

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Mountain West Men's Basketball Championship – First Round Postgame Notes | March 12 #7 Nevada 86, #10 Fresno State 71

Championship Notes

• The No. 7 seed is now 10-1 in the opening round of the MW men's basketball championship.

Nevada Notes

- Nevada's 86 points are the second-most by the Wolf Pack in the MW championship alltime. They scored 89 points in a victory over Boise State on March 11, 2021.
- The 15-point victory was the largest by a Nevada team in MW tournament history.
- Guard **Kobe Sanders** is the first player in MW tournament history to record at least 10 assists and seven rebounds. Sanders finished the first-round contest with 17 points, 10 assists and seven rebounds.
- Wolf Pack head coach **Steve Alford** earned career win No. 700 on Wednesday afternoon.
- Nevada's **Xavier DuSell**, the Mountain West's career leader in 3-pointers (328), has made 22 3-pointers in the MW tournament, the fifth-most in tournament history.
- Wednesday marked Alford's 20th MW tournament game as head coach, becoming the fourth coach to reach the 20-game mark, joining San Diego State's **Steve Fisher** (41) and **Brian Dutcher** (21) and Boise State's **Leon Rice**.
- **Chuck Bailey III** made three 3-pointers in a game for the second time in his college career, also making three for Evansville at Bellarmine on Dec. 16, 2023.
- Nevada held a 12-point lead at halftime (44-32), tying for its second-largest halftime lead in the MW tournament.
- Nevada improved to 9-11 all-time in the MW championship.

Fresno State Notes

• Fresno State is now 9-12 all-time in the MW tournament.