . .	12/3/22
57	. Marshall Nichols (UNLV) vs. Boise State . . . . .	12/2/23
57	. Matt Araiza (SDSU) vs. Utah State . . . . .	12/4/21

## PUNT RETURNS

### YARDS

82	. Nikko Remigio (FS) at Boise State . . . . .	12/3/22
69	. Avery Williams (BSU) vs. San José State . . . . .	12/19/20
41	. Avery Williams (BSU) vs. Fresno State . . . . .	12/2/17
31	. Kenyon Reed (SJSU) vs. Boise State . . . . .	12/19/20
26	. Jordan Byrd (SDSU) vs. Utah State . . . . .	12/4/21

### LONGEST PUNT RETURN

70	. Nikko Remigio (FS) at Boise State . . . . .	12/3/22
69	. Avery Williams (BSU) vs. San José State . . . . .	12/19/20
36	. Avery Williams (BSU) vs. Fresno State . . . . .	12/2/17
23	. Kenyon Reed (SJSU) vs. Boise State . . . . .	12/19/20
21	. Jordan Nathan (USU) at San Diego State . . . . .	12/4/21

### PUNT RETURN TOUCHDOWNS

1	. Nikko Remigio (FS) at Boise State . . . . .	12/3/22
1	. Avery Williams (BSU) vs. San José State . . . . .	12/19/20

## KICK RETURNS

### YARDS

181	Jacob De Jesus (UNLV) vs. Boise State . . . . .	12/2/23
113	Rashaad Penny (SDSU) at Wyoming . . . . .	12/3/16
87	. Rashaad Penny (SDSU) vs. Air Force . . . . .	12/5/15
87	. Tay Glover-Wright (USU) at Fresno State . . . . .	12/7/13
59	. Jordan Byrd (SDSU) vs. Utah State . . . . .	12/4/21

### LONGEST KICK RETURN

75	. Rashaad Penny (SDSU) at Wyoming . . . . .	12/3/16
50	. Jacob De Jesus (UNLV) vs. Boise State . . . . .	12/2/23
47	. Nikko Remigio (FS) at Boise State . . . . .	12/3/22
35	. Timothy McVey (AF) at SDSU . . . . .	12/5/15
34	. Avery Williams (BSU) vs. Fresno State . . . . .	12/1/18

### KICK RETURN TOUCHDOWNS

None

## DEFENSE

### TACKLES

16	. Leighton Vander Esch (BSU) vs. Fresno State . . . . .	12/2/17
16	. Ben Weaver (BSU) vs. Fresno State . . . . .	12/6/14
13	. Marcus Epps (WYO) vs. SDSU . . . . .	12/3/16
13	. Tanner Vallejo (BSU) vs. Fresno State . . . . .	12/6/14
12	. Johnathan Baldwin (UNLV) vs. Boise State . . . . .	12/2/23
12	. Ezekiel Noa (BSU) vs. San José State . . . . .	12/19/20
12	. Jeff Allison (FS) at Boise State . . . . .	12/1/18

### SACKS

2.0	. Cade Hall (SJSU) vs. Boise State . . . . .	12/19/20
2.0	. Sonatane Lui (BSU) vs. Hawai'i . . . . .	12/7/19
2.0	. George Helmuth (FS) at Boise State . . . . .	12/2/17
2.0	. Youhanna Ghaifan (WYO) vs. SDSU . . . . .	12/3/16
2.0	. Kyle Kelley (SDSU) vs. Wyoming . . . . .	12/3/16
2.0	. Kyrie Wilson (FS) vs. Utah State . . . . .	12/7/13
2.0	. Donavon Lewis (FS) vs. Utah State . . . . .	12/7/13

### TACKLES FOR LOSS

3.0	. Cade Hall (SJSU) vs. Boise State . . . . .	12/19/20
3.0	. Youhanna Ghaifan (WYO) vs. SDSU . . . . .	12/3/16
3.0	. Tanner Vallejo (BSU) vs. Fresno State . . . . .	12/6/14
2.5	. Jordan Happle (BSU) vs. Fresno State . . . . .	12/1/18
2.0	. 16 times, last by: Shelton Newton (BSU) at UNLV . . . . .	12/2/23
	. Jackson Woodard (UNLV) vs. Boise State . . . . .	12/2/23
	. Keith Conley Jr. (UNLV) vs. Boise State . . . . .	12/23

### PASS BREAKUPS

3	. Ty Benefield (BSU) at UNLV . . . . .	12/2/23
3	. Donte Deayon (BSU) vs. Fresno State . . . . .	12/6/14
2	. 11 times, last by: Andrew Simpson (BSU) at UNLV . . . . .	12/2/23

## INTERCEPTIONS

### NUMBER

2	. Cameron Lockridge (FS) at Boise State . . . . .	12/3/22
2	. Damontae Kazee (SDSU) at Wyoming . . . . .	12/3/16
2	. Brian Suite (USU) at Fresno State . . . . .	12/7/13
1	. 13 times, last by: Andrew Simpson (BSU) at UNLV . . . . .	12/2/23
	. A' Marion McCoy (BSU) at UNLV . . . . .	12/2/23
	. Fred Thompkins (UNLV) vs. Boise State . . . . .	12/2/23

### INTERCEPTION YARDS

63	. Tanner Vallejo (BSU) vs. Fresno State . . . . .	12/6/14
47	. Fred Thompkins (UNLV) vs. Boise State . . . . .	12/2/23
47	. Cameron Lockridge (FS) at Boise State . . . . .	12/3/22
44	. Damontae Kazee (SDSU) at Wyoming . . . . .	12/3/16
25	. Patrick McMorris (SDSU) vs. Utah State . . . . .	12/4/21

### LONGEST INTERCEPTION RETURN

63	. Tanner Vallejo (BSU) vs. Fresno State . . . . .	12/6/14
47	. Fred Thompkins (UNLV) vs. Boise State . . . . .	12/2/23
25	. Cameron Lockridge (FS) at Boise State . . . . .	12/3/22
25	. Patrick McMorris (SDSU) vs. Utah State . . . . .	12/4/21
25	. Damontae Kazee (SDSU) at Wyoming . . . . .	12/3/16

## FUMBLES

### FORCED FUMBLES

1	. 17 times, last by: Ahmed Hassanein (BSU) at UNLV . . . . .	12/2/23
	. Jaxen Turner (UNLV) vs. Boise State . . . . .	12/2/23

### FUMBLES RECOVERED

1	. 14 times, last by: Alexander Teubner (BSU) at UNLV . . . . .	12/2/23
	. Taylen Green (BSU) at UNLV . . . . .	12/2/23
	. Jerrae Williams (UNLV) vs. Boise State . . . . .	12/2/23



Boise State LB Leighton Vander Esch, now with the Dallas Cowboys, holds the MW championship record for tackles (16).

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## TOTAL OFFENSE

### PLAYS

87	Fresno State vs. Boise State . . . . .	12/6/14
87	Fresno State vs. Utah State . . . . .	12/7/13
86	Boise State vs. Fresno State . . . . .	12/1/18
77	San José State vs. Boise State . . . . .	12/19/20
75	Utah State at Fresno State . . . . .	12/7/13

### YARDS

527	Boise State at UNLV . . . . .	12/2/23
498	San José State vs. Boise State . . . . .	12/19/20
460	Fresno State vs. Utah State . . . . .	12/7/13
436	San Diego State vs. Air Force . . . . .	12/5/15
402	Fresno State at Boise State . . . . .	12/6/14

### FIRST DOWNS

26	San José State vs. Boise State . . . . .	12/19/20
24	Fresno State vs. Utah State . . . . .	12/7/13
23	Boise State at UNLV . . . . .	12/2/23
23	Utah State at San Diego State . . . . .	12/4/21
22	Boise State vs. Fresno State . . . . .	12/1/18

### FIRST DOWNS RUSHING

14	Boise State vs. Fresno State . . . . .	12/1/18
12	Boise State at UNLV . . . . .	12/2/23
11	San Diego State at Wyoming . . . . .	12/3/16
11	Air Force at San Diego State . . . . .	12/5/15
11	San Diego State vs. Air Force . . . . .	12/5/15

### FIRST DOWNS PASSING

18	San José State vs. Boise State . . . . .	12/19/20
17	Fresno State at Boise State . . . . .	12/6/14
15	Fresno State vs. Utah State . . . . .	12/7/13
13	Utah State at San Diego State . . . . .	12/4/21
12	UNLV vs. Boise State . . . . .	12/2/23

## RUSHING

### ATTEMPTS

55	Boise State vs. Fresno State . . . . .	12/1/18
53	San Diego State at Wyoming . . . . .	12/3/16
51	Boise State at UNLV . . . . .	12/2/23
46	San Diego State vs. Air Force . . . . .	12/5/15
46	Air Force at San Diego State . . . . .	12/5/15

### YARDS

305	Air Force at San Diego State . . . . .	12/5/15
301	Boise State at UNLV . . . . .	12/2/23
242	San Diego State at Wyoming . . . . .	12/3/16
233	San Diego State vs. Air Force . . . . .	12/5/15
225	Boise State vs. Fresno State . . . . .	12/1/18

### TOUCHDOWNS

3	Boise State at UNLV . . . . .	12/2/23
3	San Diego State at Wyoming . . . . .	12/3/16
3	Air Force at San Diego State . . . . .	12/5/15
3	Boise State vs. Fresno State . . . . .	12/6/14
2	Six times, last by: Fresno State at Boise State . . . . .	12/3/22

## PASSING/RECEIVING

### ATTEMPTS

53	Fresno State vs. Utah State . . . . .	12/7/13
52	San José State vs. Boise State . . . . .	12/19/20
46	Fresno State at Boise State . . . . .	12/6/14
43	Utah State at San Diego State . . . . .	12/4/21
41	Boise State vs. San José State . . . . .	12/19/20

### COMPLETIONS/RECEPTIONS

36	Fresno State vs. Utah State . . . . .	12/7/13
32	San José State vs. Boise State . . . . .	12/19/20
31	Wyoming vs. San Diego State . . . . .	12/3/16
30	Fresno State at Boise State . . . . .	12/6/14
29	Utah State at San Diego State . . . . .	12/4/21

### COMPLETION PERCENTAGE (Min. 20 Att.)

67.9	Fresno State vs. Utah State . . . . .	12/7/13
67.7	Boise State vs. Hawai'i . . . . .	12/7/19
67.4	Utah State at San Diego State . . . . .	12/4/21
65.2	Fresno State at Boise State . . . . .	12/6/14
63.0	Fresno State at Boise State . . . . .	12/3/22

### PASSING YARDS

453	San José State vs. Boise State . . . . .	12/19/20
404	Fresno State vs. Utah State . . . . .	12/7/13
332	Fresno State at Boise State . . . . .	12/6/14
318	Utah State at San Diego State . . . . .	12/4/21
255	Boise State vs. Fresno State . . . . .	12/2/17

### PASSING TOUCHDOWNS

4	Utah State at San Diego State . . . . .	12/4/21
3	San José State vs. Boise State . . . . .	12/19/20
3	Wyoming vs. San Diego State . . . . .	12/3/16
3	Fresno State vs. Utah State . . . . .	12/7/13
2	Boise State at UNLV . . . . .	12/2/23
2	Boise State vs. Hawai'i . . . . .	12/7/19

### HAD INTERCEPTED

3	Fresno State at Boise State . . . . .	12/6/14
2	UNLV vs. Boise State . . . . .	12/2/23
2	Boise State vs. Fresno State . . . . .	12/3/22
2	Wyoming vs. San Diego State . . . . .	12/3/16
2	Fresno State vs. Utah State . . . . .	12/7/13
2	Utah State at Fresno State . . . . .	12/7/13

## SPECIAL TEAMS

### FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS

4	San José State vs. Boise State . . . . .	12/19/20
3	Boise State at UNLV . . . . .	12/2/23
3	Boise State vs. Fresno State . . . . .	12/3/22
3	San Diego State vs. Utah State . . . . .	12/4/21
3	Utah State at San Diego State . . . . .	12/4/21
3	Boise State vs. San José State . . . . .	12/19/20

