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CREDIT UNION 1 MW MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP – FIRST ROUND

#8 UNLV vs. #9 Wyoming Postgame Notes

Championship Notes

- UNLV advanced to the quarterfinal of the 2026 Credit Union 1 Mountain West Men's Basketball Championship with an opening round victory over Wyoming, 73-70. The Rebels will take on top-seeded Utah State at Noon. UNLV swept the season series, with both wins by double digits.
- UNLV is now 6-1 all-time in the first round of the Mountain West tournament, and 5-1 all-time against Wyoming in the tournament.
- The No. 8 seed is now 12-9 all-time against the No. 9 seed in the Mountain West tournament.
- The Rebels are seeking their first semifinal appearance since 2014.

UNLV Notes

- As a team, the Rebels racked up 12 blocks. The 12 blocks are the second-most in Mountain West tournament history. Wyoming set the record with 14 blocks vs. Utah in 2006 when Justin Williams registered 12 blocks by himself.
- Tyrin Jones led the way with six blocks, tied for the fourth-most in Mountain West tournament history. The six blocks are the second-most blocks by a player off the bench in tournament history.
- With two made 3-pointers, Dra Gibbs-Lawhorn is up to 93 this season. That's the most in a single season by a UNLV player since Anderson Hunt made 105 in 1990-91.
- UNLV's 13-point lead was the second largest halftime lead against a DI team this season, behind only a 15-point lead over Air Force on January 3.
- Jacob Bannarbie registered a career-high three blocks. Coming into today's game, Barnabie had six blocks this season and didn't have a single game with multiple blocks.
- UNLV has now won 55-straight games when leading by 10+ points at halftime. That's the longest active streak in the Mountain West.

Wyoming Notes

- Wyoming's Nasir Meyer scored 14 points, his 21st game this season with 10+ points. The last Wyoming freshman to have more double-digit scoring games was Afam Muojeke, who had 22 in the 2008-09 season.
- Additionally, Meyer pulled down a career-high four offensive rebounds.
- Damarion Dennis set a career high with 11 rebounds, nearly doubling his previous career best of six.
- As a team, Wyoming finished with 21 offensive rebounds, tied for the third most in a game in Mountain West tournament history.