



MEN'S BASKETBALL

Mountain West Men's Basketball Championship – Semifinals

Postgame Notes | March 14

#2 Colorado State 83, #3 Utah State 72

Championship Notes

- 2025 marks the 14th time the No. 2 seed has advanced to the MW championship game, with a 10-3 mark in the finals.
- Looking ahead to Saturday, Colorado State and Boise State have met twice in the MW tournament, splitting the two contests. The Rams defeated the Broncos in the 2016 quarterfinals (88-81), while the Broncos got revenge in the 2019 first round (66-57).

Colorado State Notes

- Colorado State will play in the MW championship game for the third time overall and first time since 2017. The first time the Rams played for the Conference crown was in 2003, a 62-61 victory over UNLV.
- Each of CSU's last nine wins have come by at least eight points, the longest such streak in program history. The nine-game win streak is the 10th longest active win streak nationally.
- The Rams poured in 49 points in the opening half, the most in the first half of a MW tournament all-time.
- CSU shot 59.5% from the field, the highest field-goal percentage in a MW tournament semifinal all-time.
- **Nique Clifford** finished the contest with 26 points, 11 rebounds and six assists, all game-highs. Clifford, who led the Rams in all three categories in CSU's quarterfinal victory on Thursday night, is the first player in MW tournament history to lead his team in those three categories in two different games in the same tournament.
- Clifford recorded his sixth game of the season with at least 20 points, nine rebounds and five assists, the most in a single season in MW history.
- With 11 rebounds tonight, Clifford now has 53 career rebounds in the MW tournament, passing Jason Smith (46; 2004-07) for most in CSU history in the tournament.
- Clifford now has scored 622 points this season, becoming the fourth Ram to ever eclipse the 600-point mark. Additionally, he is the second player in MW history to record at least 600 points, 300 rebounds and 100 assists in a single season.
- Colorado State improved to 21-24 in MW tournament games all-time.

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Utah State Notes

- Utah State falls to 18-10 all-time in the MW tournament, including a 4-2 mark in the semifinals.
- **Mason Falslev** had four steals for the eighth game this season, the most by a MW player this season.
- The Aggies pulled down more offensive rebounds (20) than defensive boards (19).