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## UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING MEN'S BASKETBALL POSTGAME NOTES

Following a 91-81 win over Eastern Washington in First Round of CBI presented by Five Four on March 15, 2017, in the Arena-Auditorium in Laramie, Wyo.

### Team Notes

- Wyoming moves to 19-29 all-time in the post season
- Wyoming is now 3-4 all-time in the College Basketball Invitational
- Wyoming is now 6-0 all-time against Eastern Washington
- Wyoming is 4-0 in Laramie against Eastern Washington
- Wyoming is 2-0 all-time against Eastern Washington in the postseason. UW defeated EWU 78-71 in the NIT in the teams' last meeting in 2003 in the Arena-Auditorium.
- Wyoming used the starting lineup of guard Jeremy Lieberman, guard Jason McManamen, guard Justin James, forward Alan Herndon and forward Andrew Moemeka. It was the first time UW has used that lineup this season and was the first career start for Moemeka and first of the season and fourth of his career for James.
- Wyoming hit 11 threes, its 10th-straight game with double-digit threes. UW has hit 119 threes in that stretch.
- Wyoming now has 318 this season, a new school record for a single season. UW hit 307 last year.
- The Cowboys shot a season-high 58.3 (35-of-60) percent from the field and 61.1 (11-of-18) percent from three-point range.
- Five Cowboys netted two three-pointers each. UW finished with 11 for the game.
- Wyoming turned the ball over just nine times, its sixth game this season recording less than 10 turnovers.
- Five Cowboys tallied double-figure scoring for the fifth time this season. UW has had at least four players in double-figures 14 times this season.
- The Wyoming bench outscored its Eastern Washington counterpart, 50-5. It was the most bench points this season for the Cowboys and the largest bench scoring margin of the year.

### Individual Notes

- Sophomore Justin James led the Cowboys with a team-high 19 points for his 26th game in double-figures on the year.
- Junior Hayden Dalton added 18 points on 8-of-10 shooting and 2-of-2 from beyond the arc. It was Dalton's 24th double-figure game this season.
- Junior forward Alan Herndon netted 12 points and a game-high seven rebounds.
- Junior guard Louis Adams scored 16 points on 7-of-11 shooting for his 10th game of the season reaching double figures.
- Redshirt freshman guard Cody Kelley recorded 10 points, including a perfect 2-of-2 from three and 2-of-2 from the free throw line.
- Kelley matched his career high in scoring with his fourth double-figure game of the season.
- Redshirt freshman Andrew Moemeka logged a career-high 19 minutes in the first start of his Cowboy career. He tallied four points, one assist and one steal.
- James and Moemeka were high school teammates. It marked the first time they have started a game together since their final game in the semifinals of the Florida Championship.

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### Head Coach Allen Edwards

"We played well tonight, but I want to congratulate Eastern Washington on a terrific year.

"I thought it was a good showing by our guys. Obviously, we talked a lot at practice this week about coming out and playing with energy. Nobody wants to end their season after what happened at the Mountain West Tournament. To be given new life here tonight and come out ready to play for a full 40 minutes against a quality opponent, I was pleased with the way our guys played tonight.

"This is definitely good experience for us, particularly when you look at the makeup of our team. We will only be losing Jason McManamen next year. I say that because Mo (Maurice Marshall), our other senior, was hurt for the majority of this year. With that in mind, the more opportunities that we can get out on the floor and compete will only help us in the future.

"As we've gone throughout the season, I've tried to get our guys to understand it's not about who's starting. It's more about the quality of your minutes and who is finishing strong. I thought Cody gave us energy off the bench tonight, and even with inserting (Andrew) Moemeka and (Justin) James in the starting lineup, we were still able to get bench productivity from H.D. (Hayden Dalton) and Lou Adams.

"It of course always looks good when you have five guys scoring in double figures. But I also emphasize that our best offense comes from our defense. When we're able to get the defensive rebound and get out in transition, it makes our offense more effective.

"I always tell our guys it's a process -- stay the course. We went in with a game plan, and even though there one player Bogdan Bliznyuk got off today with 29 points, he did that by making twos and he only had two threes. I thought the way our guys executed the game plan showed growth. They didn't panic. They stayed the course and were able to build the lead back up in the second half.

### **Regarding Wyoming's Next Opponent, UMKC (University of Missouri-Kansas City)**

"Coach (Kareem) Richardson is a dear friend of mine within this business. I played for Coach (Rick) Pitino at Kentucky and Kareem Richardson coached with Coach Pitino at Louisville, so we share some common ties.

"I'll give our guys tonight to enjoy this one, and then we'll get back to work preparing for UMKC."

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