



MEN'S BASKETBALL

Mountain West Men's Basketball Championship – Semifinals

Postgame Notes | March 14

#5 Boise State 72, #1 New Mexico 69

Championship Notes

- The last time a MW tournament semifinal contest was decided by one possession was on March 14, 2014 when New Mexico defeated Boise State, 70-67.
- The No. 5 seed has now earned a spot in the MW championship contest for the second consecutive season. The No. 5 seed improves to 5-6 all-time in the semifinal round.

Boise State Notes

- Boise State is going to the MW championship game for just the second time overall and the first time since 2022. In 2022, the Broncos defeated San Diego State, 53-52.
- On Friday night, **Tyson Degenhart** became the Broncos all-time leading scorer with 1,949 career points. Degenhart led Boise State with 22 points on 8-of-14 shooting from the field.
- Degenhart registered his sixth straight MW tournament game with at least 13 points. That tied him with Derrick Marks (March 13, 2013 - March 13, 2015) for the longest such streak by a Boise State player in conference tournament games since the 1996-97 season.
- **Emmanuel Ugbo** came off the bench to score a career-high 17 points on 5-7 shooting, grabbed five rebounds and had three blocks. The three blocks are the most by a Boise State player off the bench in a MW tournament game all-time.
- Ugbo is the first MW player to come off the bench and have at least 17 points, five rebounds and three blocks in a MW Tournament game.
- **Alvaro Cardenas** dished out 12 assists, tying for the second-most in a MW tournament game all-time, trailing only UNLV's Mark Dickel, who had 18 against Wyoming on March 10, 2000.
- Boise State now has three wins by three or fewer points over the last four MW tournaments, the most by any team.
- Boise State improves to 11-12 all-time in the MW tournament.

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New Mexico Notes

- Friday's loss snapped New Mexico's five-game win streak in MW tournament semifinals, suffering its first defeat since 2011.
- The Lobos held a halftime lead (34-28) on Friday night, extending its MW tournament record of outscoring their opponent in 11 consecutive halves.
- **Donovan Dent**, the MW Player of the Year, finished with a game-high 23 points to go along with five assists. This was Dent's 33rd consecutive game with at least 10 points and two assists, the longest such streak in MW history and the longest active streak in Division I.
- New Mexico fell to 23-21 in MW tournament games all-time.