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University of Wyoming Postgame Notes

Following an 95-87 win over Utah State
on Jan. 11, 2017, in the Arena-Auditorium in Laramie, Wyo.

Team Notes

- Wednesday's game marked the 75th meeting between the two schools.
- Wyoming leads the all-time series 49-26 in a series that dates back to 1926.
- Wyoming is 30-6 all-time against Utah State in Laramie. Utah State has not won in Laramie since Feb. 16, 1962 for eight straight games.
- The Cowboys hit 12 three pointers in the first half. It was the most in an opening frame in the MW era of Cowboy basketball. UW has only hit double-digit three pointers twice in the opening half in the MW era. The Pokes hit 10 against Utah State last season in the Arena-Auditorium.
- The 12 three pointers was the most in a single half since UW hit 14 in the second half against Hawaii Pacific on Nov. 26, 1999
- The Pokes have not lost a game at home this season moving to 10-0.
- The 95 points was the most in a MW game since scoring 103 at New Mexico in 2003. It was the most points in a MW home win since scoring 95 points against CSU in 2002.
- UW had five players score in double-figures for the third time this season.
- The Cowboys recorded 19 assists on the night. UW recorded a season-high 17 opening half assists.
- Wyoming shot 46.4 percent from beyond the arc, the best mark since draining 55.2 percent of their attempts against Northern Iowa on Dec. 3.
- The Cowboys used the starting lineup of junior guard Alexander Aka Gorski, redshirt freshman guard Cody Kelley, Senior guard Jason McManamen, junior forward Allen Herndon and sophomore forward Jordan Naughton. It was the first time UW used the lineup this season.
- Wyoming natives McManamen and Kelly started for UW. It was the first time two Wyoming natives have been in the starting lineup since Adam Waddell and Rob Watsabaugh started against TCU on Feb. 28, 2012

Individual Notes

- Junior guard Alexander Aka Gorski knocked down a career-high six three-pointers on 10 attempts, and tallied a career-best 38 minutes of action.
- Junior forward Hayden Dalton led the Cowboys with 19 points on 6-of-8 shooting from the field.
- Dalton was 2-of-3 from beyond the arc and a perfect 5-for-5 at the free throw line for his 13th double-figure game of the season.
- Junior forward Alan Herndon notched his first double-double of the season and second of his career with 15 points and 10 rebounds. He has recorded both of his double-doubles against Utah State in the teams last two meetings.
- Herndon matched his career-high in blocks, swatting away four Utah State attempts. He came into the game ranking third in the MW and top-50 in the nation.
- Redshirt freshman Cody Kelley made his first career start.
- Kelley matched his career high with 10 points, and dished out a career-best six assists, tying for the game high with Dalton.
- Senior Jason McManamen reached double figures for the 12th time this season with 11 points, including 6-of-7 from the charity stripe.



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UW Head Coach Allen Edward's Postgame Quotes

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Quotes From University of Wyoming Head Coach Allen Edwards

"Definitely a good win for us. It was a great feeling to get back home, and it was evident in the first half the way we shot the basketball that the rims here were a lot more friendly than on the road. This was a good win as it came against a really good team (Utah State) that had been playing good basketball. We're excited to come away with this victory."

"Having the little break we had last weekend gave us an opportunity to assess some things about our program. I've told our guys that when we space the floor and move the basketball, we're a pretty hard team to defend, especially when we have Alan Herndon and H.D. (Hayden Dalton) in the game at the 5 and the 4 because we have skill guys who can make shots and also put the ball on the floor. In our last couple of games on the road, while we were getting some good shots, I didn't think our spacing and our ball movement was as crisp as it was in the first half tonight."

Regarding the play of Cody Kelley, who made his first career start

"One of the things I really like about Cody (Kelley) is he is a tough kid who always competes hard. Whether it's as a starter or coming off the bench, he's a guy who can play 20 minutes in this program any given night. I thought he took advantage of an opportunity tonight and played well."

Regarding the combination of Alan Herndon and Hayden Dalton, who combined for 34 points and 18 rebounds

"With their size and their ability on the offensive end of the floor, it gives opposing teams problems, particularly when they are both making shots like they were tonight. The other thing about them is they can defend bigger guys even though they're thin, they're 5.... both long. Al had four blocks tonight, and H.D. had six assists, which to have your 4-man leading your ball club in assists that is a great bonus for us."

Regarding the Cowboys' defense

"At the end of the day, you have to pick something to be a little bit upset about. I thought giving up 87 points were too much, but it's a process. We're working at it, and we're getting better."