### FIELD GOALS MADE

4	San José State vs. Boise State . . . . .	12/19/20
3	Boise State at UNLV . . . . .	12/2/23
3	Boise State vs. Fresno State . . . . .	12/3/22
2	UNLV vs. Boise State . . . . .	12/2/23
2	San Diego State vs. Utah State . . . . .	12/4/21
2	Boise State vs. San José State . . . . .	12/19/20
2	Fresno State at Boise State . . . . .	12/1/18
2	San Diego State at Wyoming . . . . .	12/3/16
2	San Diego State vs. Air Force . . . . .	12/5/15

## PUNTS

8	Boise State vs. Fresno State . . . . .	12/1/18
8	Fresno State at Boise State . . . . .	12/1/18
7	Fresno State at Boise State . . . . .	12/3/22
7	Boise State vs. Fresno State . . . . .	12/6/14
6	Boise State vs. Fresno State . . . . .	12/3/22
6	Boise State vs. San José State . . . . .	12/19/20
6	San Diego State at Wyoming . . . . .	12/3/16
6	Air Force at San Diego State . . . . .	12/5/15
6	Utah State at Fresno State . . . . .	12/7/13

### PUNT RETURNS

4	Fresno State vs. Utah State . . . . .	12/7/13
3	Fresno State at Boise State . . . . .	12/3/22
3	San Diego State vs. Utah State . . . . .	12/4/21
3	San José State vs. Boise State . . . . .	12/19/20
3	San Diego State at Wyoming . . . . .	12/3/16
3	Boise State vs. Fresno State . . . . .	12/1/18

### PUNT RETURN YARDS

82	Fresno State at Boise State . . . . .	12/3/22
69	Boise State vs. San José State . . . . .	12/19/20
41	Boise State vs. Fresno State . . . . .	12/2/17
37	Utah State at San Diego State . . . . .	12/4/21
31	San José State vs. Boise State . . . . .	12/19/20

### PUNT RETURN TOUCHDOWNS

1	Fresno State at Boise State . . . . .	12/3/22
1	Boise State vs. San José State . . . . .	12/19/20

### KICK RETURNS

8	San Diego State vs. Utah State . . . . .	12/4/21
7	UNLV vs. Boise State . . . . .	12/2/23
6	Boise State vs. San José State . . . . .	12/19/20
5	San Diego State vs. Air Force . . . . .	12/5/15
4	Boise State vs. Fresno State . . . . .	12/2/17
4	Air Force at San Diego State . . . . .	12/5/15
4	Fresno State vs. Utah State . . . . .	12/7/13
4	Utah State at Fresno State . . . . .	12/7/13

### KICK RETURN YARDS

181	UNLV vs. Boise State . . . . .	12/2/23
122	Boise State vs. San José State . . . . .	12/19/20
113	San Diego State at Wyoming . . . . .	12/3/16
107	San Diego State vs. Air Force . . . . .	12/5/15
101	San Diego State vs. Utah State . . . . .	12/4/21

### KICK RETURN TOUCHDOWNS

None

## DEFENSE

### SACKS

8	Fresno State vs. Utah State . . . . .	12/7/13
5	Utah State at San Diego State . . . . .	12/4/21
4	Fresno State at Boise State . . . . .	12/2/17
4	Boise State vs. Fresno State . . . . .	12/6/14
4	San Diego State at Wyoming . . . . .	12/3/16

### TACKLES FOR LOSS

10.0	Boise State vs. San José State . . . . .	12/19/20
10.0	Utah State at Fresno State . . . . .	12/7/13
9.0	Fresno State vs. Utah state . . . . .	12/7/13
8.0	Utah State at San Diego State . . . . .	12/4/21
8.0	Boise State vs. Fresno State . . . . .	12/1/18

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8.0 Boise State vs. Fresno State . . . . . 12/6/14

## SAFETIES

1 Utah State at San Diego State . . . . . 12/4/21

## INTERCEPTIONS

3 Boise State vs. Fresno State . . . . . 12/6/14  
 2 Boise State at UNLV . . . . . 12/2/23  
 2 Fresno State at Boise State . . . . . 12/3/22  
 2 San Diego State at Wyoming . . . . . 12/3/16  
 2 Fresno State vs. Utah State . . . . . 12/7/13  
 2 Utah State at Fresno State . . . . . 12/7/13

## INTERCEPTION RETURN YARDS

83 Boise State vs. Fresno State . . . . . 12/6/14  
 47 UNLV vs. Boise State . . . . . 12/2/23  
 47 Fresno State at Boise State . . . . . 12/3/22  
 44 San Diego State at Wyoming . . . . . 12/3/16  
 25 San Diego State vs. Utah State . . . . . 12/4/21

## INTERCEPTION RETURN TOUCHDOWNS

1 UNLV vs. Boise State . . . . . 12/2/23  
 1 Boise State vs. Fresno State . . . . . 12/6/14

## FUMBLES FORCED

3 Wyoming vs. San Diego State . . . . . 12/3/16  
 3 Utah State at Fresno State . . . . . 12/7/13  
 2 Boise State vs. Fresno State . . . . . 12/1/18  
 2 Boise State vs. Fresno State . . . . . 12/2/17  
 2 San Diego State at Wyoming . . . . . 12/3/16

## FUMBLES RECOVERED

3 Utah State at Fresno State . . . . . 12/7/13  
 2 Boise State at UNLV . . . . . 12/2/23  
 2 Utah State at San Diego State . . . . . 12/4/21  
 2 Boise State vs. Fresno State . . . . . 12/1/18  
 2 Wyoming vs. San Diego State . . . . . 12/3/16  
 1 Boise State at UNLV . . . . . 12/2/23  
 1 UNLV vs. Boise State . . . . . 12/2/23  
 1 Boise State vs. Hawai'i . . . . . 12/7/19  
 1 San Diego State at Wyoming . . . . . 12/3/16  
 1 Air Force at San Diego State . . . . . 12/5/15

## BLOCKED KICKS (FG/PAT)

1 Fresno State (PAT) at Boise State . . . . . 12/1/18  
 1 Boise State (FG) vs. Fresno State . . . . . 12/6/14

## FEWEST TOTAL YARDS ALLOWED

233 San José State vs. Boise State . . . . . 12/19/20  
 245 Boise State vs. Fresno State . . . . . 12/3/22  
 288 Boise State vs. Fresno State . . . . . 12/1/18  
 298 Boise State at UNLV . . . . . 12/2/23  
 304 Fresno State at Boise State . . . . . 12/6/14  
 304 Fresno State vs. Utah State . . . . . 12/7/13

## FEWEST RUSHING YARDS ALLOWED

12 San José State vs. Boise State . . . . . 12/19/20  
 45 Boise State vs. San José State . . . . . 12/19/20  
 51 Fresno State vs. Utah State . . . . . 12/7/13  
 56 Utah State at Fresno State . . . . . 12/7/13  
 61 Boise State vs. Fresno State . . . . . 12/3/22

## FEWEST PASSING YARDS ALLOWED

35 San Diego State vs. Air Force . . . . . 12/5/15  
 85 Wyoming vs. San Diego State . . . . . 12/3/16  
 125 Fresno State at Boise State . . . . . 12/1/18  
 155 Fresno State at Boise State . . . . . 12/6/14  
 167 Utah State at San Diego State . . . . . 12/4/21

## SCORING

### MOST POINTS SCORED - ONE TEAM

46 Utah State at San Diego State . . . . . 12/4/21  
 44 Boise State at UNLV . . . . . 12/2/23  
 34 San José State vs. Boise State . . . . . 12/19/20  
 31 Boise State vs. Hawai'i . . . . . 12/7/19  
 28 Fresno State at Boise State . . . . . 12/3/22  
 28 Boise State vs. Fresno State . . . . . 12/6/14

### MOST POINTS SCORED - BOTH TEAMS

64 Boise State (44) at UNLV (20) . . . . . 12/2/23  
 59 Utah State (46) at San Diego State (13) . . . . . 12/4/21  
 54 Boise State (20) vs. San José State (34) . . . . . 12/19/20  
 51 San Diego State (27) at Wyoming (24) . . . . . 12/3/16  
 51 Air Force (24) at San Diego State (27) . . . . . 12/5/15

### FEWEST POINTS SCORED - BOTH TEAMS

31 Fresno State (14) at Boise State (17) . . . . . 12/2/17  
 35 Fresno State (19) at Boise State (16) . . . . . 12/1/18  
 41 Hawai'i (10) at Boise State (31) . . . . . 12/7/19  
 41 Utah State (17) at Fresno State (24) . . . . . 12/7/13  
 42 Fresno State (14) at Boise State (28) . . . . . 12/6/14

### FEWEST POINTS SCORED - WINNING TEAM

17 Boise State vs. Fresno State . . . . . 12/2/17  
 19 Fresno State at Boise State . . . . . 12/1/18  
 24 Fresno State vs. Utah State . . . . . 12/7/13  
 27 San Diego State at Wyoming . . . . . 12/3/16  
 27 San Diego State vs. Air Force . . . . . 12/5/15

### LARGEST MARGIN OF VICTORY

33 Utah State at San Diego State . . . . . 12/4/21  
 24 Boise State at UNLV . . . . . 12/2/23  
 21 Boise State vs. Hawai'i . . . . . 12/7/19  
 14 San José State vs. Boise State . . . . . 12/19/20  
 14 Boise State vs. Fresno State . . . . . 12/6/14

### MOST POINTS SCORED IN A QUARTER

17 Boise State (2nd) at UNLV . . . . . 12/2/23  
 17 Utah State (4th) at San Diego State . . . . . 12/4/21  
 15 Utah State (3rd) at San Diego State . . . . . 12/4/21  
 15 San José State (4th) vs. Boise State . . . . . 12/19/20  
 14 12 times, last by:  
 Boise State (1st) at UNLV . . . . . 12/2/23

### MOST POINTS SCORED IN A HALF

32 Utah State (2nd) at San Diego State . . . . . 12/4/21  
 31 Boise State (1st) at UNLV . . . . . 12/2/23  
 21 Boise State (1st) vs. Fresno State . . . . . 12/6/14  
 19 San José State (1st) vs. Boise State . . . . . 12/19/20  
 17 UNLV (1st) vs. Boise State . . . . . 12/2/23  
 17 Boise State (1st) vs. Hawai'i . . . . . 12/7/19  
 17 San Diego State (2nd) at Wyoming . . . . . 12/3/16  
 17 San Diego State (2nd) vs. Air Force . . . . . 12/5/15  
 17 Fresno State (1st) vs. Utah State . . . . . 12/7/13

## MOUNTAIN WEST CHAMPIONSHIP MVPS

### 2023

Offensive: Taylen Green, So., QB, Boise State  
 Defensive: Alexander Teubner, Sr., S, Boise State

### 2022

Offensive: Jake Haener, Sr., QB, Fresno State  
 Defensive: Cam Lockridge, Jr., DB, Fresno State

### 2021

Offensive: Logan Bonner, Sr., QB, Utah State  
 Defensive: Byron Vaughns, Jr., DE, Utah State

### 2020

Offensive: Nick Starkel, Sr., QB, San José State  
 Defensive: Cade Hall, Jr., DL, San José State

### 2019

Offensive: Jaylen Henderson, Sr., QB, Boise State  
 Defensive: Sonatane Lui, Sr., DL, Boise State

### 2018

Offensive: Alexander Mattison, Jr., RB, Boise State  
 Defensive: Mykal Walker, Jr., LB, Fresno State

### 2017

Offensive: Brett Rypien, Jr., QB, Boise State  
 Defensive: Leighton Vander Esch, Jr., LB, Boise State

### 2016

Offensive: Rashaad Penny, Jr., RB, San Diego State  
 Defensive: Damontae Kazee, Sr., CB, San Diego State

### 2015

Offensive: Christian Chapman, Fr., QB, San Diego State  
 Defensive: Na'im McGee, Jr., LB, San Diego State

### 2014

Offensive: Grant Hedrick, Sr., QB, Boise State  
 Defensive: Tanner Vallejo, So., LB, Boise State

### 2013

Offensive: Derek Carr, Sr., QB, Fresno State  
 Defensive: Derron Smith, Jr., FS, Fresno State

## YEAR-BY-YEAR ATTENDANCE

2023: 31,473 - Las Vegas, Nevada  
 2022: 24,037 - Boise, Idaho  
 2021: 13,445 - Carson, California  
 2020: 0 (due to COVID-19) - Las Vegas, Nevada  
 2019: 23,561 - Boise, Idaho  
 2018: 23,662 - Boise, Idaho  
 2017: 24,515 - Boise, Idaho  
 2016: 24,001 - Laramie, Wyoming  
 2015: 20,959 - San Diego, California  
 2014: 26,101 - Boise, Idaho  
 2013: 31,362 - Fresno, California

# 2023 MOUNTAIN WEST FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME REVIEW



**BOISE STATE  
BRONCOS**

SCORE BY QUARTERS	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH	FINAL
Boise State	14	17	10	3	44
UNLV	7	10	3	0	20



**UNLV  
REBELS**

Sat., Dec. 2, 2023 • 12 p.m. PT • FOX  
Allegiant Stadium • Las Vegas, Nev. • Attendance: 31,473

**LAS VEGAS (AP)** -- A locker room can go either way when a coaching change is made, and in Boise State's case, players lined up behind Spencer Danielson when he was handed the job on an interim basis with two games left in the regular season.

