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University of Wyoming Postgame Notes

Following a 30-28 Wyoming win over No. 13/13 Boise State on Oct. 29, 2016, at War Memorial Stadium in Laramie, Wyo.

Team Notes

- Saturday's game marked the 11th showdown between the two teams and Wyoming's first win in the series.
- Wyoming had zero penalties in the game.
- Both teams combined for 31 points in the second quarter and followed with a combined zero in the third quarter.
- Wyoming's win against No. 13 Boise State marked its first win over an AP Top 25 team since defeating No. 22 Air Force, 34-26, on Oct. 26, 2002. That contest was in War Memorial Stadium.
- Wyoming's sixth win of the season made the Cowboys bowl-eligible for the first time since 2011, when the Brown and Gold appeared in the New Mexico Bowl.
- The Cowboys have won five-straight contests at War Memorial Stadium and six of their seven.

Offensive Notes

- Josh Allen scrambled three times in the first quarter, with all three carries resulting in Wyoming first downs.
- Brian Hill ripped a 27-yard run late in the first quarter, recording a run of over 25 yards for the fourth consecutive game.
- Josh Allen tossed a screen pass to Jacob Hollister for a 29-yard gain in the first quarter, giving Hollister 43 receiving yards in the first quarter and his season-high for receiving yards.
- Allen connected with Hollister for a 19-yard TD pass with 9:10 remaining in the second quarter, giving Hollister his third receiving TD of the year and the eighth of his career. Hollister had four grabs for 89 yards in the first half, setting a season-high for receptions.
- Allen found Hollister for another touchdown with 52 seconds remaining in the first half, a 28-yard connection. Hollister's two TD grabs set a career single-game best, and his five catches tied a single-game career high.
- Hollister finished the game with 6 catches for 144 yards, both single-game career highs.
- Brian Hill carried the ball 14 times for 101 yards in the first half.
- Tanner Gentry had six grabs for 73 yards, bringing his total to 44 receptions on the season. That total is a single-season career high. Gentry went over 150 career receptions during the game.
- Josh Allen rushed 11 times for 53 yards in the game, his fourth consecutive game with at least 50 rushing yards and fifth such game of the season.
- Sophomore Josh Harshman hauled in two catches for 16 yards. His two catches were a single-game career high.
- Josh Allen rolled out on 3rd-and-13 and made an incredible throw to Gentry for a 27-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter, tying Allen's single-game career high of three TD passes in a game.
- The touchdown catch was Gentry's sixth of the season, extending his single-season career high.
- Allen finished the game 18-for-31 for 274 yards, a career high for passing yardage. He completed passes of 25-plus yards to three different receivers during the game (Hollister, Gentry and C.J. Johnson).
- Hill finished the game with 28 carries for 146 yards, his fifth 100-yard game of the season and 16th such game of his career. His career total of 3,583 rushing yards ranks him just outside the top five career rushing totals in Mountain West history.

Defensive Notes

- Cornerback Rico Gafford forced a fumble on Boise State's opening drive, stripping the ball from BSU running back Jeremy McNichols for his first forced fumble in a Wyoming uniform. Cornerback Robert Priester made the second fumble recovery of his career on the play.
- Gafford also picked off Boise State QB Brett Rypien late in the first half, his second interception of the season. Gafford joined teammate Andrew Wingard as the only Cowboys this season to record an interception and forced fumble in the same game.
- Kevin Prosser brought down Rypien for a key sack with four seconds left in the first half, his third of the season. He has recorded at least one tackle for loss in five 2016 games.
- Lucas Wacha followed Prosser's sack with one of his own to end the half, his second of the season and the third of his career.
- Robert Priester registered a season-high seven tackles in the game, tying his highest single-game total since recording nine against Eastern Michigan on Sept. 29, 2015.
- Logan Wilson added six tackles for the Cowboys, bringing his season and career total to an even 50.
- Marcus Epps' eight tackles led the team for the game.
- Wacha registered 1.5 tackles for loss, his highest total since he had two TFL at San Diego State on Nov. 14, 2015.
- With 1:25 remaining in the game, Chase Appleby hit Rypien in the end zone, forcing a fumble out of the back of the endzone for a Cowboy safety. It was the first Wyoming safety since Mitch Unrein and Weston Johnson recorded a safety vs. New Mexico on Oct. 10, 2009.

