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## **CREDIT UNION 1 MW MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP – CHAMPIONSHIP #1 Utah State vs. #2 San Diego State Postgame Notes**

### Championship Notes

- Utah State secured the Mountain West's automatic bid to the NCAA tournament with a 73-62 victory over No. 2 San Diego State in the 2026 Credit Union 1 Mountain West Men's Basketball Championship.
- This marks Utah State's third Mountain West tournament title in five championship appearances. All five championship games have been played against San Diego State.
- The Aggies completed one of the most dominant runs in Mountain West tournament history, becoming the first team in the conference's tournament history to win the quarterfinals, semifinals and finals by double digits in the same year.
- No. 1 seeds improve to 8-8 all-time in the Mountain West tournament championship game, while No. 2 seeds fall to 12-4.
- The Aggies are just the sixth school in Mountain West history to win the outright regular-season title and conference tournament in the same season, and the first since 2023.
- The 2026 Credit Union 1 Mountain West Men's Basketball Championship All-Tournament Team was: Reese Dixon-Waters (SDSU), Magoon Gwath (SDSU), Drake Allen (Utah State), Mason Falslev (Utah State) and the Tournament MVP, MJ Collins Jr. (Utah State).

### Utah State Notes

- Utah State is now 18-0 this season when holding opponents under 70 points.
- With the win, Utah State has won 28 games in a season for just the fifth time in school history, and first since the 2018-19 season.
- MJ Collins Jr. led the Aggies with 20 points on 8-of-15 shooting and 4-of-10 from 3-point range. The Aggies are now 15-0 when Collins Jr eclipses 20 points in a game, the most wins in DI this year without a loss.
- Drake Allen led Utah State in rebounding for the second-consecutive game with six rebounds. Prior to that, Allen had only led the team in rebounding once.
- This was Utah State's 17<sup>th</sup> game with at least nine steals this season. No other Mountain West team has more than 13 such games this season.
- Tonight was the 15<sup>th</sup> game this season that MJ Collins Jr. and Mason Falslev have each scored at least 15 points in the same game. No other Mountain West duo has more than eight such games this season.

### San Diego State Notes

- Reese Dixon-Waters led the Aztecs with 20 points on 8-of-12 shooting. This marked his sixth 20-point game of the season, and the ninth of his career.
- Dixon-Waters is the second player over the last 15 seasons to score at least 18 points in three different games against Utah State in a season, joining Colorado State's Nique Clifford who did it last year.
- Myles Byrd tied a career high with four blocks. His four blocks were also the second-most in a Mountain West championship game, trailing only Wyoming's Justin Williams who had six blocks.
- Byrd also registered a steal in the game for the 28<sup>th</sup> time this season, joining Mason Falslev for the most games with a steal by any Mountain West player this season.