That buy-in has been on full display since.

Taylen Green threw for two touchdowns and ran for two more, and the Broncos improved to 3-0 under Danielson, beating UNLV 44-20 on Saturday to capture their fifth Mountain West championship.

The Broncos (8-5) are expected to head to the LA Bowl, which has the first choice from the Mountain West.

UNLV (9-4), which was appearing in its first Mountain West title game, will get an invitation from one of the other league-affiliated bowls. It will be the Rebels' first bowl trip in a decade.

As for Boise State, its players lobbied for Danielson to get the job on a full-time basis, and they made their best statement on the field.

Green was named offensive player of the game after completing 12 of 15 passes for 226 yards with the two TDs and an interception and rushing for 90 yards and two scores. Ashton Jeanty rushed for 153 yards and a TD.

Boise State outgained the Rebels 527-298, racking up 301 yards on the ground.

UNLV's Jayden Maiava, the conference Freshman of the Year, went 15 of 29 for 166 yards with two interceptions and a lost fumble.

Propelled by big plays, the Broncos took a 31-14 lead midway through the second quarter. Green passed for a 57-yard touchdown and ran for a 70-yard score in the second period, and 32- and 43-yard completions set up a pair of first-quarter TDs.

UNLV got as close as 31-20 early in the third quarter but never seriously threatened after that.

Boise State continued its run as the conference standard bearer, and the Broncos clinched their 26th consecutive winning season, the nation's longest active streak.

This postseason experience is new for UNLV, playing under Barry Odom, who was named conference coach of the year after leading the Rebels to their best season since 1984.

## RECORD CROWD

The announced crowd was 31,473, the largest for a Mountain West title game. The previous high was 31,316 in 2013 when Fresno State hosted Utah State in the conference's first championship game.

## FIRST QUARTER

11:08	BSU	Green 8 yd run (Dalmas kick)	7 plays, 75 yards, 3:52
6:45	UNLV	Davis 5 yd run (Pizano kick)	12 plays, 87 yards, 4:18
2:21	BSU	Jeanty 5 yd run (Dalmas kick)	8 plays, 75 yards, 4:24

## SECOND QUARTER

14:49	UNLV	Thompkins 47 interception (Pizano kick)	
13:32	BSU	Bolt 57 yd pass from Green (Dalmas kick)	3 plays, 75 yards, 1:17
12:10	BSU	Green 70 yd run (Dalmas kick)	1 play, 70 yards, 0:12
7:23	BSU	Dalmas 31 yd field goal	7 plays, 16 yards, 3:31
3:35	UNLV	Pizano 51 yd field goal	9 plays, 42 yards, 3:48

## IRD QUARTER

11:07	UNLV	Pizano 46 yd field goal	12 plays, 45 yards, 3:47
5:03	BSU	Dalmas 50 yd field goal	10 plays, 41 yards, 6:04
0:16	BSU	Lauter 16 yd pass from Green	6 plays, 59 yards, 3:01

## FOURTH QUARTER

3:43	BSU	Dalmas 22 yd field goal	7 plays, 79 yards, 4:12
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	BOISE STATE	UNLV
FIRST DOWNS	23	16
NET YARDS RUSHING	301	81
NET YARDS PASSING	226	217
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	527	298
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	1-5
Kickoff Returns-Yards	0-0	7-181
Interception Returns-Yards	2-21	1-47
Punts (Number-Avg)	2-37.0	3-53.3
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	3-24	7-61
Possession Time	37:10	22:50
Third-Down Conversions	7 of 14	6 of 15
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	1 of 3
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	5-5	1-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-8	1-3

**RUSHING:** Boise State-JEANTY 21-153; GREEN 8-90; HOLANI 20-80; TEAM 2-minus 18. UNLV-DAVIS 14-55; MAIAVA 5-17; DE JESUS 2-9; LESTER 1-6; THOMAS 1-2; REESE 1-0; BRUMFIELD 4-minus 8.

**PASSING:** Boise State-GREEN 12-15-1-226. UNLV-MAIAVA 15-29-2-166; BRUMFIELD 3-9-0-51.

**RECEIVING:** Boise State-BOWENS 4-91; BOLT 2-72; SMITH 1-32; LAUTER 2-16; JEANTY 2-15; HOLANI 1-3; DUBAR 1-minus 3. UNLV-WHITE III 6-86; DE JESUS 6-55; IRVING JR. 2-42; DAVIS 1-13; GRIFFIN 1-10; CONERLY 1-6; THOMPSON JR. 1-5.

**INTERCEPTIONS:** Boise State-SIMPSON 1-1; MCCOY 1-20. UNLV-THOMPKINS 1-47.

**FUMBLES:** Boise State-TEAM 1-0; JEANTY 1-1. UNLV-MAIAVA 1-1

**SACKS (UA-A):** Boise State-OLADIPO 1-0; HASSANEIN 0-1; GUMS 0-1. UNLV-WOODARD 1-0.

**TACKLES (UA-A):** Boise State-TEUBNER 4-6; ROBINSON 5-2; MCCOY 4-2; SCHRAMM 1-5; CLARK 3-2; OLADIPO 2-3; HASSANEIN 1-3; BENEFIELD 1-2; MARTIN 3-0; REED 2-0; NEWTON 2-0; GUMS 1-1; SIMPSON 1-0; KANIHO 1-0; WASHINGTON 1-0; HOGANS 0-1; DALMAS 1-0; NEAL 1-0; LAUTER 1-0; FELY 0-1; CALLAHAN 1-0. UNLV-BALDWIN 8-4; WOODARD 5-4; MOTEN 5-0; MCDUFFIE 2-3; DIXON 3-2; WILLIAMS 2-2; TURNER 2-2; SHELTON 3-1; OLIVER 2-1; THOMPSON 1-2; WHITMORE 1-2; MARTINSON 0-3; D JOHNSON 1-1; R JOHNSON 1-1; WEBB 1-1; CONLEY JR. 2-0; LESTER 1-0; CARTER 0-1.

# 2022 MOUNTAIN WEST FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME REVIEW



## FRESNO STATE BULLDOGS

West Division  
Champions

SCORE BY QUARTERS	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH	FINAL
Fresno State	0	14	0	14	28
Boise State	0	6	0	7	16



## BOISE STATE BRONCOS

Mountain Division  
Champions

Sat., Dec. 3, 2022 • 2 p.m. MT • FOX  
Albertsons Stadium • Boise, Idaho • Attendance: 24,037

**BOISE, Idaho (AP)** -- Jake Haener threw for 184 yards and a touchdown, Nikko Remigio returned a punt 70 yards for a score, and Fresno State defeated Boise State 28-16 to win the Mountain West Conference championship Saturday afternoon.

Fresno State (9-4) overcame a 1-4 start to the season and a rash of injuries to win its final eight games, claiming the program's third Mountain West crown.

Boise State (9-4), which won 40-20 in the regular-season match-up between the teams, fell to 3-3 in Mountain West title games.

Boise State controlled the game early but struggled to find the end zone, clinging to a 3-0 lead late in the first half. But that all changed when Fresno State scored two touchdowns in a span of 2:36 right before halftime.

Remigio's electric return snaking back and forth across the field sparked Fresno State before Cameron Lockridge intercepted the first of two passes, returning it 25 yards to the Broncos' 17-yard line. Three plays later, Jordan Mims scored on a 2-yard run to put the Bulldogs up 14-3. They never relinquished the lead.

After Boise State edged within 14-9 in the third quarter, Fresno State tacked on two more touchdowns in the fourth quarter to put the game out of reach.

Jordan Mims rushed for 83 yards and a pair of scores for Fresno State.

Boise State's Taylen Green was 17-of-38 passing for 175 yards with a touchdown and two interceptions.

### THE TAKEAWAY

**Boise State:** While Broncos quarterback Green made his initial splash on the team with his legs, it's his arm that turned the season around. However, Green was often off-target against Fresno State.

**Fresno State:** The Bulldogs' 10-3 campaign a year ago served as a springboard for sustained success in 2022. However, Fresno State coach Jeff Tedford, who has now won two Mountain West titles, will have his work cut out for him in 2023 as his talented team is losing eight seniors on offense and five more on defense. If he chooses to utilize the transfer portal, he could shore up the team's short-term needs and keep Fresno State in contention for another conference title.

### SECOND QUARTER

10:16	BSU Dalmas 26 yd field goal	15 plays, 71 yards, 5:55
03:54	FS Remigio 70 yd punt return (Montano kick)	1:04
01:18	FS Mims 2 yd run (Montano kick)	3 plays, 17 yards, 1:21
00:02	BSU Dalmas 47 yd field goal	8 plays, 45 yards, 1:16

### THIRD QUARTER

10:04	BSU Dalmas 44 yd field goal	8 plays, 24 yards, 3:12
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### FOURTH QUARTER

14:49	FS Pope 22 yd pass from Haener (Montano kick)	13 plays, 87 yards, 6:16
09:47	FS Mims 3 yd run (Montano kick)	6 plays, 34 yards, 3:36
05:17	BSU Koetter 52 yd pass from Green (Dalmas kick)	4 plays, 64 yards, 1:08

	FRESNO STATE	BOISE STATE
FIRST DOWNS	14	15
NET YARDS RUSHING	61	146
NET YARDS PASSING	184	175
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	245	321
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	3-82	1-11
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-57	1-32
Interception Returns-Yards	2-47	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	7-41.4	6-41.3
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	2-20	5-40
Possession Time	33:31	26:29
Third-Down Conversions	5 of 15	5 of 17
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	0 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-4	1-1
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	3-26

**RUSHING:** Fresno State-MIMS 25-83; SHERROD 2-6; GILLIAM 1-0; TEAM 2-minus 11; HAENER 5-minus 17. Boise State-HOLANI 13-74; JEANTY 7-32; GREEN 8-30; NOA 2-10.

**PASSING:** Fresno State-HAENER 17-27-0-184. Boise State-GREEN 17-38-2-175.

**RECEIVING:** Fresno State-REMIGIO 8-68; MORENO-CROPPER 8-60; POPE 5-51; MIMS 3-21; DALENA 2-0; PAUWELS 1-0. Boise State-KOETTER 6-93; SMITH 8-41; CAPLES 7-24; BOWENS 9-20; JEANTY 1-minus 3; MCALISTER 5-0.

