



**Tuesday, March 5, 2024**

## **NEVADA WOLFPACK @ BOISE STATE BRONCOS**

**Game Time: 11:00pm ET**

**Selection: Boise State -5 (-120)**

With their eyes set on a regular season conference title, the red-hot Boise State Broncos (21-8 overall, 12-4 MWC) enter tonight's matchup winners of their last 5 games in a row (they covered in all 5) by an average of 23.4 points per game. At home they have been absolute juggernauts, compiling a record 64-9 since the start of the 2019-2020 season, 27-2 over their last 29 home games, and are 13-2 at home this season. At home they have held all but two opponents to under 70 points and are allowing only a 30.7% three-point percentage which is Nevada's strength. Boise State is outscoring opponents by an average of 18.1 points per game at home. Boise State has been one of the most consistent teams in the Mountain West as they are 54-18 in conference since the start of 2020-2021.

Boise State has had success against their opponent tonight the Nevada Wolfpack. They have beaten them in 2 straight (covered in both), and 5 of the last 6. The last three times they have played Nevada at home, they have won all three by more than 5 points and by an average of 10 points. Earlier this season Boise State beat Nevada in Reno 64-56. Boise State dominated on the glass, out rebounding Nevada by a +19 margin 43-24. Nevada was held to a total of 2 offensive rebounds. Four Broncos had at least 8 rebounds with 3 having 9 rebounds.

When Boise State out rebounds their opponents, they are 16-3. I expect this to be the case tonight. They are the top rebounding team in the Mountain West by a +136 margin in conference play and are ranked 7<sup>th</sup> nationally in opponent offensive rebounding efficiency according to KenPom. They have limited their opponents to fewer than 10 offensive rebounds in 17 of their last 21 games. The Broncos are ranked 16<sup>th</sup> nationally in rebounding margin at +7.7. Defensively Boise State has held every Mountain West opponent below their scoring average and are ranked 31<sup>st</sup> nationally in Adjusted Defensive Efficiency according to KenPom. Offensively they are the top offense in the Mountain West, ranked 41<sup>st</sup> nationally in Adjusted Offensive Efficiency, and have scored 79+ points in five straight games. This is a group that does everything well.

Boise State is the best team in the Mountain West Conference ATS at home with a 9-4 record. They swept New Mexico this season which is a team that swept Nevada already this season. Boise State just beat New Mexico by 10 at home this past Saturday. At New Mexico Nevada lost 89-55. The level of motivation to win this game tonight is going to be through the roof with Boise State being at home on Senior Night with a conference title on the line. Lay the 5 points with the Broncos.

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