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

#7 Colorado State vs. #10 Fresno State Postgame Notes

Championship Notes

- Colorado State advanced to the quarterfinal of the 2026 Credit Union 1 Mountain West Men's Basketball Championship with an opening round victory over Fresno State, 67-63. The Rams will take on second-seeded San Diego State at 6 p.m. The two teams split the season series this year.
- CSU improves to 6-5 in the first round of the MW tournament, and 23-24 overall.
- The No. 7 Seed is now 12-1 all-time against the No. 10 Seed in the MW tournament.

Colorado State Notes

- Jase Butler led the Rams with 20 points on 7-of-13 shooting, going 6-of-9 from 3-point range. The 20 points are the second most points that Butler has scored in a game, falling short of his career high of 25 vs. San Diego State on Feb. 21 this year.
- Butler's six 3-pointers are tied for the most by a CSU player in a Mountain West tournament game, joining Prentiss Nixon and Gian Clavell.
- Additionally, Butler pulled down a career-high nine rebounds. Prior to tonight, Butler hadn't had a game with more than five rebounds in his collegiate career.
- Four different CSU starters finished the game with multiple assists. It's the 10th time this season the Rams have done that, tied with UNLV for the most times this season amongst Mountain West teams.

Fresno State Notes

- Jake Heidbreder led Fresno State with 26 points on 8-of-15 shooting, including 4-of-9 from 3-point range. He is the first player to score 20+ points in a Mountain West tournament game with two different schools, having previously scored 24 points with Air Force against UNLV in the 2023 tournament.
- Heidbreder's 26 points are the third most by a Fresno State player in MW tournament history, trailing only Orlando Robinson (31 vs. SJSU in 2022) and Julien Lewis (27 at UNLV in 2016).
- Gasper Koccevar set a career-high with 14 points, all of which he scored in the first half. Koccevar went 7-for-7 in the first half and finished the game going 7-for-9 from the field. Prior to tonight's game, he had never attempted more than five field goals in a game and his career high in scoring was 10 points.