**INTERCEPTIONS:** Fresno State-LOCKRIDGE 2-47. Boise State-None.

**FUMBLES:** Fresno State-None. Boise State-None.

**SACKS (UA-A):** Fresno State-None. Boise State-BIGGERS 1-0; GUMS 1-0; CRAVENS 1-0.

**TACKLES (UA-A):** Fresno State-BAILEY 6-2; LANGLEY 6-1; EARLY 6-1; WILLIAMS 3-4; C. JOHNSON 5-1; NORRIS JR. 3-2; I. JOHNSON 4-0; LOCKRIDGE 2-1; LIGHTFOOT 1-0; LYNCH 1-0; AGINA 1-0; BRIDGES 0-1; HUDSON JR. 0-1. Boise State-ROBINSON 6-1; SCHRAMM 3-3; SKINNER 2-4; MATLOCK 4-1; EZ. NOA 2-3; BIGGERS 4-0; OLADIPO 4-0; GUMS 2-1; CRAVENS 1-2; HOGANS 0-3; EL. NOA 1-0; DALMAS 1-0; CROWE 1-0; KANIHO 1-0; LEBEAUF 1-0; SMITH 1-0; SIMPSON 1-0; WASHINGTON 1-0; CLARK 0-1; HUNTER 0-1; OBICHERE 0-1; TEUBNER 0-1.

# 2021 MOUNTAIN WEST FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME REVIEW



**UTAH STATE  
AGGIES**

Mountain Division  
Champions

SCORE BY QUARTERS	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH	FINAL
Utah State	0	14	15	17	46
San Diego State	0	3	3	7	13



**SAN DIEGO STATE  
AZTECS**

West Division  
Champions

Sat., Dec. 4, 2021 • Noon PT • FOX  
Dignity Health Sports Park • Carson, California • Attendance: 13,445

**CARSON, Calif. (AP)** -- Brandon Bowling caught two touchdown passes from Logan Bonner during the decisive third quarter, and Utah State won its first Mountain West Conference title with a 46-13 rout of No. 19 San Diego State on Saturday.

Bonner passed for 318 yards and four TDs, while fellow Arkansas State transfer Bowling had eight catches for a career-high 154 yards. The Aggies (10-3) punctuated their inspiring turnaround under first-year coach Blake Anderson by blowing out the short-handed Aztecs (11-2) for their first win over an AP Top 25 opponent since 2015.

Utah State earned a berth in the inaugural LA Bowl on Dec. 18 at SoFi Stadium, the Los Angeles Rams' multibillion-dollar arena located about 12 miles northwest of the site of this victory at San Diego State's temporary home. The Aggies are likely to face Oregon State.

Jordan Brookshire passed for 117 yards before getting replaced by Jalen Mayden for San Diego State, which had its four-game winning streak snapped in the school's most lopsided loss since a 35-point defeat at Ohio State in September 2013.

Utah State's 46 points were the most allowed in Aztecs coach Brady Hoke's two stints and four seasons at SDSU.

The Aztecs played without starting tight end Daniel Bellinger, two additional tight ends, receiver Tyrell Shavers and at roughly a dozen other backups due to what the school termed "a medical concern." San Diego State has declined to explicitly confirm any COVID-19 issues this season, but the current problems prevented the Aztecs from holding a full practice all week.

Bonner and Bowling followed Anderson from Arkansas State to Utah State, which hadn't won a league title since its final year in the WAC in 2012. This surprisingly one-sided victory is the latest remarkable feat the Aggies' first season under a coach who moved across the country a year ago still mourning the death of his wife, Wendy, from breast cancer in 2019.

Bowling caught a 58-yard TD pass moments after halftime, and he added a toe-tapping 18-yard TD grab late in the period that essentially finished the mistake-prone Aztecs, whose sturdy defense faltered on the brink of their first conference title since 2016.

Derek Wright and Justin McGriff also caught TD passes from Bonner, who went 29 for 42. Utah State's high-powered offense decisively won its matchup with San Diego State's elite defense, which had allowed a conference-low 17.3 points per game this season before getting shredded by the Aggies.

Bellinger was the Aztecs' second-leading receiver this season with a modest 29 catches in an offense that didn't produce a 400-yard receiver. The backup absences also could have affected the Aztecs' special teams mistakes, which included a punt that went off the back of Matt Araiza's blockers and through the end zone for a safety in the third quarter.

Bowling put the Aggies up 21-3 less than two minutes after halftime when the Aztecs' defense lost track of him running alone down the middle of their secondary. San Diego State's Jordan Byrd muffed a punt later in the third quarter, and Bowling made his second TD grab shortly afterward.

## SECOND QUARTER

09:06	USU Wright 5 yd pass from Bonner (Coles kick)	10 plays, 53 yards, 4:29
04:57	USU Tyler 1 yd rush (Coles kick)	6 plays, 63 yards, 1:31
01:01	SD Araiza 23 yd field goal	10 plays, 77 yards, 3:52

## THIRD QUARTER

13:09	USU Bowling 58 yd pass from Bonner (Coles kick)	5 plays, 75 yards, 1:51
11:38	USU Safety	
06:58	SD Araiza 36 yd field goal	8 plays, 21 yards, 2:57
01:54	USU Bowling 18 yd pass from Bonner (Coles kick blocked)	6 plays, 35 yards, 3:25

## FOURTH QUARTER

13:40	USU Coles 20 yd field goal	7 plays, 17 yards, 2:59
10:21	USU McGriff 9 yd pass from Bonner (Coles kick)	5 plays, 40 yards, 2:01
06:22	SD Matthews 5 yd pass from Mayden (Araiza kick)	8 plays, 80 yards, 3:52
03:58	USU Nathan 0 yd rush	4 plays, 11 yards, 2:22

	UTAH STATE	SAN DIEGO STATE
FIRST DOWNS	23	17
NET YARDS RUSHING	65	148
NET YARDS PASSING	318	167
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	383	315
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	2-37	3-26
Kickoff Returns-Yards	1-21	8-101
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	1-25
Punts (Number-Avg)	4-39.0	5-34.8
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	3-2
Penalties-Yards	4-42	9-120
Possession Time	28:58	31:02
Third-Down Conversions	8 of 16	1 of 14
Fourth-Down Conversions	2 of 2	1 of 4
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	5-5	3-5
Sacks By: Number-Yards	5-27	2-14

**RUSHING:** Utah State-TYLER JR. 17-41; NOA 7-29; BONNER 3-minus 2; THOMPSON 1-minus 3. San Diego State-G. BELL 11-50; C. BELL 6-39; MAYDEN 4-36; ARMSTEAD 5-14; BROOKSHIRE 11-5; WILLIAMS 1-3; BYRD 1-1.

**PASSING:** Utah State-BONNER 29-42-1-318.  
San Diego State-BROOKSHIRE 11-23-0-117; MAYDEN 5-6-0-50.

**RECEIVING:** Utah State-THOMPSON 9-46; BOWLING 8-154; WRIGHT 6-57; McGRUFF 3-42; NOA 1-8; TYLER JR. 1-7; TERRELL 1-4. San Diego State-MATTHEWS 8-82; BUSBEE 3-34; KOTHE 2-32; DE LOS REYES 1-15; WILLIAMS 1-2; BYRD 1-2.

**INTERCEPTIONS:** Utah State-None. San Diego State-McMORRIS 1-25.

**FUMBLES:** Utah State-MOORE 1-0; SMITH 1-0. San Diego State-None.

**SACKS (UA-A):** Utah State-MOORE 1-1; VAUGHNS 1-1; RICE 1-0; VONGPHACHANH 1-0. San Diego State-BANKS 1-0; TAVAI 1-0.

**TACKLES (UA-A):** Utah State-RICE 6-4; REYNOLDS 6-4; BOND 6-2; CARTER 5-2; VAUGHNS 2-4; MOORE 1-4; BANNERMAN 3-1; MAILE 2-1; GILLIAM 2-1; SMITH 2-0; JOYNER JR. 1-1; JACKSON 1-1; VONGPHACHANH 1-1; LAMPKIN 0-2; MOTU'APUAKA 0-2; HENINGER 1-0; GRAYSON 1-0; TERRELL 1-0; PAEA 1-0; VAKAUTA 1-0; BUCHANAN 0-1; MEITZENHEIMER 0-1; ANYANWU 0-1; MAYBERRY 0-1. San Diego State-BASKERVILLE 7-1; SHAWCROFT 3-4; OLUBI 3-4; THOMPSON 1-5; TAVAI 3-1; McMORRIS 2-2; BANKS 2-2; McDONALD 3-0; HAWKINS 2-1; BRANCH 2-1; WHITE 1-2; FOUNTAIN 2-0; ALEKI 1-1; THOMAS 0-2; ARAIZA 1-0; LAKALAKA 0-1; OKPOKO 0-1; McELVANE 0-1; DE LOS REYES 0-1.



# 2020 MOUNTAIN WEST FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME REVIEW



**BOISE STATE  
BRONCOS**

SCORE BY QUARTERS	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH	FINAL
Boise State	3	3	7	7	20
San José State	7	12	0	15	34



**SAN JOSÉ STATE  
SPARTANS**

Sat., Dec. 19, 2020 • 1:30 p.m. PT • FOX  
Sam Boyd Stadium • Las Vegas, Nevada • Attendance: 0

**LAS VEGAS (AP)** -- The lyrics blared loud and clear from San José State's locker room Saturday night.

"You just call on me brother when you need a hand. We all need somebody to lean on."

After beating Boise State 34-20 for their first Mountain West Conference championship, the No. 24 Spartans celebrated by swaying back and forth with arms connected at the elbow and belting out Bill Withers' 1972 hit "Lean on Me."

"That celebration was everything," said Nick Starkel, who completed 32 of 52 passes for 453 yards and three touchdowns. "It's the culmination of this whole season. We sang in that locker room together cause that how this team plays. We lean on each other."

It falls in line for a program that hadn't enjoyed a winning season since 2012 and adopted the mantra "Climb the Mountain" prior to this season.

The Spartans (7-0), who had lost all 14 previous meetings with the Broncos (5-2), now prepare for their 11th bowl appearance since 1946, and for the first time as an undefeated team.

"It's just been a beautiful journey," San José State coach Brent Brennan said. "It's been magical."

Starkel was the magician in charge, picking apart Boise State's defense by finding 10 different receivers en route to breaking former Fresno State star Derek Carr's title-game record of 404 yards passing set in 2013 in a victory over Utah State.

Tre Walker and Derrick Deese Jr. each had seven receptions. Walker led all receivers with 137 yards.

"That gives me supreme confidence as a quarterback, knowing that whoever is in the game is gonna be able to go up and make a play," Starkel said.

It was the fourth 400-yard passing game of Starkel's career, and second this season, his first with the Spartans. He spent the first three years of his college career at Texas A&M and Arkansas before transferring to San José State in January.

Boise State's Hank Bachmeier completed 20 of 40 pass attempts for 221 yards but couldn't get balance from a rushing game that was held to a paltry 12 yards on 24 rushes by a suffocating San José State defensive front.

The Spartans set the tone by scoring on five of their seven first-half drives, while their defense held the Broncos to a pair of field goals in the first two quarters.

"We just got to be able to execute, and we didn't do that," Bachmeier said. "San José had a good game plan. They did a great job. We couldn't sustain drives. We have to be able to sustain drives and score. We just didn't play well; I didn't play well."

Boise State, which got inside San José State's red zone just one time, was held to 233 yards on offense, 36.7% less than the 368.3 it averaged during the regular season.

It was just the third time this season the Broncos were held to 20 points or less.

"I thought our defense was lights out," Brennan said. "I can't get over our defense."

Spartans kicker Matt Mecurio set a career high with four field goals - all in the second quarter. Mecurio tied an NCAA record and became the fifth player to kick four field goals in one quarter.

"This is why we play college football," Starkel said. "To be playing meaningful games at the ends of seasons. That means championships, that mean's bowl games and maybe one day a college football playoff."

