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## University of Wyoming Postgame Notes

Following a 40-34, 3 OT win vs. Northern Illinois  
on Sept. 3, 2016, at War Memorial Stadium in Laramie, Wyo.

### Team Notes

- Today's game marked the 120th season opener for Wyoming Football. UW is now 76-42-2 in season openers.
- The Cowboys have won 12 of their last 14 home openers and have built an 81-36-3 record in 120 home openers.
- The Cowboys record versus non-conference opponents in season openers now stands at 62-26-1.
- Wyoming's all-time record versus teams from the MAC is now 7-4.
- Wyoming played its 13 overtime game in school history. It was the first triple overtime contest since the Cowboys won in triple overtime during the 2004 season at UNLV. The Cowboys are now 7-6 in overtime contests all-time. The Pokes are 2-1 in overtime contests in Laramie.
- Saturday's contest also marked the first win for the Cowboys against a team from the state of Illinois. The Cowboys fell to the University of Chicago in 1928 and Northwestern in 1979 with both games being played in Illinois.
- A total of five Cowboys started their first games for Wyoming today: LG Gavin Rush, CB Rico Gafford, LB Logan Wilson, DE Carl Granderson and DE Josiah Hall.

### Offensive Notes

- Quarterback Josh Allen posted a career-long rush of 25 yards in the second quarter. He tallied 70 rushing yards for the game, a career high. He also threw for a career-high 245 yards with two touchdowns.
- Freshman wide receiver Austin Conway gained 22 yards on an end-around in the second quarter, the first rushing attempt of his career.
- Running back Shaun Wick appeared in his first game since a loss to New Mexico on Sept. 26, 2015, tallying seven carries for 19 yards. He has 2,198 career rushing yards. He moved to seventh in career rushing at Wyoming.
- Tanner Gentry recorded his sixth-straight game with at least three receptions, totaling eight catches for 104 yards. He has four 100-plus receiving games in his career and he has posted 100-plus receiving yard games in back-to-back season openers.
- On his second reception of the game, Tanner Gentry surpassed 1,500 career receiving yards.
- Brian Hill now has rushed for at least 100 yards in 11 of last 17 games after rushing for 125 yards on 33 carries.
- Hill remains fifth in school history in career rushing with 2,552 yards. He is now 54 yards behind Marques Brigham for fourth all-time in rushing.
- Gentry has a catch over 30 yards in his last five games. In four of those five games, he had a catch of at least 40 yards.
- With his 2-yard touchdown run in the second quarter, Brian Hill has now recorded a rushing TD in four of his last five games.
- Wide receiver Josh Harshman hauled in a 3-yard reception in the third quarter, his first catch since Sept. 26, 2015 at New Mexico.
- Jake Maulhardt's 44-yard reception in the third quarter was his longest catch since a 53-yard catch against Utah State on November 7, 2014.
- QB Josh Allen recorded his first career TD pass on a 17-yard strike to Tanner Gentry with 9:50 remaining in the third quarter. Allen was 2-for-2 for 61 yards on that scoring drive.
- Gentry and Maulhardt combined for 210 receiving yards.
- C.J. Johnson's seven-yard reception in the third quarter was the first catch of his career.
- Jacob Hollister's two-yard TD reception with 1:39 remaining in the third quarter gave him back-to-back games with TD receptions for the first time in his career (he scored a touchdown in a season-closing win against UNLV on Nov. 28, 2015).

