



MEN'S BASKETBALL

Mountain West Men's Basketball Championship – Championship Game Postgame Notes | March 15 #2 Colorado State 69, #5 Boise State 56

Championship Notes

- The No. 2 seed has won the MW championship title for the first time since 2020 and 12th time overall.

Colorado State Notes

- Colorado State wins its first Mountain West tournament title since 2003 and second overall. The Rams have earned the league's automatic bid to the NCAA tournament and will be making their 13th appearance and second in as many years.
- The Rams poured in 12 3-pointers, setting a MW finals record.
- CSU shot 55.6% from beyond the arc in the semifinal contest vs. Utah State and then 50% in the championship game. The Rams are just the second team in MW tournament history to shoot at least 50% in back-to-back games in a single MW championship, joining BYU (2001).
- 54.5% of Colorado State's made field goals were 3-pointers, the highest such percentage in a MW tournament championship game. Wyoming held the previous record at 53.3% in the 2015 championship game.
- The Rams became the first Mountain West team to win 10 consecutive games against MW opponents by at least eight points in a single season.
- **Nique Clifford**, the MW tournament MVP, tallied 24 points, six rebounds and three assists. He is the third player in MW tournament history to score at least 24 points in three different games in the same Conference tournament, joining BYU's Jimmer Fredette (2011) and Utah State's Sam Merrill (2020).
- **Ethan Morton** scored a career-high 11 points on 4-5 shooting from the field. He entered the day averaging 3.5 points per game.
- **Bowen Born** tied the MW tournament final record for made 3-pointers off the bench with three. Born finished with nine points on 3-4 shooting from deep.
- Colorado State improved to 22-24 in MW tournament games all-time.

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Boise State Notes

- Boise State is now 1-1 in the MW championship game.
- **Alvaro Cardenas** tallied eight assists, just two shy of the MW championship game record. He now has 37 straight games with at least three assists, the second-longest streak in MW history, trailing only Nevada's Grant Sherfield (44).
- **Tyson Degenhart** extended his program record for career points after scoring 22 on Saturday. Degenhart now has 1,971 career points. He has scored at least 13 points in seven straight MW tournament contests, setting a program record.
- The Broncos fall to 11-13 all-time in the MW tournament.