## FIRST QUARTER

08:36 SJ Walker 55 yd pass from Starkel (Mercurio kick) 3 plays, 71 yards, 1:48  
03:31 BSU Dalmas 51 yd field goal 11 plays, 44 yards, 5:00

## SECOND QUARTER

14:46 SJ Mercurio 24 yd field goal 13 plays, 68 yards, 3:45  
06:40 SJ Mercurio 36 yd field goal 6 plays, 39 yards, 1:56  
02:31 SJ Mercurio 26 yd field goal 8 plays, 61 yards, 3:27  
00:50 SJ Mercurio 32 yd field goal 6 plays, 36 yards, 1:05  
00:00 BSU Dalmas 50 yd field goal 5 plays, 39 yards, 0:43

## THIRD QUARTER

02:48 BSU Williams 69 yd punt return (Dalmas kick)

## FOURTH QUARTER

14:17 SJ Hamilton 30 yd pass from Starkel (Olson pass from Starkel good) 9 plays, 75 yards, 3:31  
10:51 BSU Bachmeier 2 yd run (Dalmas kick) 7 plays, 63 yards, 3:18  
03:48 SJ Deese, Jr. 1 yd pass from Starkel (Mercurio kick) 7 plays, 42 yards, 4:30

	BOISE STATE	SAN JOSÉ STATE
FIRST DOWNS	13	26
NET YARDS RUSHING	12	45
NET YARDS PASSING	221	453
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	233	498
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-69	3-31
Kickoff Returns-Yards	6-122	0-0
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	6-46.3	4-39.8
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	7-69	7-47
Possession Time	24:22	34:32
Third-Down Conversions	3 of 15	5 of 16
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 3	1 of 3
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-1	5-7
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-15	3-14

**RUSHING:** Boise State-VAN BUREN 11-26; BACHMEIER 8-13; CROWE 2-5; THOMAS 1-minus 3; SHAKIR 1-minus 4. San José State-ROBINSON 12-39; NEVENS 8-24; Nash 1-minus 2; STARKEL 4-minus 16.

**PASSING:** Boise State-BACHMEIER 20-41-0-221. San José State-STARKEL 32-52-0-453.

**RECEIVING:** Boise State-SHAKIR 6-85; VAN BUREN 5-39; SMITH 4-58; THOMAS 3-25; BOWENS 2-14. San José State-WALKER 7-137; DEESE JR. 7-76; GAITHER 5-98; ROBINSON 5-35; HAMILTON 2-42; OLSON 2-34; HOLINESS 1-14; CRUMP 1-7; GARRETT 1-5; BRADDOCK 1-5.

**INTERCEPTIONS:** Boise State-None. San José State-None.

**FUMBLES:** Boise State-TEAM 1-0. San José State-NASH 1-0.

**SACKS (UA-A):** Boise State-BAGNAH 1-0; OBICHERE 1-0. San José State-HALL 2-0; WRIGHT 1-0.

**TACKLES (UA-A):** Boise State-NOA 3-9; SKINNER 6-5; WALKER 4-7; WHIMPEY 3-4; BAGNAH 1-4; OBICHERE 3-1; KANIHO 3-1; JONES 3-0; TYLER 2-1; WILLIAMS 2-1; CRAVENS 1-2; IGIEHON 0-3; REED 2-0; IRWIN 1-1; SCHRAMM 1-0; KAFENTZIS 1-0; DEROSE 0-1. San José State-MATAU 5-3; FEHOKO 3-3; SHELTON 4-1; JENKINS 3-2; HALL 4-0; PARKER 3-1; KAKIVA 1-3; HARMON 0-4; WRIGHT 2-1; WEBB 1-2; TOGIA 2-0; REED 1-1; MANIGO 0-2; GREY 0-2; JOHNSON 1-0; LEONARD 1-0; BURRILL 0-1; LENARD 0-1; CRUMP 0-1

# 2019 MOUNTAIN WEST FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME REVIEW



**HAWAI'I  
RAINBOW  
WARRIORS**

West Division  
Champions

SCORE BY QUARTERS	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH	FINAL
Hawai'i	3	0	0	7	10
Boise State	3	14	14	0	31



**BOISE STATE  
BRONCOS**

Mountain Division  
Champions

Sat., Dec. 7, 2019 • 2 p.m. MT • ESPN  
Albertsons Stadium • Boise, Idaho • Attendance: 23,561

**BOISE, Idaho (AP)** -- Jaylon Henderson threw for 212 yards and two touchdowns and ran for another score to lead No. 19 Boise State to a 31-10 victory over Hawaii in the Mountain West championship game Saturday.

Boise State (12-1, No. 19 CFP) won its second conference title in three years, beating Hawaii again this season after winning the Oct. 12th meeting, 59-37. After rolling up 518 yards of offense in the first game, the Broncos leaned on their defense in the rematch.

The Broncos made two defensive stands inside the 5, once in the second quarter and another early in the third.

Hawaii (9-5) was making its first appearance in the title game. It enjoyed some success through the air with Cole McDonald passing for 241 yards, but couldn't overcome early problems in the red zone.

Henderson, a senior who began the season as the third string quarterback on the depth chart, started the final four games of the season after both Hank Bachmeier and Chase Cord suffered injuries.

The offense didn't seem to miss a beat with him at the helm.

Tied at 3 late in the first half, Boise State scored two touchdowns in a 53-second span on a pair of 36-yard touchdown strikes. Henderson dropped the first one into Khalil Shakir on a streak down the near sideline with 1:07 remaining in the half.

Then after Boise State stuffed Hawaii to get the ball back with 38 seconds remaining, Henderson fired a bullet to John Hightower, who made a leaping catch as he was undercut but used his left hand to maintain his balance before racing into the end zone.

## THE TAKEAWAY

**Hawai'i:** The Rainbow Warriors were denied their first 10-win season since 2010 when they finished 10-4. However, Hawaii has continued to improve under fourth-year coach Nick Rolovich after suffering through five consecutive losing seasons before his arrival. With McDonald returning next season along with the team's top two rushers, Hawaii should be in the mix for the Mountain West title in 2020.

**Boise State:** The Broncos might be left to wonder what could've been if they don't get the nod from the playoff committee for the Group of Five's slot for the New Year's Six bowl game. The lone blemish on Boise State's record came against burgeoning rival BYU when sophomore Chase Cord made his first start in place of the injured Bachmeier and the Broncos fell short, 28-25.

## FIRST QUARTER

06:44 UH Meskell 47 yd field goal 11 plays, 35 yards, 6:52  
00:30 BSU Sachse 34 yd field goal 15 plays, 58 yards, 6:14

## SECOND QUARTER

01:07 BSU Shakir 36 yd pass from Henderson (Sachse kick) 8 plays, 80 yards, 2:37  
00:14 BSU Hightower 36 yd pass from Henderson (Sachse kick) 2 plays, 57 yards, 0:24

## THIRD QUARTER

01:19 BSU Shakir 4 yd run (Sachse kick) 11 plays, 79 yards, 5:54  
00:18 BSU Henderson 5 yd run (Sachse kick) 2 plays, 9 yards, 0:41

## FOURTH QUARTER

12:00 UH Reed 21 yd run (Meskell kick) 8 plays, 75 yards, 3:18

	HAWAI'I	BOISE STATE
FIRST DOWNS	16	20
NET YARDS RUSHING	79	144
NET YARDS PASSING	241	220
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	320	364
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	1-6
Punt Returns-Yards	2-10	2-9
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-45	0-0
Interception Returns-Yards	1-4	1-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	2-44.0	3-43.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	9-61	3-21
Possession Time	27:53	32:07
Third-Down Conversions	4 of 12	8 of 16
Fourth-Down Conversions	2 of 5	2 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	0-2	3-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-7	3-22

**RUSHING:** Hawai'i-REED 12-87; FURUTA 1-5; MCDONALD 12-minus 11.  
Boise State-HOLANI 16-67; HENDERSON 14-51; SHAKIR 2-10;  
MAHONE 3-7; VAN BUREN 1-6; BUTLER 1-3.

**PASSING:** Hawai'i-MCDONALD 20-36-1-241.  
Boise State-HENDERSON 20-29-1-212; HIGHTOWER 0-1-0-0; SHAKIR 1-1-0-8.

**RECEIVING:** Hawai'i-SHARSH 7-74; SMART 4-72; BYRD II 4-19; WARD 3-69;  
FURUTA 2-7. Boise State-SHAKIR 7-89; HIGHTOWER 3-64; BATES 2-27;  
HOLANI 2-13; COLLINGHAM 2-5; EVANS 1-8; PISTONE 1-7; MAHONE 1-4;  
BUTLER 1-3; THOMAS 1-0.

**INTERCEPTIONS:** Hawai'i-KANESHIRO 1-4. Boise State-NAWAHINE 1-0.

**FUMBLES:** Hawai'i-MCDONALD 1-1. Boise State-None.

**SACKS (UA-A):** Hawai'i-LAULU 1-0. Boise State-LUI 2-0; WASHINGTON 1-0.

**TACKLES (UA-A):** Hawai'i-OKEKE 3-6; MUASAU 4-4; BETHLEY 4-3;  
MATAUTIA 3-4; FARRIS 4-2; PRITCHARD 3-1; THOMAS 3-1; AKOTEU 1-3;  
LAULU 3-0; SEEI 2-1; MOANANU 1-2; KANESHIRO 0-2; SCOTT 0-2; FORD 1-0;  
FURUTA 1-0; DAVIS 1-0; MANUWAI 0-1; TA'ALA 0-1; KAMANA 0-1. Boise State-  
WHIMPEY 2-8; WICKERSHAM 3-4; JONES 5-0; LUI 4-1; WILLIAMS 2-3; HATADA  
3-0; WEAVER 1-2; MOA 1-2; NAWAHINE 1-2; KANIHO 2-0; WASHINGTON 1-1;  
IGIEHON 1-1; CANTRELL 1-0; SHAKIR 1-0; COLLINGHAM 1-0; WALKER 1-0;  
PROVENZANO 1-0.

# 2018 MOUNTAIN WEST FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME REVIEW



## FRESNO STATE BULLDOGS

West Division  
Champions

SCORE BY QUARTERS	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH	OT	FINAL
Fresno State	7	3	3	0	6	19
Boise State	7	0	0	6	3	16



## BOISE STATE BRONCOS

Mountain Division  
Champions

Sat., Dec. 1, 2018 • 5:45 p.m. MT • ESPN  
Albertsons Stadium • Boise, Idaho • Attendance: 23,662

**BOISE, Idaho (AP)** -- Ronnie Rivers scored on a 1-yard run in overtime to give No. 24 Fresno State a 19-16 victory over No. 19 Boise State on Saturday night in the snowy Mountain West championship game.

Fresno State (11-2, No. 25 CFP) won its first conference title since 2013, beating the Broncos (10-3, No. 22 CFP) on their blue turf for the first time in 10 tries.

Rivers scored after Boise State's Haden Hoggarth made a 23-yard field goal on the opening overtime possession. Hoggarth had an extra point attempt blocked by Matt Boetang with 8:01 left, leaving it tied.

"We were in a couple of tough games here and weren't able to finish them," said Fresno State coach Jeff Tedford, who won a title in his second season with the Bulldogs. "But blocking the extra point to keep this game going really says a lot about this team. And we finally got the job done tonight."

Boise State's seven-game winning streak ended, and both teams' dreams of crashing the New Year's Six bowl games died when UCF beat Memphis to complete a perfect season.

"We've played (Fresno State) four times now and they've done a good job of getting themselves ready to play every time," Boise State coach Bryan Harsin said. "Congratulations to Fresno. We just came up short. And the bottom line is that's what it comes down to - and we didn't do that tonight."

With the temperature in the 30s and a constant mix of snow and rain falling, both teams struggled to sustain anything offensively.

An opportunistic Fresno State struck first, turning Brett Rypien's fumble into a touchdown when Marcus McMaryion hit Michiah Quick on a 15-yard strike,

Rypien atoned for his mistake by driving Boise State and hitting Sean Modster on a 10-yard scoring play to tie it.

