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University of Wyoming Postgame Notes

Following an 89-74 loss to Nevada
on Jan. 14, 2017, in the Arena-Auditorium in Laramie, Wyo.

Team Notes

- Saturday's game marked the 18th meeting between the two schools.
- The Cowboys lead the all-time series 13-5.
- UW is now 7-3 in Laramie against Nevada.
- The Pokes came into the day 10-0 in the Arena-Auditorium this season.
- The contest featured the two highest scoring teams in the MW, Nevada leads the league at 79.4 points per game with the Pokes ranking second at 78.6 per night.
- The Cowboys used the lineup of guard Jeremy Lieberman, guard Alexander Aka Gorski, guard Jason McManamen, forward Alan Herndon and forward Jordan Naughton for the 10th time this season. Wyoming is 5-5 on the year with that group of starters.
- Wyoming's bench outscored its Nevada counterpart, 33-3, and has now outscored the opponent bench in 15 of 18 games.
- The Cowboys sank 27-of-34 free throws on the night. Both made and attempted free throws are season-high marks.
- Five different Wyoming players recorded a block.
- Tonight marked the 19th time this season with at least four Cowboys in double figures.

Individual Notes

- Junior guard Alexander Aka Gorski led Wyoming with 20 points, his second 20-point game of the year. He has scored in double-figures in every MW contest this season, averaging 16.6 points per game.
- Sophomore guard Justin James, UW's leading scorer, had 11 points for his 12th double-figure game of the season.
- Junior forward Hayden Dalton recorded 13 points, including 9-of-10 shooting at the free throw line. It is his 14th game this season in double figures, the most for any Cowboy.
- Dalton is 28-of-31 (.903) from the free throw line in Mountain West play.
- Junior forward Alan Herndon netted 12 points on the evening, his 12th double-figure game of the season.

Quotes From University of Wyoming Head Coach Allen Edwards

"I told the team after the game that I thought they (Nevada) played more to their identity than we did to ours, particularly on the defensive end of the floor. I thought our edge and our ability to hustle to chase down 80/20 basketballs wasn't as strong as it has been. We had a few guys watching for other guys to make the plays. I tell our team every day that whether shots are going in or not, we have to be a team that hangs their hat on the defensive end of the floor.

"Credit to Coach Muss (Eric Musselman) for what he's done since he's been there. I thought they did a tremendous job of playing to their identity. I thought Marcus (Marshall) made some really good individual plays to keep them going. Hats off to them.

"Looking at the stat sheet, Alex (Aka Gorski) did make some good shots, but what I would like to relay to our guys is that regardless of making shots we have to be a team that takes it personally on the defensive end of the floor and then finish each defensive stop with rebounds.

"When you look at the rebound margin tonight -- 49 to 36 in favor of Nevada, I thought that would be a huge key for us coming into this game -- limiting them to one shot and getting out on transition. We weren't able to do that effectively enough tonight.

"I thought our ball movement was okay. We got Lou (Adams) and J.J. (Justin James) in the game together today. They both have the ability to make one-on-one plays, but we still need to be able to move the basketball and attack rather than having other players standing and watching them.

"We have a lot of season left, and there are areas we need to continue to get better at. Tonight was an opportunity on our home court that I told the guys we missed out capitalizing on. Now, we have to get back to work and continue to get better."