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

#5 Nevada vs. #12 Air Force Postgame Notes

Championship Notes

- Nevada advanced to the quarterfinal of the 2026 Credit Union 1 Mountain West Men's Basketball Championship with an opening round victory over Air Force, 80-45. The Wolf Pack will take on fourth-seeded Grand Canyon at 2:30 p.m. PT. Nevada won the lone meeting between the two teams, 66-60, in Reno.
- Nevada improved to 10-13 all-time in the Mountain West tournament, and 4-2 in the first round.
- Nevada's 35-point victory is the largest margin of victory in Mountain West tournament history. The previous high was a 34-point victory (73-39) by San Diego State over Utah State in the 2014 tournament.
- Additionally, Air Force's 10 first-half points are tied for the third-fewest points in any half by a team in Mountain West tournament history.

Nevada Notes

- Nevada's 29-point halftime lead is tied for the fourth-largest halftime lead over the last 30 seasons for the Wolf Pack. Nevada's largest ever halftime lead is 40 points vs. Pacific (55-15) on 11/15/23.
- Nevada had nine players score at least five points. That's the most such players by a team in a game in Mountain West tournament history.
- In total, 12 different players scored for Nevada. That is tied for the most players with a point in a game by any team in MW tournament history (Air Force vs. San José State in 2019).

Air Force Notes

- Air Force's first free-throw attempt in the game came with 16:21 left in the second half. On the day, the Falcons ended up going a perfect 11-for-11 from the charity stripe.
- Kam Sanders led all players in the game with 12 points. Kolby Giles was the only other player for the Falcons to reach double figures, scoring 10 points on 2-of-4 shooting and going a perfect 6-for-6 from the free throw line.
- For the game, Air Force shot just 28.1 percent from the field, but connected on 40.7 percent of their shots in the second half. In the first half, the Falcons went just 5-of-30 from the field (16.7 percent) and 0-of-13 from 3-point distance.