The Bulldogs cobbled together a 13-7 lead on Asa Fuller's field goals in the second and third quarters.

With 8:01 left, Boise State's Alexander Mattison ripped off a 34-yard run, muscling his way into the end zone with a defender draped on his back. However, Hoggarth's extra point was blocked by Boetang.

McMaryion was 20 of 32 for 170 yards and one touchdown, and Rivers led the Bulldogs on the ground with 63 yards. Mattison rushed for 200 yards and a touchdown on 34 carries for the Boise State. Rypien threw for 125 yards, completing 15 of 31 passes with one touchdown.

Boise State's last overtime game at home was a 69-67 victory over Nevada on Oct. 14, 2007.

### FIRST QUARTER

09:03	FS	Quick 15 yd pass from McMaryion (Fuller kick)	3 plays, 20 yards, 1:08
01:56	BSU	Modster 10 yd pass from Rypien (Hoggarth kick)	15 plays, 75 yards, 7:03

### SECOND QUARTER

03:20	FS	Fuller 44 yd field goal	10 plays, 51 yards, 3:32
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### THIRD QUARTER

11:07	FS	Fuller 38 yd field goal	9 plays, 43 yards, 3:46
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### FOURTH QUARTER

08:01	BSU	Mattison 34 yd run (Hoggarth kick blocked)	7 plays, 87 yards, 3:09
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### OVERTIME

BSU	Hoggarth 23 yd field goal
FS	Rivers 1 yd run

	FRESNO STATE	BOISE STATE
FIRST DOWNS	14	22
NET YARDS RUSHING	118	225
NET YARDS PASSING	170	125
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	288	350
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	3-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-58	3-78
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	8-40.1	8-39.1
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	1-1
Penalties-Yards	6-50	6-50
Possession Time	25:21	34:39
Third-Down Conversions	4 of 15	6 of 18
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	1 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-3	1-1
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-17	2-6

**RUSHING:** Fresno State-RIVERS 17-63; McMARYION 6-40; HOKIT 6-11; GRIM 1-3; QUICK 2-3; TEAM 1-minus 2. Boise State-MATTISON 40-200; THOMAS 2-18; RYPIEN 12-6; MAHONE 1-1.

**PASSING:** Fresno State-MCMARYION 20-32-0-170. Boise State-RYPIEN 15-31-0-125.

**RECEIVING:** Fresno State-JOHNSON 6-40; RICE 5-44; GRIM 4-19; QUICK 3-45; JORDAN 1-18; RIVERS 1-4. Boise State-RICHARDSON 5-21; MODSTER 4-45; THOMAS 2-16; BATES 1-29; HIGHTOWER 1-8; MAHONE 1-5; BLAKLEY 1-1.

**INTERCEPTIONS:** Fresno State-None. Boise State-None.

**FUMBLES:** Fresno State-QUICK 2-2. Boise State-RYPIEN 1-1.

**SACKS (UA-A):** Fresno State-BELL 0-1; WALKER 1-0; HAYNES 0-1. Boise State-HAPPLE 1-0; MAEVA 1-0.

**TACKLES (UA-A):** Fresno State-ALLISON 7-5; WALKER 4-7; BELL 9-1; IAKOPO, 4-5; HUGHES 5-1; HELMUTH 3-3; BAILEY 2-4; BRYANT 4-1; KELLY 3-1; ATKINS 2-2; JONES 1-1; WRIGHT 0-2; JOHNSON 0-2; WESTBERRY 1-0; MCCOY 1-0; MOSBY 1-0; HAYNES 0-1. Boise State-MAEVA 6-5; NOA 3-5; HAPPLE 4-3; HORTON 6-0; FRAZIER 2-4; LUI 2-3; WILLIAMS 2-3; WEAVER 2-2; NAWAHINE 2-2; KANIHO 1-2; HATADA 2-0; MILES 1-1; WHITLOCK 0-2; WALKER 1-0; WILLIAMS 0-1; IGIEHON 0-1.

# 2017 MOUNTAIN WEST FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME REVIEW



## FRESNO STATE BULLDOGS

West Division  
Champions

SCORE BY QUARTERS	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH	FINAL
Fresno State	0	14	0	0	14
Boise State	3	7	0	7	17



## BOISE STATE BRONCOS

Mountain Division  
Champions

Sat., Dec. 2, 2017 • 5:45 p.m. MT • ESPN  
Albertsons Stadium • Boise, Idaho • Attendance: 24,515

**BOISE, Idaho (AP)** -- Boise State quarterback Brett Rypien struggled so much early in the season, he lost playing time to Kansas graduate transfer Montell Cozart. However, the highly-touted signal caller and nephew of Super Bowl winning quarterback Mark Rypien remained focused on the one thing he wanted more than anything - a championship.

Saturday night, he got what he came for.

Rypien threw for 246 yards and engineered a 90-yard scoring drive late in the fourth quarter to help Boise State upend No. 25 Fresno State 17-14 to win the Mountain West Conference championship.

"When I came here initially, like everyone, I wanted to win a championship," said Rypien, who earned offensive MVP. "That's the ultimate goal. It's been a long time coming for me.

"The first two years I wasn't able to get it done and that really hurt. But this year was a lot different year. I didn't contribute to the team as much as I had in the past because (Montell and I) were splitting time. But we just won a championship now and I feel better about that."

Boise State (10-3), which lost 28-17 to the Bulldogs a week ago in Fresno in the regular-season finale, won its second conference title in four years.

Fresno State (9-4), which hasn't won in Boise since 1984, still completed one of the best turnarounds in college history under first-year coach Jeff Tedford after going 1-11 a year ago.

"To be in this position, even though we fell short tonight, this group has accomplished quite a bit," Tedford said. "We have a lot to be proud of. Nobody believed in us coming off last season.

"We'll go back to the drawing board, but we'll be back."

It was the fourth time in the past five years the title game was decided by seven points or fewer.

Boise State had only mustered 103 yards on its first four possessions of the second half until the Broncos broke out.

Rypien hit Cedrick Wilson on a 59-yard pass play to the Fresno State 36. After a pass interference call in the end zone put the ball at the 2, Ryan Wolpin, filling in for injured running back Alexander Mattison, powered his way into the end zone to give Boise State the decisive score.

"Brett showed his resiliency tonight," Boise State coach Bryan Harsin said. "That's the thing about Brett. He's not looking at his completion percentage. He's doing what real leaders do - they look at wins.

"He did that all year long, which kind of become the identity for this team. Somebody might have better numbers, but I don't know if anybody has better leadership qualities than he does."

Fresno State had two more possessions, but failed to get a first down. Marcus McMaryion's final pass was intercepted by Leighton Vander Esch.

After two tough losses in September, Boise State strung together seven victories, including a 25-point comeback win on the road against Colorado State in overtime that kept its conference title hopes alive.

### FIRST QUARTER

02:10 BSU Hoggarth 31 yd field goal 10 plays, 60 yards, 3:46

### SECOND QUARTER

08:01 FS McMaryion 1 yd run 10 plays, 66 yards, 3:43  
(Camacho kick)

04:08 BSU Mattison 3 yd run 3 plays, 4 yards, 1:19

01:53 FS McMaryion 8 yd run 5 plays, 77 yards, 2:15  
(Camacho kick)

### FOURTH QUARTER

04:42 BSU Wolpin 2 yd run 7 plays, 90 yards, 3:03  
(Hoggarth kick)

	FRESNO STATE	BOISE STATE
FIRST DOWNS	19	19
NET YARDS RUSHING	137	109
NET YARDS PASSING	172	255
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	309	364
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-0	2-41
Kickoff Returns-Yards	1-23	3-52
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	1-9
Punts (Number-Avg)	8-40.8	8-36.1
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	8-57	9-70
Possession Time	29:28	30:32
Third-Down Conversions	2 of 13	6 of 17
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-2	3-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards	4-13	2-12

**RUSHING:** Fresno State-HOKIT 9-46; McMARYION 7-33; SCOTT 4-25; RIVERS 4-17; MIMS 6-14; O'NEAL 4-4; TEAM 1-minus 2. Boise State-WOLPIN 11-50; MATTISON 14-50; MAHONE 2-12; COZART 1-2; WILSON 2-1; TEAM 3-minus 3; RYPIEN 5-minus 3.

**PASSING:** Fresno State-McMARYION 16-34-1-17.2. Boise State-RYPIEN 16-30-0-246; COZART 1-2-0-9.

**RECEIVING:** Fresno State-JOHNSON 5-58; RICE 3-44; O'NEAL 2-23; JORDAN 2-18; SCOTT 2-3; MIMS 1-15; RIVERS 1-11. Boise State-WILSON 8-148; RICHARDSON 2-53; MATTISON 2-5; BATES 1-17; MODSTER 1-12; THOMAS 1-9; DHAENENS 1-6; COZART 1-5.

**INTERCEPTIONS:** Fresno State-None. Boise State-VANDER ESCH 1-9.

**FUMBLES:** Fresno State-JORDAN 1-0; McMARYION 1-0. Boise State-None.

**SACKS (UA-A):** Fresno State-HELMUTH 2-0; STANLEY 1-0; FORRESTER 1-0. Boise State-WILLIAMS. 1-0; WEAVER 1-0.

**TACKLES (UA-A):** Fresno State-ALLISON 5-5; BRYANT 7-2; BELL 3-5; HELMUTH 4-2; HUGHES 4-1; FORRESTER 4-1; BAILEY 3-2; ATKINS 1-4; KELLY 2-1; VAN HOOK 1-1; WESTBERRY 1-0; STANLEY 1-0; DEGRUY 0-1; MOSBY 0-1; SOECHTING 0-1; OKEKE 0-1. Boise State-VANDER ESCH 10-6; MAEVA 4-4; HORTON 4-2; NAWAHINE 1-5; WILLIAMS 3-2; PIERCE 3-1; FRAZIER 3-1; WEAVER 2-2; WILLIAMS 1-2; KANIHO 2-0; LUI 0-2; BARR 1-0; MOA 1-0; AUELUA 0-1.

# 2016 MOUNTAIN WEST FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME REVIEW



## SAN DIEGO STATE AZTECS

West Division  
Champions

SCORE BY QUARTERS	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH	FINAL
San Diego State	7	3	14	3	27
Wyoming	10	0	0	14	24



## WYOMING COWBOYS

Mountain Division  
Champions

Sat., Dec. 3, 2016 • 5:45 p.m. MT • ESPN  
War Memorial Stadium • Laramie, Wyoming • Attendance: 24,001

**LARAMIE, Wyo. (AP)** -- Rashaad Penny rushed for 117 yards and two touchdowns, and Donnel Pumphrey added 110 yards and one TD as San Diego State beat Wyoming 27-24 on Saturday for its second consecutive Mountain West Conference championship.

Penny also gained 113 yards on two kickoff returns and 13 receiving yards for a total of 243 all-purpose yards for the Aztecs (10-3).

Penny, who is Pumphrey's backup on offense, gained his rushing yards on just 16 carries, averaging 7.3 yards per carry.

"When you've got the best offensive line in the league, you can't thank them enough," Penny said. "I love these guys. It's just an awesome feeling to get this win."

San Diego State's defense forced three Wyoming turnovers and held the Cowboys (8-5) to 2-of-14 on third down and 0-3 on fourth down. The Aztecs also recorded six sacks.

"We had tons of third downs and longs," Wyoming coach Craig Bohl said. "And whenever you have a third down and long and you're chasing the sticks, that's always an advantage to the defensive coach."

Josh Allen led Wyoming with 248 yards passing and three touchdowns. But he also was picked off twice and lost a fumble.

### THE TAKEAWAY

San Diego State: The Aztecs avenged a 34-33 regular season loss to Wyoming three weeks ago. Their win Saturday also snapped a two-game losing streak. The conference title was San Diego State's third in the last five years. San Diego State won its 10th game of the season and now has back-to-back 10-win seasons for the first time while being a member of a conference in its Division I history since 1969.