Special Teams Notes

- Senior Ethan Wood recorded 5 punts for 232 yards, downing four punts inside Boise State's 20-yard line. His 23 punts inside the opponent's 20-yard line are a single-season high for his career.
- Freshman kicker Cooper Rothe booted a career long 40-yard field goal with 1:48 left in the second quarter. He added a 39-yarder with 13:05 remaining in the game, tying his career best of two field goals made in a game. He was 2-for-2 on PATs.
- Redshirt freshman Alijah Halliburton had a career-high three tackles, all coming on special teams.



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University of Wyoming Postgame Quotes

Following a 30-28 win over Boise State

Head Coach Craig Bohl:

"If a win could help define a program this one did. We have a lot of respect for Boise State and Coach Harsin. I want to say thanks to our fans and students. A couple of years ago I had someone take a photo and it was bleak, but tonight it was neat to see the students and people around the state rally around the team. A lot of great plays and effort, and coming in we knew it was going to be down to a play here or there. It shows resolve and belief with our coaches and players. A lot of hard work went in to this win and it's victory number six."

"We did a couple of things differently tonight. We got a couple of stops in the run game, created some long yardage and the interception by Rico (Gafford) was a huge play. I think we came out in the second half the coaches made some good adjustments. In the first half, no one wanted to play defense and the second half both did a good job. The two point play was huge and we've been working on the hands team."

(On Jacob Hollister)

"We don't think we've utilized him like we could have and tonight we did. When you are a coordinator you look at where the ball is going and was certainly a weapon today, plus Josh did a good job getting the ball to him."

(On Chase Appleby)

"His heart is as big as the state of Wyoming. He adds a great deal and for him to be out there all game certainly had a big impact on the defensive front."

(Senior Tight End Jacob Hollister)

"It was my day to make plays. When I had the chance I did. Josh made great reads, the offensive line protected and the rest was history. Great feeling to produce for my team and I can't stop smiling."

"It feels so good getting this win for the guys who have been here the whole time through the struggles. The coaches who have believed in us and told us that if we stayed we would be champions."

(Redshirt sophomore Quarterback Josh Allen)

"When you play zone the defense gave us opportunities. Jake (Hollister) is one of the hardest workers on the team. He's a captain and no one deserves this more than him. I love him and my teammates and it was our day today."

"We called an underneath and I was supposed to throw it to Jake (Hollister). The pocket started to collapse, got on the edge and Tanner was running to the right, peeled back and let him make the play. It was a fantastic feeling. Then coming back with the two point conversion and hitting Jake Maulhardt, it tied the game and forced things on Boise State."

(Sophomore Andrew Wingard)

"The adjustments at halftime were huge for us. We were missing some fits and tackles, but it wasn't anything huge. It was us doing what we do. We didn't start well, but we battled back from adversity. You could see in the second half how we played better our defense was playing. Us doing our base things right."

"That's our team, we are blue collar, hardworking guys. Chase Appleby, is all of six foot and all of what he weighs. He's out there mean mugging the defensive linemen on the 13th ranked Boise State team. That's the culture we are building, blue collar, go out and punch you in the mouth and that's what made us successful tonight."



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Boise State Postgame Quotes

Following a 30-28 loss versus Wyoming

Head Coach Bryan Harsin:

"That's a difficult loss. Certainly, first, credit to Wyoming. I thought they did a great job coaching and a great job making plays. They're a good football team, no doubt about it. I thought our week of preparation, our guys worked hard and we talked about the things we had to do fundamentally. The players care, they worked hard in this game. We just didn't come up with enough plays and we didn't win the turnover battle. If you don't do that, you put yourself in a tough position. Without watching the tape, I have to give Wyoming credit. They have some mojo going on out here. We had our opportunities though, and we certainly need to capitalize on that. Now it's a matter of how we come back, starting tomorrow, and go back to work. Our kids will fight, our coaches will fight and we'll learn from Wyoming."

On the safety:

"I really don't know. We trust our quarterback and they made a play. We tried to make a play, and this is football – this is every week football. Sometimes the ball bounces funny, and it came out and they got the safety in a critical time in the game. That's just how it goes. If we had to do it all over again, we would put it in his hands again."

On Wyoming's offense:

"I don't think they did much different. They did some things on the boundary where they threw the ball. From what I saw, without watching the film, they made some really good plays by their tight ends and receivers. We had people in plays and they made plays. It comes down to that – you win some battles and you lose some."