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A look into coach Justin Hutson's journey so far

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It was a homecoming for Justin Hutson when he took his "dream job" as Fresno State's head men's basketball coach last April. The Bakersfield native called himself a Central "Valley guy" — the region being a place where he has his roots and family.

At San Diego State, Hutson was one of the most respected assistant coaches in the nation, one of the West's best recruiters and a veteran of the Mountain West conference.

Now, Hutson is leading the Bulldogs through a winning season, clinching the No. 3 seed for the 2019 Mountain West tournament after a thrilling win against San Diego State. The

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defense. Fresno State is also the first Mountain West team to win at least nine conference games in each of the last six seasons.

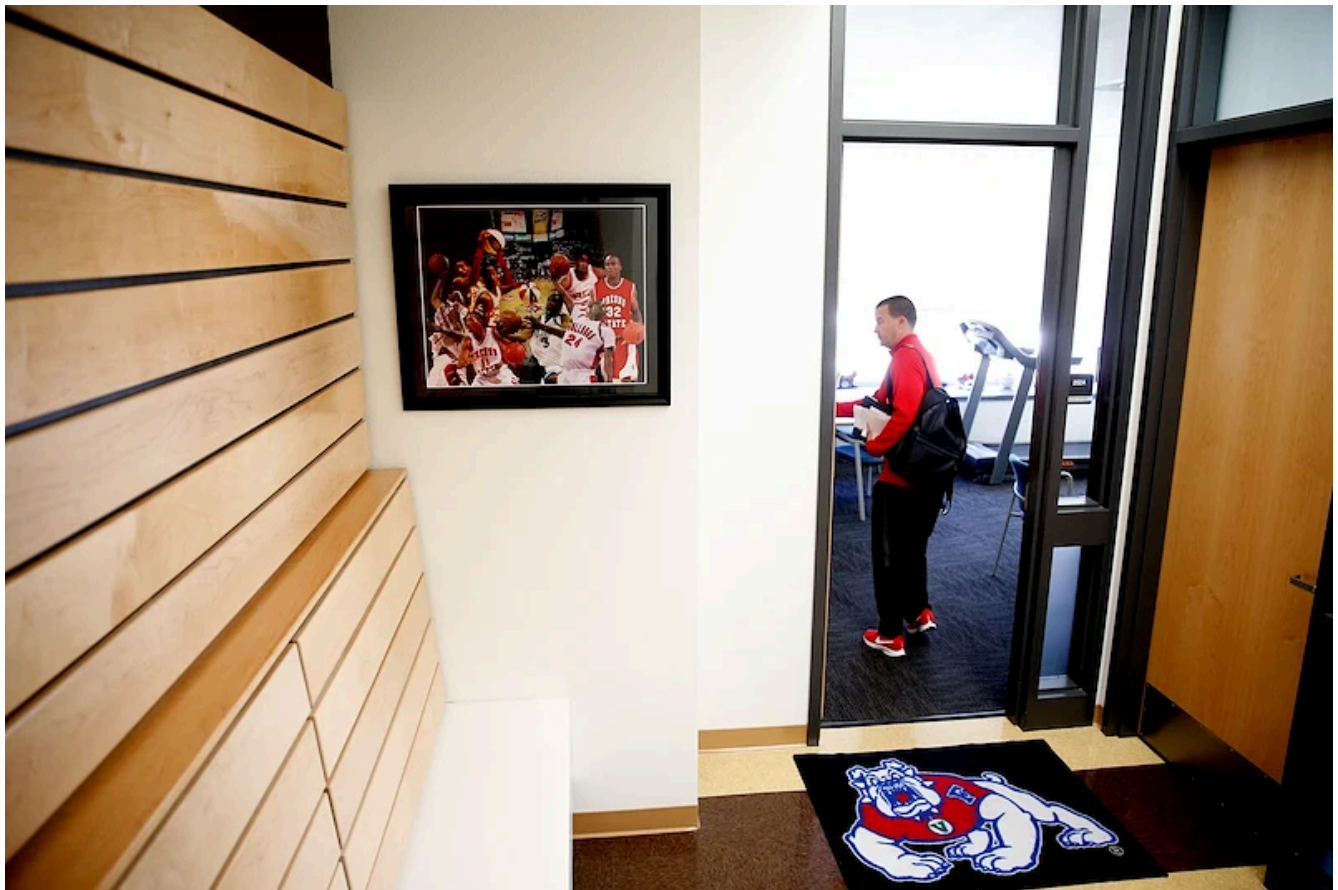
Hutson is second in the nation for all first-time NCAA Division I head coaches this season with an 21-8 overall record.