"We have a great group of seniors," Aztecs coach Rocky Long said. "They came to our program when we weren't very good and I told them we were going to be pretty good and they believed and they've worked hard this whole time and they deserve everything they get."

### FIRST QUARTER

08:04	WYO	Rothe 46 yd field goal	5 plays, 18 yards, 1:23
04:49	WYO	Hollister 12 yd pass from Allen (Rothe kick)	3 plays, 17 yards, 1:26
01:46	SD	Pumphrey 9 yd run (Baron kick)	7 plays, 62 yards, 3:03

### SECOND QUARTER

09:39	SD	Baron 37 yd field goal	10 plays, 50 yards, 4:37
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### THIRD QUARTER

12:35	SD	Penny 6 yd run (Baron kick)	4 plays, 31 yards, 1:31
01:25	SD	Penny 6 yd run (Baron kick)	8 plays, 75 yards, 4:12

### FOURTH QUARTER

13:49	WYO	Gentry 33 yd pass from ALLEN (Rothe kick)	8 plays, 75 yards, 2:36
06:54	SD	Baron 20 yd field goal	7 plays, 19 yards, 3:59
06:12	WYO	Johnson 43 yd pass from ALLEN (Rothe kick)	2 plays, 75 yards, 0:42

	SAN DIEGO STATE	WYOMING
FIRST DOWNS	16	13
NET YARDS RUSHING	242	95
NET YARDS PASSING	85	248
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	327	343
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	3-5	2-10
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-113	1-16
Interception Returns-Yards	2-44	1-2
Punts (Number-Avg)	6-45.5	5-44.8
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	2-1
Penalties-Yards	7-62	6-45
Possession Time	33:55	26:05
Third-Down Conversions	5 of 15	2 of 14
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 2	0 of 3
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	5-8	1-1
Sacks By: Number-Yards	4-25	2-6

**RUSHING:** San Diego State-PENNY 16-117; PUMPHREY 25-110; CHAPMAN 9-17; WASHINGTON 2-0; Wyoming-HILL 16-93; WICK 2-4; ALLEN 13- minus 2.

**PASSING:** San Diego State-CHAPMAN 6-13-1-85. Wyoming-ALLEN 14-31-2-248.

**RECEIVING:** San Diego State-HOLDER 2-56; PENNY 2-13; TRUXTON 1-9; WELLS 1-7. Wyoming-GENTRY 3-81; JOHNSON 3-53; Maulhardt 2-52; HILL 2-17; MAYFIELD 1-15; HOLLISTER 1-12; ELLIS 1-10; VAN MAANEN 1-8.

**INTERCEPTIONS:** San Diego State-KAZEE 2-44. Wyoming-MALAUULU 1-2.

**FUMBLES:** San Diego State-CHAPMAN 1-0; WASHINGTON 1-1; KAZEE 1-1. Wyoming-HILL 1-0; ALLEN 1-1.

**SACKS (UA-A):** San Diego State-KELLEY 2-0; PHILLIPS 1-0; MUNSON 1-0. Wyoming-GHAIFAN 2-0.

**TACKLES (UA-A):** San Diego State-PHILLIPS 4-6; MUNSON 4-5; LAKALAKA 4-2; KAZEE 2-4; SMITH 3-2; KELLEY 2-3; HENDERSON 2-1; SMITH 1-2; BARRETT 1-2; WYATT-THAYER 2-0; BALDWIN 1-1; LOMAX 0-2; TURNER 0-2; PUMPHREY 1-0; WALCOTT 1-0; CLAY 0-1; HALL 0-1. Wyoming-EPPS 9-4; WILSON 6-3; WINGARD 4-5; GHAIFAN 5-3; WACHA 2-4; HULL 4-1; PROSSER 3-2; MALUIA 2-3; GAFFORD 2-1; MALAUULU 2-0; HALL 1-1; WINDSOR 1-1; LOLOHEA 1-0; MAYFIELD 1-0; WOOD 1-0; CAIN 1-0; ORTIZ 1-0; ALLEN 1-0.

# 2015 MOUNTAIN WEST FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME REVIEW



**AIR FORCE  
FALCONS**

Mountain Division  
Champions

SCORE BY QUARTERS	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH	FINAL
Air Force	7	3	7	7	24
San Diego State	0	10	7	10	27



**SAN DIEGO STATE  
AZTECS**

West Division  
Champions

Sat., Dec. 5, 2015 • 4:30 p.m. PT • ESPN2  
Qualcomm Stadium • San Diego, California • Attendance: 20,959

**SAN DIEGO (AP)** - Donny Hageman kicked a 46-yard field goal with 5:10 to go and San Diego State beat Air Force 27-24 to win the Mountain West Conference championship, the Aztecs' first outright title since 1986.

Redshirt freshman Christian Chapman threw for 203 yards and one touchdown in his first start for the Aztecs (10-3), who won their ninth straight game. This is their first outright title since winning the Western Athletic Conference crown in 1986. They shared the 2012 MW championship with Boise State and Fresno State.

SDSU took a 24-17 lead after touchdown runs of 1 yard by fullback Dakota Gordon and 28 yards by Rashaad Penny.

Air Force (8-5) tied it on Timothy McVey's third touchdown, a 2-yard run on fourth down with 11:49 to go.

Chapman threw a 48-yard pass to Micah Holder to the Air Force 25 but a 6-yard loss and a holding penalty moved the ball back, forcing the Aztecs to settle for Hageman's go-ahead kick.

Air Force had two more possessions. It punted with 3:35 left and the game ended on Karson Roberts' desperation pass.

Chapman did enough to help the ground-oriented Aztecs win, completing nine of 14 passes. He started in place of Maxwell Smith, who suffered a knee injury in the regular-season finale against Nevada.

Chapman threw a 24-yard touchdown pass to wide open D.J. Pumphrey, the league's Offensive Player of the Year, to tie the game at 7 on the first play of the second quarter.

The Aztecs made plenty of mistakes that cost them points.

Chapman threw a 28-yard touchdown pass to Mikah Holder on the Aztecs' second possession but it came back because of a chop block penalty and SDSU was forced to punt.

SDSU then forced the Falcons to punt, only to see Holder have the ball bounce off his chest. Air Force recovered at the 10 and McVey scored on an 8-yard run two plays later for a 7-0 lead.

Air Force went ahead 17-10 on a 3-yard run by McVey midway through the third quarter. It was set up on a crazy play, when Air Force's Jacobi Owens fumbled at the Falcons' 40 and the ball was knocked forward several yards. Two Aztecs had a chance to recover but Air Force's Garrett Griffin jumped on it at the SDSU 28. McVey scored six plays later.

SDSU then scored on consecutive drives. Fullback Dakota Gordon gained 23 yards on fourth-and-1 from the 29 and scored on a 1-yard run three plays later to tie it at 17.

Penny's 28-yard TD run came early in the fourth quarter and gave the Aztecs a 24-17 lead.

Owens ran 17 times for 156 yards. McVey had nine carries for 48 yards.

## FIRST QUARTER

04:01 AF McVey 8 yd run (Strebel kick) 2 plays, 10 yards, 0:38

## SECOND QUARTER

14:56 SD Pumphrey 24 yd pass from Chapman (Hageman kick) 8 plays, 73 yards, 4:05  
04:42 AF Strebel 21 yd field goal 7 plays, 81 yards, 3:12  
01:44 SD Hageman 22 yd field goal 7 plays, 58 yards, 2:58

## THIRD QUARTER

09:34 AF McVey 3 yd run (Strebel kick) 10 plays, 75 yards, 5:26  
02:58 SD Gordon 1 yd run (Hageman kick) 13 plays, 80 yards, 6:36

## FOURTH QUARTER

14:22 SD Penny 28 yd run (Hageman kick) 4 plays, 74 yards, 1:42  
11:49 AF McVey 2 yd run (Strebel kick) 5 plays, 56 yards, 2:33  
05:10 SD Hageman 46 yd field goal 6 plays, 46 yards, 2:58

	AIR FORCE	SAN DIEGO STATE
FIRST DOWNS	14	17
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	46-305	46-233
PASSING YDS (NET)	35	203
Passes Att-Comp-Int	5-11-0	9-14-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	57-340	60-436
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	2-1	2-4
Kickoff Returns-Yards	4-94	5-107
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	6-39.5	5-41.8
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	2-9	5-39
Possession Time	28:44	31:16
Third-Down Conversions	2 of 11	5 of 13
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 2	1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-4	2-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	0-0

**RUSHING:** Air Force-OWENS 17-156; ROBERTS 13-83; McVEY 9-48; WILLIAMS 5-17; BROWN 2-1. San Diego State-PUMPHREY 16-90; PRICE 18-51; GORDON 5-32; CHAPMAN 6-32; PENNY 1-28.

**PASSING:** Air Force-ROBERTS 5-11-0-35. San Diego State-CHAPMAN 9-14-0-203.

**RECEIVING:** Air Force-GRIFFIN 4-35; McVEY 1-0. San Diego State-HAZELY 5-78; PUMPHREY 2-64; HOLDER1-48; JUDGE 1-13.

**INTERCEPTIONS:** Air Force-None. San Diego State-None.

**FUMBLES:** Air Force-OWENS 1-0. San Diego State-HOLDER 1-1.

**SACKS (UA-A):** Air Force-None. San Diego State-None.

**TACKLES (UA-A):** Air Force-HICKS 5-5; STEELHAMMER 2-6; DUNN 4-3; ALEXANDER 4-3; COPPOLA 2-4; HEALY 1-5; ROSS 4-1; LADIPO 3-2; HANSEN 2-3; WASHINGTON 3-1; FLOR 2-0; DEEKS 1-1; McVEY 1-0; WALKER 1-0; WATSON 1-0; ONYECHI 1-0; OEHRLE 1-0. San Diego State-MCGEE 5-5; SMITH 6-2; MUNSON 5-3; BARRETT 2-6; KELLY 5-2; FELY 4-2; RICKS 0-4; WHITTAKER 3-0; KELLEY 2-1; KAZEE 2-1; ROMAIN 1-2; VAUGHN 2-0; SANCHEZ 0-2; OVERBAUGH 1-0; BABIASHO-1; BALDWIN 0-1.

# 2014 MOUNTAIN WEST FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME REVIEW



## FRESNO STATE BULLDOGS

West Division  
Champions

SCORE BY QUARTERS	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH	FINAL
Fresno State	0	0	7	7	14
Boise State	14	7	7	0	28



## BOISE STATE BRONCOS

Mountain Division  
Champions

Sat., Dec. 6, 2014 • 8 p.m. MT • CBS  
Albertsons Stadium • Boise, Idaho • Attendance: 26,101

**BOISE, Idaho (AP)** - Grant Hedrick ran for two touchdowns to lead No. 22 Boise State to a 28-14 victory over Fresno State to win the Mountain West Conference championship Saturday night.

Boise State (11-2), which claimed a share of the conference title in 2012, won its first outright league championship since joining the Mountain West four years ago. The Broncos preserved their chance to get the lone slot for a team outside the power five conferences in a major New Year's Day bowl game.

Hedrick was 9 of 16 passing for 155 yards, and had 81 yards rushing with the two scores to earn the game's offensive MVP honors.

Tanner Vallejo, who had 13 tackles and an interception return for a touchdown, won the defensive MVP award.

After winning the inaugural Mountain West championship game last year, the Bulldogs (6-7) lost to the Broncos for the second time this season.

Fresno State, led by quarterback Brian Burrell's 332 yards passing, outgained Boise State on offense, rolling up 402 yards to 303 for the Broncos.

The Bulldogs' defense bottled up Boise State star running back Jay Ajayi, limiting him to 70 yards and preventing him from breaking the school record for yards rushing in a season. Fresno State held Boise State to 83 yards of total offense in the second half.

Ajayi, projected to go between the second and third rounds of next year's NFL draft, also saw his school record-tying streak of consecutive 100-yard games snapped at seven.

