

# **MEN'S BASKETBALL**

# Mountain West Men's Basketball Championship – First Round Postgame Notes | March 12 #6 UNLV 68, #11 Air Force 59

## **Championship Notes**

- The No. 6 seed is now 10-1 in the opening round of the MW men's basketball championship.
- Looking ahead, the No. 6 seed is 11-14 in the quarterfinals of the MW tournament.

### **UNLV Notes**

- UNLV is in the MW tournament quarterfinals for the 23<sup>rd</sup> time, but will be searching for its first semifinals appearance since 2014.
- The Runnin' Rebels are now 30-21 all-time in the MW tournament.
- Air Force limited UNLV to 21 points in the first half, the Rebels' fewest at halftime of a MW tournament game since scoring 18 against Utah in 2005.
- UNLV bounced back with 47 points in the second half, the most by the Rebels in any half of a MW tournament game since scoring 47 vs. Fresno State in the second half on March 10, 2016.
- Forward **Jalen Hill** is the fourth student-athlete all-time to tally at least 15 points, 10 rebounds & six assists in a MW tournament game. He finished the game with 18 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists.

#### **Air Force Notes**

- Air Force and UNLV have met on seven occasions and Wednesday evening was the first time the Falcons held a lead at halftime.
- Guard **Ethan Taylor** scored 23 points, while shooting 7-14 from beyond the 3-point line. The seven 3-pointers are tied for the second-most all-time in a MW tournament contest.
- It was also Taylor's 15th game this season with at least 10 points and five rebounds, the most by an Air Force player in a season since 2019-20 (Lavelle Scottie 20).
- The Falcons are now 6-26 all-time in the MW men's basketball championship.