"I am a Valley guy," Hutson said. "This is where I have my roots and family. Being from the Valley and having the Green V on my suit makes it feel like home. We have so many people who support our program and it really means a lot to us. We have had a great year."

The following photos highlight some of the most memorable moments of Hutson's journey so far — from returning home to the Central Valley to leading the Bulldogs through a number of historic victories.



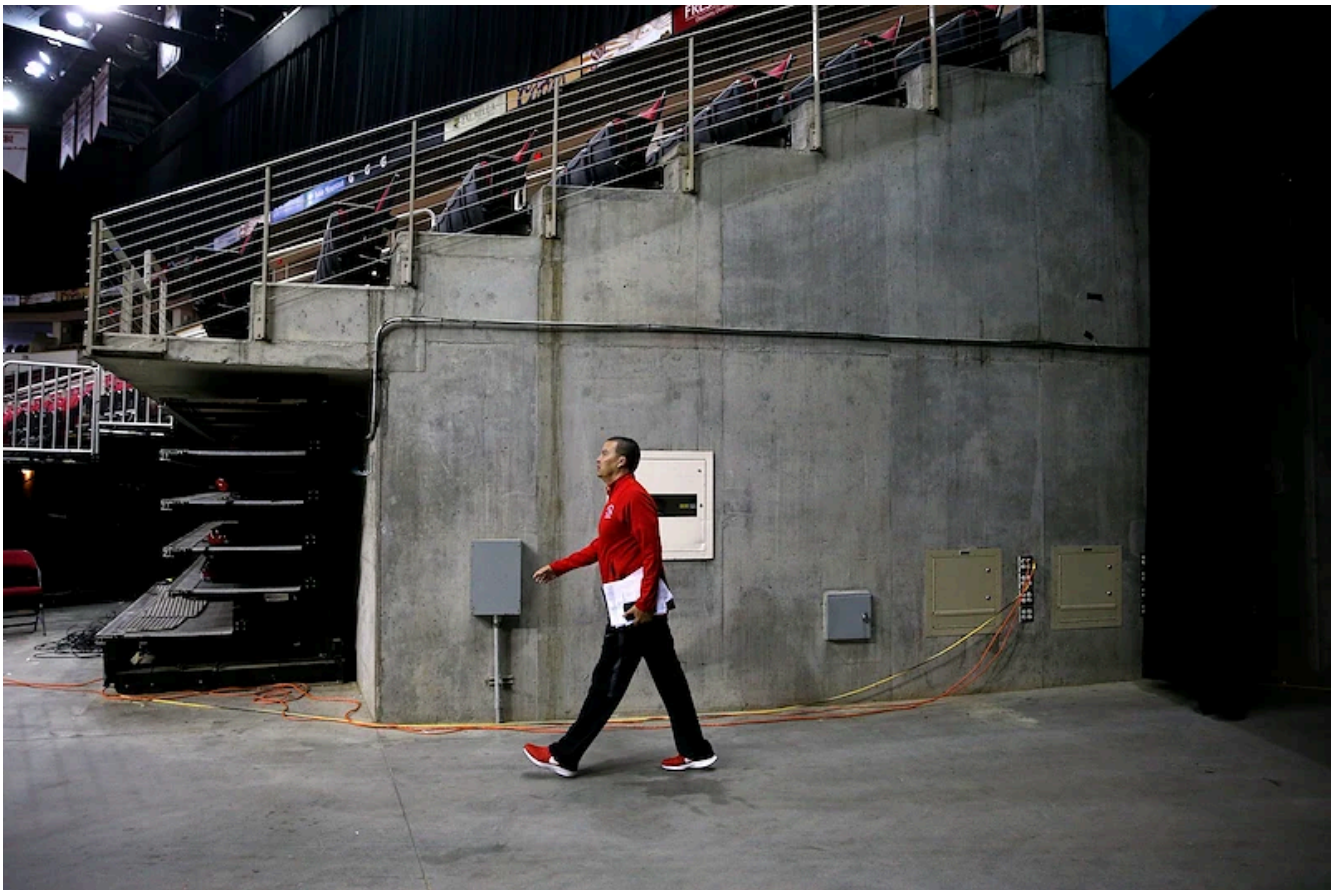