On Boise State's opening possession, Hedrick needed only four plays to drive the Broncos 77 yards for a touchdown. Hedrick completed a 46-yard pass to Chaz Anderson before he scored on a 20-yard run two plays later.

With 1:56 left in the first quarter, Boise State extended its lead to 14-0 when Vallejo intercepted a pass from Burrell and returned it 63 yards for a touchdown.

Fresno State appeared primed to get on the scoreboard until Boise State defensive tackle Armand Nance wrecked their chances on back-to-back plays. On third down from the Boise State 11, Nance sacked Burrell. On the ensuing 35-yard field-goal try, Burrell knifed through the line and blocked Kody Kroening's kick.

Boise State then marched 72 yards in 11 plays, scoring when Ajayi bulldozed his way into the end zone on a 9-yard run. Dan Goodale's extra point gave the Broncos a 21-0 lead with 9:03 left in the first quarter.

The Broncos took the opening drive of the second half 86 yards on seven plays, scoring when Hedrick raced into the end zone on a 21-yard scamper.

Fresno State finally cracked Boise State's stingy defense late in the third quarter. It wasn't easy, though.

The Bulldogs needed 19 plays to march 96 yards before Josh Quezada scored on a 2-yard run with 3:18 left in the quarter. Kroening hit the extra point to cut Boise State's lead to 28-7.

Fresno State pulled to 28-14 with 5:41 left in the game when Burrell connected with Greg Watson on a 25-yard scoring strike.

The Bulldogs threatened to make it close late in the game after recovering an onside kick, but Beau Martin intercepted Burrell's pass at the line of scrimmage to seal the victory.

### FIRST QUARTER

12:31 BSU Hedrick 20 yd run (Goodale kick) 4 plays, 77 yards, 1:11  
01:56 BSU Vallejo 63 yd INT return (Goodale kick) 0 plays, 14 yards

### SECOND QUARTER

09:03 BSU Ajayi 9 yd run (Goodale kick) 11 plays, 72 yards, 5:15

### THIRD QUARTER

11:28 BSU Hedrick 21 yd run (Goodale kick) 7 plays, 86 yards, 3:32  
03:18 FS Quezada 2 yd run (Kroening kick) 19 plays, 96 yards, 8:10

### FOURTH QUARTER

05:31 FS Watson 25 yd pass from Burrell (Kroening kick) 7 plays, 49 yards, 1:42

	FRESNO STATE	BOISE STATE
FIRST DOWNS	21	11
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	41-70	33-149
PASSING YDS (NET)	332	155
Passes Att-Comp-Int	30-46-3	9-16-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	87-402	49-304
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	2-13	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-25	2-33
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	3-83
Punts (Number-Avg)	4-43.0	7-40.1
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	4-43	7-47
Possession Time	35:53	24:07
Third-Down Conversions	11 of 23	5 of 12
Fourth-Down Conversions	2 of 4	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-2	2-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-5	4-24

**RUSHING:** Fresno State-QUEZADA 15-38; WALLER 15-23; BURRELL 11-9. Boise State-HERDRICK 9-81; AJAYI 22-70; TEAM 2-(-2).

**PASSING:** Fresno State-BURRELL 30-45-3-332; WATSON 0-1-0-0. Boise State-HERDRICK 9-16-0-155.

**RECEIVING:** Fresno State-HARPER 10-131; WATSON 7-73; QUEZADA 6-39; PECK 4-57; JOHNSON 2-29; WALLER 1-3. Boise State-McNICHOLS 3-47; ROH 2-22; HUFF 2-20; ANDERSON 1-46; SPERBECK 1-20.

**INTERCEPTIONS:** Fresno State-None. Boise State-VALLEJO 1-63; DEAYON 1-0; MARTIN 1-20

**FUMBLES:** Fresno State-None. Boise State-AJAYI 1-0.

**SACKS:** Fresno State-DAVISON 1-0. Boise State-WEAVER 1-0; NANCE 1-1; McCASKILL 1-0; CORREA 0-1.

**TACKLES:** Fresno State-EDERAINE 6-2; SMITH 5-1; MICKELSEN 4-0; CAMILLI 3-1; WASHINGTON 3-0; WASHINGTON 2-1; LEWIS 1-2; HUNT 1-1; DAVISON 1-1; WILSON 1-1; POYADUE 0-2; JONES 0-2; ELLIS 1-0; ULUTU 1-0; HUGHES 1-0; DECOSTA 1-0. Boise State-WEAVER 14-2; VALLEJO 11-2; MARTARANO 4-2; BELL 5-0; THOMPSON 4-1; NANCE 3-2; DEAYON 3-1; McCASKILL 2-2; PAGE 2-1; MARTIN 1-2; SUMNER-GARDNER 1-1; CORREA 1-1; DOUGLAS 1-1; GRAY 1-1; ASH 1-1; BERTOLI 1-1; PEREZ 1-1; RENAUD 1-1; MOXEY 1-1; POPE 1-0; HOYTE 0-1; SANTINI 0-1.

# 2013 MOUNTAIN WEST FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME REVIEW



**UTAH STATE  
AGGIES**

Mountain Division  
Champions

SCORE BY QUARTERS	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH	FINAL
Utah State	0	7	0	10	17
Fresno State	3	14	7	0	24



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**FRESNO, Calif. (AP)** - Derek Carr threw for 403 yards and three touchdowns, and No. 24 Fresno State's defense helped the Bulldogs beat Utah State 24-17 in the inaugural Mountain West conference title game Saturday night.

One week after giving up 62 points in a loss that dashed any hopes of a BCS bid, Fresno State's defense responded with one of its best performances of the season. They didn't allow an offensive score until the fourth quarter, one week after giving up eight touchdowns to David Fales and the Spartans. Fresno State then came up with two late stops to seal the win: Ejiro Ederaine sacked Craig Harrison on fourth-and-7 from the Utah State 41 with 2:47 to play, and Dalen Jones intercepted a pass from Harrison at the Bulldogs 17 with 58 seconds left. The win improved Fresno State's record to 11-1.

This defensive performance came a week too late to get Fresno State into the Fiesta Bowl. Instead, the Bulldogs will likely be headed to the Las Vegas Bowl, where they could take on Southern California.

The Aggies appear headed to the Poinsettia Bowl.

Carr broke older brother David's single-season school record for touchdown passes (46) and yards passing (4,839) in his final game at Bulldog Stadium. With two more TD passes in the bowl game, Carr will be the fifth quarterback in FBS history to reach 50 in a season. He also needs 125 yards to reach 5,000 on the season.

The Aggies came into the game as the top defense in the conference and played that way, forcing a pair of fumbles in the first half and intercepting Carr twice in the third quarter. The defense even provided the first score for Utah State on Jake Doughty's 86-yard fumble return in the closing seconds of the half.

But an offense missing starting quarterback Chuckie Keaton, running back Joe Hill and tight end D.J. Tialavea to season-ending injuries couldn't take advantage.

The Aggies went three-and-out after Carr's first interception and then were stopped on fourth-and-1 following the second when Joey DeMartino was stuffed for no gain.

Carr then drove the Bulldogs down the field, converting a fourth-and-10 with a 20-yard pass to Isaiah Burse before finding Davante Adams for a 3-yard TD pass to make it 24-7. That was Adams' 23rd TD catch of the season.

After Garretson was knocked out on a helmet-to-helmet hit by Jones early in the fourth quarter, receiver Bruce Natson took a direct snap and ran 10 yards for a score.

Utah State recovered the ensuing onside kick, leading to a field goal by Nick Diaz that made it 24-17 with 9 minutes to play. But the Aggies couldn't get another score.

After a slow start on offense with just one field goal in the first quarter, Fresno State seemed to take control in the second. Carr threw TD passes to Marcel Jensen and Isaiah Burse, and the defense harassed Garretson with four sacks to build a 17-0 lead.

After Diaz missed a 42-yard field goal for Utah State in the final minute of the half, Carr drove the Bulldogs down to the 11 and in position for another score. But Marteze Waller couldn't handle a pitch from Carr and Doughty returned it for a score that cut Fresno State's lead to 17-7 at halftime.

**FIRST QUARTER**  
08:36 FS McGuires 30 yd field goal 12 plays, 51 yards, 3:07

**SECOND QUARTER**  
13:40 FS Jensen 3 yd pass from Carr (McGuires kick) 7 plays, 45 yards, 2:00  
07:17 FS Burse 9 yd pass from Carr (McGuires kick) 14 plays, 66 yards, 4:45  
00:03 USU Doughty 86 yd fumble recovery (Diaz kick)

**THIRD QUARTER**  
01:33 FS Adams 3 yd pass from Carr (McGuires kick) 13 plays, 59 yards, 3:59

**FOURTH QUARTER**  
11:55 USU Natson 10 yd run (Diaz kick) 13 plays, 78 yards, 4:38  
09:00 USU Diaz 20 yd field goal 7 plays, 35 yards, 2:45

	UTAH STATE	FRESNO STATE
FIRST DOWNS	17	24
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	40-51	34-56
PASSING YDS (NET)	253	404
Passes Att-Comp-Int	35-16-2	53-36-2
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	75-304	87-460
Fumble Returns-Yards	1-86	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	4-21
Kickoff Returns-Yards	4-87	4-30
Interception Returns-Yards	2-0	2-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	6-39.0	2-37.5
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	3-3
Penalties-Yards	8-85	7-59
Possession Time	30:36	29:24
Third-Down Conversions	4 of 16	6 of 15
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 4	3 of 6
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-2	4-5
Sacks By: Number-Yards	3-19	8-49

**RUSHING:** Utah State-DeMARTINO 18-54; MARSHALL 4-20; NATSON 2-11; HARRISON 4-minus 9; GARRETSON 12-minus 25.  
Fresno State-QUEZADA 21-54; WALLER 7-21; BURSE 1-4; TEAM 2-minus 4; CARR 3-minus 19.

**PASSING:** Utah State-GARRETSON 12-26-1-198; HARRISON 4-9-1-55.  
Fresno State-CARR 36-53-2-404.

**RECEIVING:** Utah State-VAN LEEUWEN 6-52; BUTLER 5-145; NATSON 4-50; SWINDALL 1-6. Fresno State-BURSE 17-132; ADAMS 9-168; PECK 5-57; JENSEN 3-41; QUEZADA 2-6.

**INTERCEPTIONS:** Utah State-SUITE 2-0. Fresno State-JONES 1-0; SMITH 1-0.

**FUMBLES:** Utah State-GARRETSON 1-0. Fresno State-ADAMS 1-1; WALLER 1-1; TEAM 1-1.

**SACKS:** Utah State-LARSEN 1-0; FACKRELL 1-0; PATAIALI'I 1-0.  
Fresno State-LEWIS 2-0; WILSON 2-0; MOTTA 1-0; SMITH 1-0; HUNT 1-0; JONES 1-0.

**TACKLES:** Utah State-DOUGHTY 6-4; SUITE 4-5; BYRD 8-0; GLOVER-WRIGHT 5-3; VIGIL 5-3; LARSEN 4-1; VIGIL 3-2; ALEXANDER 2-3; LAWSON 4-0; PIUKALA 3-0; PATAIALI'I 2-1; NIELSEN 1-2; FACKRELL 1-1; STEWART 1-1; WILLIAMS 1-1; SUTERA 1-0; VAN LEEUWEN 1-0; NEEDHAM 1-0; MORRIS 1-0; ALI'IFUA 0-1; CHRISTENSEN 0-1; SANDERS 0-1.  
Fresno State-WILSON 6-1; EDERAINE 4-2; DAVISON 3-3; SU'A 3-3; SMITH 3-3; WASHINGTON 5-0; LEWIS 3-1; HUNT 3-0; NORTON 3-0; JONES 3-0; MOTTA 2-1; JENNINGS 2-0; EDWARDS 1-1; THOMAS 1-0; HUGHES 0-1; MICKELSEN 0-1; POYADUE 0-1.