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FRESNO STATE SELECTED AS MOUNTAIN WEST WOMEN’S BASKETBALL PRESEASON FAVORITE

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.– Fresno State has been predicted to win the 2020-21 Mountain West women’s basketball regular-season title as voted on by the Conference head coaches and selected media and announced Thursday morning.

After a 16-2 mark in league play last year, Fresno State returns all five starters that helped the Bulldogs claim the 2020 MW regular-season title. Among the returners are the 2020 Mountain West Player of the Year **Maddi Utti** and 2020 MW Freshman of the Year **Haley Cavinder**. Fresno State received 22 first-place votes out of a possible 26, earning 266 points.

Following the Bulldogs in second place is San José State with two first-place votes and a total of 239 points. Boise State is third with a first-place vote and 221 points, while San Diego State was picked fourth with the final first-place vote and 185 points.

Wyoming was selected to finish fifth with 173 points, New Mexico in sixth in 145 points, Air Force in seventh with 120 points, Colorado State in eighth with 117 points, UNLV in ninth with 111 points, Nevada in 10th with 95 points and Utah State in 11th with 44 points.

**2020-21 MOUNTAIN WEST PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH**

Rank Team (First-Place Votes) Points

 1. Fresno State (22) 266

 2. San José State (2) 239

 3. Boise State (1) 221

 4. San Diego State (1) 185

 5. Wyoming 173

 6. New Mexico 145

 7. Air Force 120

 8. Colorado State 117

 9. UNLV 111

 10. Nevada 95

 11. Utah State 44

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