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## University of Wyoming Postgame Notes

Following an 84-72 win over Air Force  
on Dec. 28, 2016, at the Arena-Auditorium in Laramie, Wyo.

### Team Notes

- Wednesday's game was the Mountain West Opener for both teams.
- The Cowboys are now 7-11 in MW Openers.
- The Pokes move to 9-0 at home this season with the win.
- The Pokes are now 76-36 all-time against Air Force.
- UW is 39-14 all-time in Laramie against Air Force.
- Wednesday's game was not the first game Allen Edwards has won as head coach against Air Force. He served as acting head coach in the Pokes win at Air Force in 2013-14.
- The Cowboys held Air Force to 72 points. The Falcons headed into the game leading the MW in scoring at 78.7 points per game.
- The Pokes bench added 42 points on the night. The bench came into the game averaging 34.6 points per game.
- UW grabbed 34 defensive rebounds. The Pokes came into the game No. 7 in the nation in defense boards at 31.1 per game.
- The Pokes dished out 21 assists. UW has 20 or more assists four times this season. The 21 assists against Air Force is tied for second-most this season.
- The Cowboys held the Falcons to 35.6 percent from the field. UW leads the MW and ranks No. 24 in the nation in field goal percentage defense.
- The Pokes scored 20 points off of turnovers. It was the fifth game the Pokes have added 20 or more points off of turnovers.
- The 14 triples are tied for third most in a single game in school history. It is also tied for the fourth-most three point field goals in Arena-Auditorium history.

### Individual Notes

- Junior forward Alan Herndon recorded 15 points for his 10th game in double figures this season. He scored 14 points in the first half.
- Junior forward Hayden Dalton recorded 15 points, six rebounds and four assists.
- Sophomore guard Justin James, the Pokes' leading scorer added 14 points.
- Senior guard Jason McManamen recorded 11 points. He was 3-of-10 from the three point line. He has hit a triple in 37-straight games. His six assists is also a career-high.
- Junior guard Alexander Aka Gorski recorded 14 points for his fourth game in double figures this season. It was his second double-figure scoring game in the last three games.
- Aka Gorski also added six assists, which is a career high.
- Redshirt freshman forward Andrew Moemeka recorded a career-high eight points. He also played a career-high 13 minutes. All of his points came via the dunk.

### Allen Edwards Postgame Quotes

"A big key for us tonight was the way we defended Air Force. At the end of the day, you can't take away everything they like to do but you have to narrow it down. We told our guys to focus on not giving up any back cuts and to guard the three-point line. We wanted to give up contested twos rather than easy layups or threes. I think our guys really did a nice job other than one late back cut in the second half.

"I tell our guys all the time that when we share the basketball we have such a balanced attack it's difficult for our opponents to focus on shutting one or two guys down. The guys did a good job of finding open teammates and getting to the basket. I also thought Andrew Moemeka did a great job of running the floor and finishing around the rim.

"Andrew (Moemeka) hasn't had a lot of time on the floor yet, but I actually think he is our best rebounder, especially on the offensive glass. He's right there with Jordan (Naughton) for finishing around the rim. Andrew has good feet, which on defense allows him to keep smaller players in front of him and then he can use his length to be an excellent defender. With his play tonight, it becomes more of a challenge as a coach to find minutes for everybody.

"We do have good numbers on this team in terms of having a lot of guys who can play, so when someone gets fatigued the next guy is there to step up. With Lou (Adams) out tonight due to injury, Alex (Aka Gorski) got the start and I thought he had a solid game. And with Mo (Marshall) out tonight, as well with an injury, we still had nine guys who I felt comfortable with putting on the floor and knowing that they could help contribute to a victory.

"Air Force's offense is a complicated system, and you have to adjust your defensive principles to guard it. The luxury of it was we had a few days to prep for it. I never teach our players to defend their offense as a whole, I break it down into pieces. It is more about defending the specific pieces of their offense that focusing on the whole. It is about defending the back-door cuts and the three-point line and everything in between we just focus on hustling.

"One area I was disappointed in tonight was the offensive rebounding by Air Force. We didn't do a good enough job blocking out and going to grab the rebound. I felt like we gave up too many second opportunities, but as a coach you are probably always going to find something that you aren't pleased about and that you can improve.

### Regarding Wyoming being 9-0 at home this season

"We obviously have a comfort level playing here. I thought we had a good crowd tonight. I want to thank everyone for coming out during the Holidays. We hope the crowds will continue to build as we move forward in the season. Playing the way we want to play and combining that with our altitude of 7,220 feet, I think the AA can become an even more difficult place for opponents to play."