### Defensive Notes

- Sophomore Andrew Wingard had 12 tackles, the eighth double-figure tackle game of his career. He has posted at least 10 tackles in five of his last six games.
- The Cowboy defense recorded seven tackles for loss on Northern Illinois. It would have tied last season best for the Pokes'. The Cowboys recorded four tackles for loss during NIU's first possession.
- Six Wyoming players recorded at least one tackle for loss: Conner Cain, D.J. May, Kevin Prosser, Lucas Wacha, Logan Wilson and Andrew Wingard.
- Redshirt freshman LB Logan Wilson posted his first career TFL in the third quarter, tackling NIU quarterback Drew Hare for a loss of six yards on a rushing attempt. He also recorded his first-career fumble recovery in the first overtime.
- Six different Wyoming defenders had at least five tackles: Rico Gafford, D.J. May, Lucas Wacha, Logan Wilson, Marcus Epps and Andrew Wingard.
- Cornerback Antonio Hull tied a career high with two PBU (had two games with two PBU in 2015).
- Carl Granderson came up with a clutch fourth-quarter sack, the second sack of his career.
- Senior Chase Appleby tied a career-high with three tackles.

### Special Teams Notes

- Punter Ethan Wood and long snapper Brandon Turelli started their 37th consecutive games as Wyoming Cowboys.
- Freshman kicker Cooper Rothe made a 35-yard field goal with 43 seconds remaining in the first quarter, the first FG attempt of his career. He added a 39-yard field goal with 4:32 left in the second quarter.
- Ethan Wood now has a 45+ yard punt in his last eight games.
- D.J. May returned a kickoff for 48 yards in the second quarter, just one yard short of his career long kick return (49 at Appalachian State on Oct. 3, 2015).



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## University of Wyoming Postgame Quotes

Following a 40-34 3 OT Home Win Over Northern Illinois

### **Head Coach Craig Bohl:**

"It was a phenomenal win. Northern Illinois is a good football team and a good program. We saw a lot of positives coming and certainly felt like we were going to be more competitive, but that next step to winning is something you can't x's and o's it comes down to character. I believe we have some good character and I'm happy for our kids.

"Never been a part of a game that with so many plays and three overtimes along with the final play with the bootleg play by Josh (Allen). There were a lot of great plays in the game so it was a great win for the program.

"We really believe in being a physical team, being able to run the football and play better defense. I thought there were a lot of speed and athleticism out there and Northern Illinois has a solid defense. We have steps to go but starting to see the stamp of the program we want to have.

### **About two hour delay**

"We had a discussion about shortening up the warm-up and it was a decision both coaches made. The game was always going to be played as long as the weather was clear. Want to say thanks to our students who were at the game and thanks to all the fans who stayed.

### **About Josh Allen's play and growing up**

"It really showed particularly on the last play of the game and how Josh played in the two minute offense. He threw an interception which they got a penalty on which I think he learned from. Josh has a really bright future.

### **(Redshirt Sophomore Quarterback Josh Allen)**

"It was one of our run action plays, coach told me to be smart about it and I probably should have thrown it away. I looked back and our guys were there, trusted them, cut it back and made a guy miss and found a hole and dived in. Felt great.

"The game slowed down for me as it went on. I came out a little nervous, eager to play, calmed down after halftime. The offense didn't give up any sacks and felt comfortable in the pocket. This team is something special and I feel it.

### **(Senior Linebacker Lucas Wacha)**

"To say focused as a team to get through the weather delay, congratulations to them and to our fans. We had a good crowd at the beginning, they were loud and really had an impact on the game. Congratulations to the offense, they were solid and it was great to be out there for the victory.



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## Northern Illinois Postgame Quotes

Following a 40-34 3OT Road Loss to Wyoming

### Head Coach Rod Carey:

Northern Illinois head coach Rod Carey

### Overall thoughts on the game

"[We made] too many mistakes to win a football game. The kids played hard, but we've got a lot to correct. I think there's enough blame to go around with all the sloppiness there was. Good football team, give Wyoming credit. We knew they were going to be improved, and they were everything we thought they were."

(on if the weather delay affected Northern Illinois' gameplan or execution)

"No. Not at all."

### On Kenny Golladay's big game

"We knew we had a mismatch there, and we kept going to it. He did exactly what I thought he'd do. He's a special player. He's probably one of the best that's ever come in here. He had a great night tonight."