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Aggie Men's Basketball Receiving Votes in USA Today/Coaches Polls



Utah State men's basketball is among others receiving votes in this week's USA Today/Coaches Top 25 Poll. (photo from Athletics website)

Utah State [University] men's basketball is among others receiving votes in this week's *USA Today/Coaches Top 25 Poll*. This is the first time this season that the Aggies have received votes in either poll.

Utah State received one vote in this week's *USA Today/Coaches Poll* to rank tied for 44th in the nation. The Aggies' in-state rivals, Brigham Young, also earned one vote in this week's poll. Michigan State (3-0) is No. 1 in this week's poll.

The *USA Today Sports Board of Coaches* is made up of 31 head coaches at Division I institutions, including San Diego State head coach Steve Fisher and former USU assistant and current Idaho head coach [Don Verlin](#). All are members of the National Association of Basketball Coaches.

There are two other Mountain West teams acknowledged in the poll with New Mexico standing at No. 20 in this week's poll. Boise State received 21 votes to rank 29th.

Utah State currently has an RPI of 25. The RPI (Rating Percentage Index) is a measure of strength of schedule and how a team does against that schedule.

USU returns home to the friendly confines of the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum, to host Southeastern Conference foe Mississippi State Saturday, Nov. 23, at 7:05 p.m. at the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum. Mississippi State is the first SEC opponent to visit Logan since Arkansas did so on Dec. 27, 1971, won by USU, 95-94, in OT. MSU will only be the third SEC team to play at USU, as LSU played in Logan Dec. 30, 1970, also won by the Aggies,

97-81, for USU's 2-0 home mark against SEC foes. Utah State is 0-1 against the Bulldogs of MSU, losing on the road, 66-64, on Dec. 31, 2011.

USU men's basketball single-game, multi-game and season tickets are on sale. All single-game tickets will go on sale two weeks prior to each game. Single-game tickets cost \$18 for non-priority and \$20 for priority, as well as \$25 for premium games against Mississippi State (Nov. 23), BYU (Nov. 30 in Salt Lake City) and UNLV (Feb. 15).

Utah State men's basketball season ticket renewals and new season tickets are also still on sale. Season tickets start at \$230 and include all 20 home games as well as the BYU game at EnergySolutions Arena in Salt Lake City on Nov. 30. Big Blue Scholarship Fund per seat commitment fees apply, ranging from \$100-\$900 per seat in addition to ticket cost.

Family Plans are also available for purchase at \$800 (two adults and three Jr. Aggies). Please be aware that there is a limit of one Family Plan per household.

To order a package or for more Aggie men's basketball ticket information, fans can contact the USU Athletics Ticket Office over the phone by calling 1-888-USTATE-1 or 435-797-0305 during regular hours of operation. Fans can also buy their tickets in person at the USU Ticket Office inside the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum or online by clicking on the "Buy Tickets" tab at the [Athletics website](#).

Fans can follow the Aggie men's basketball program on [Twitter](#). USU fans can also follow the Utah State athletic program on [Twitter](#), on Facebook at Utah State University Athletics or on [Instagram](#).

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