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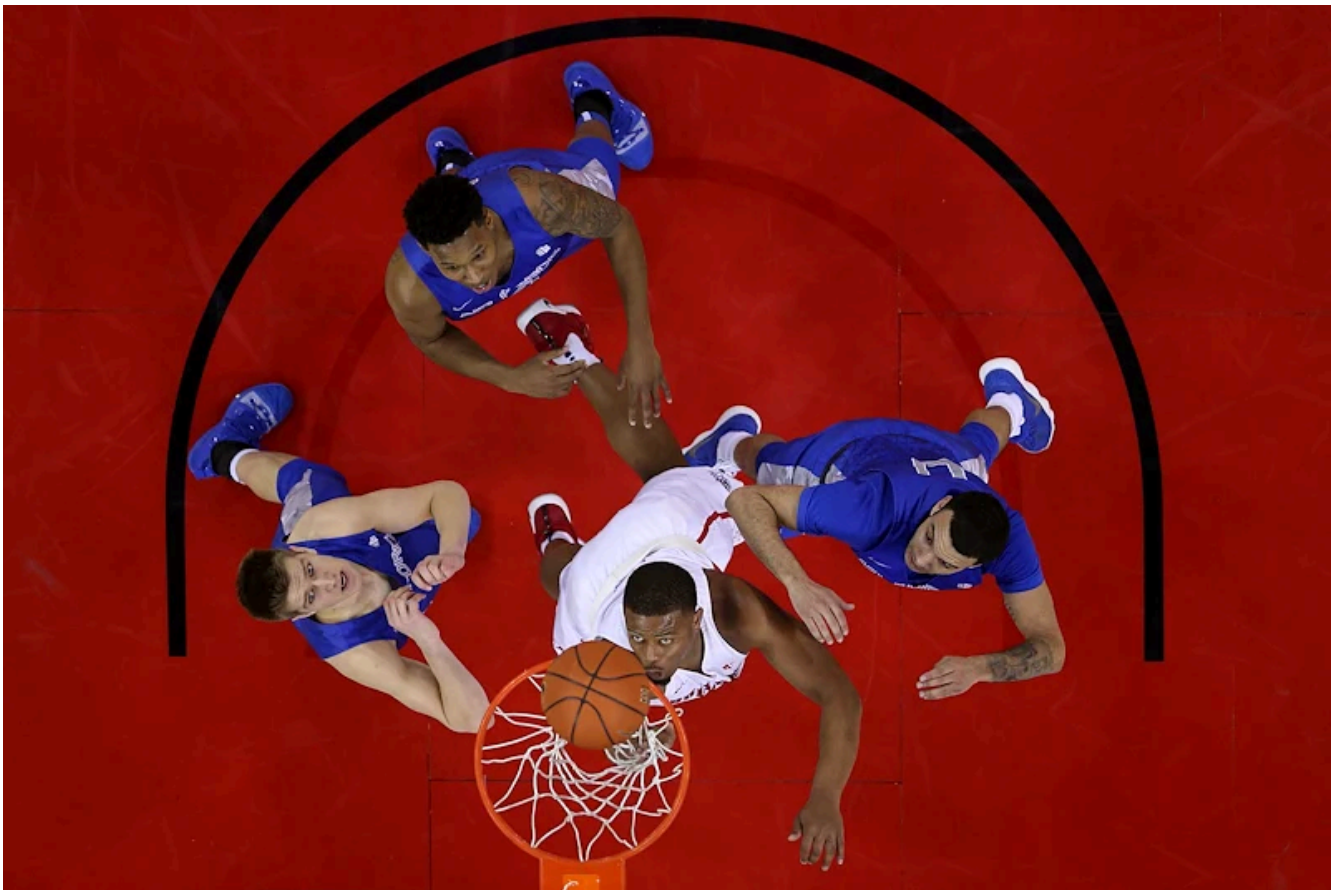
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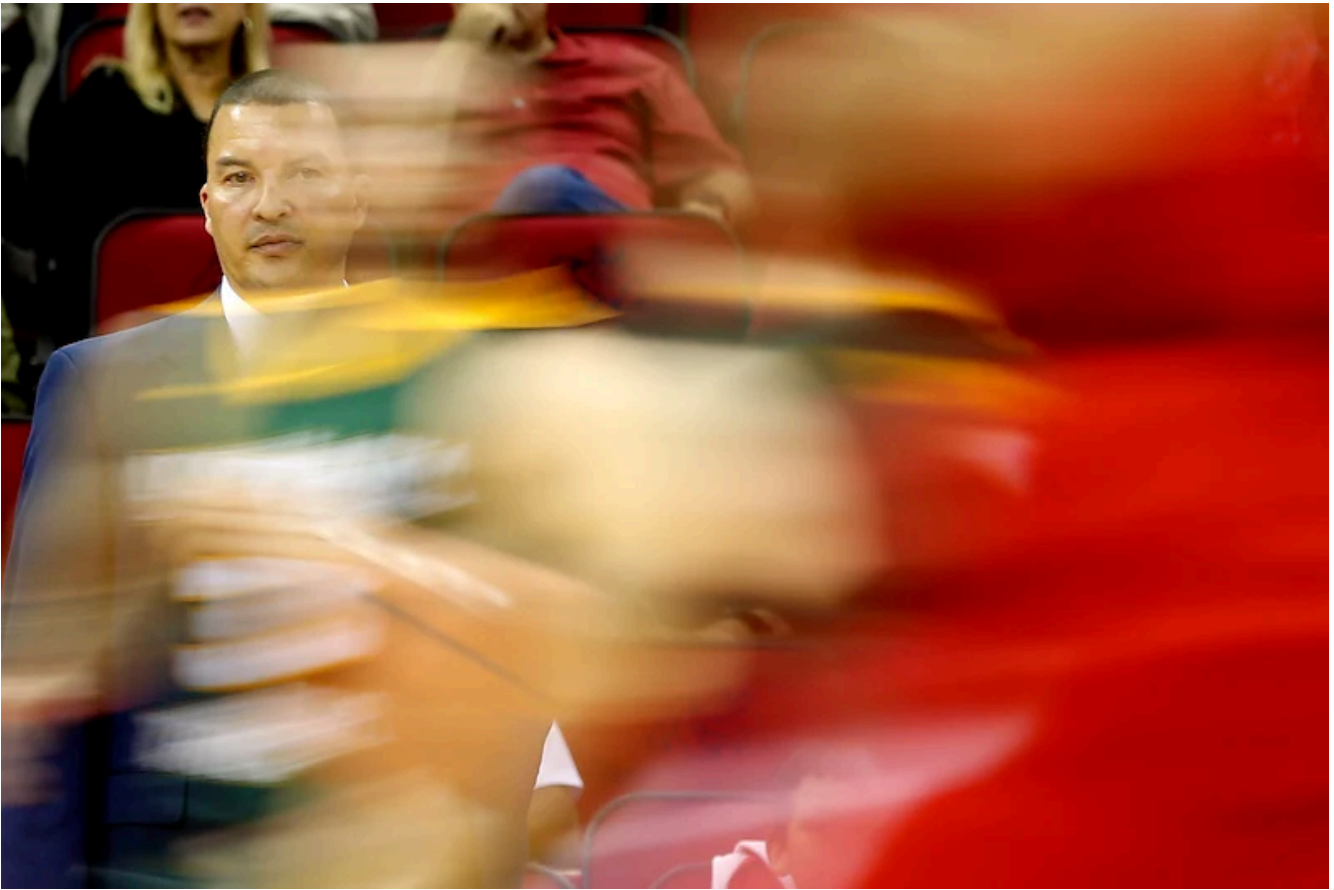
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