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UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING MEN'S BASKETBALL POSTGAME NOTES

Following a 72-61 win over UMKC in the Quarterfinals of CBI presented by Five Four on March 20, 2017, in the Arena-Auditorium in Laramie, Wyo.

Team Notes

- Monday's game was the first meeting between the two schools.
- Wyoming is now 8-12 against teams from the State of Missouri.
- The Cowboys will now play Utah Valley in the semifinals on Wednesday
- Wyoming has won back-to-back games in the post season for the first time since advancing to the Sweet 16 in 1987.
- Head coach Allen Edwards became just the second head coach at Wyoming to reach the 20 win plateau in his first season at the helm of the program. Benny Dees went 26-6 in his first season in 1987-88.
- Wyoming moves to 19-32 all-time in the postseason.
- Wyoming is now 4-4 all-time in the College Basketball Invitational
- Wyoming moves to 20-14 on the season. It is the 22nd 20-win season in school history and the first since 2014-15.
- Wyoming scored 72 points and now have the highest scoring season in school history with 2,642 points. The previous school record was 2,641 in the 1990-91 season.
- Wyoming held UMKC to 34.4 percent from the field, the lowest since holding Troy to 34.3 percent earlier this season. It was the 14th time this season Wyoming has kept its opponent under 40 percent shooting.
- The Cowboys hit 10 threes and now have 328 on the year, improving on their school record. Wyoming entered the game leading the Mountain West with 9.6 made threes per game.
- Wyoming is now 16-3 on the season at home. It is tied for the second-most wins in a season in the Arena-Auditorium.
- Wyoming dished out 18 assists on the night. The Cowboys now have 517 assists this season, fourth-most in school history.
- The Cowboys are now 16-1 this season when leading at the half.
- Four Wyoming players recorded double-figure scoring for the 14th game this season.
- Wyoming's bench was outscored for just the fourth time this season, 12-10. The Cowboys are 2-2 when the opponent's bench outscores Wyoming's.
- Wyoming used the starting lineup of guard Jeremy Lieberman, guard Jason McManamen, guard Justin James, forward Andrew Moemeka and forward Alan Herndon. It is the second-straight game UW has used that lineup.

Individual Notes

- Sophomore guard Justin James led the way with a game-high 21 points. Its his 11th game of the season with at least 20 points.
- James is shooting 45.9 from behind the arc this season.
- Redshirt freshman Andrew Moemeka made his second-career start, recording six points and six rebounds which ties his career best.
- Senior Jason McManamen tallied 11 points on the night, and is now just 11 points shy of reaching the 1,000-point mark. It was his 22nd double-figure game of the season and 50th of his career.
- McManamen has played in a 119 career games including 100-straight after tonight.
- Junior guard Jeremy Lieberman had a game-high seven assists, tying his career best, along with 10 points. It is his fourth game this season reaching double figures.
- Junior Alan Herndon had 14 points for his 25th game in double-figures this season and the 37th time in his career.
- Herndon added two threes in the game. He has hit at least two triples in 20 games this season and in eight-straight games.
- Junior Hayden Dalton tied his career high with three blocks on the night.





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Wyoming Head Coach Allen Edwards

"We are excited to still be playing, and excited to get a win over a good team tonight -- a well-coached team that never gave up. Watching them on film, it was evident that they are a hungry team that fights to the end. They cut our lead to four late, but I thought our guys stayed the course. I talked to them a lot about discipline in this game, and I thought we did a much better job in the second half of being disciplined.

"I thought our start was good tonight, and we came out aggressive. The best part was our defense, which created opportunities for us to get out in transition. One of the things I kept telling our guys was if they don't score, they can't press.

"Obviously, J.J. (Justin James) played well, having 21 points, but I thought Jeremy Lieberman did a tremendous job on their leading scorer (LaVell) Boyd, who coming into this game was averaging over 20 points per game in his last five games. For him to go 1 for 12 from the field and only get five points was a great testament to a guy (Lieberman) who I felt should have been on the Mountain West All-Defensive Team. That to me shows Jeremy's self discipline and understanding what the team needed him to do tonight to help us win this game.

"Cody Kelley was a little sick tonight, so I had to play him just as need be. But when you have a night when H.D. (Hayden Dalton) goes 1 for 8 (from the field) and you're still able to walk away with a double-digit win that is good for us as a team. I thought Lou (Adams) played well while he was out there, but to be honest I thought J.J. was just having one of those nights, so we left him out there a little bit more. And Jason (McManamen) played a little bit more as he made some big shots early.

"At the end of the day from a game-plan wise, I thought it was a complete team effort."

Asked What it Means to Win 20 Games in His First Year as a Head Coach

"In this business and particularly being a first-year head coach, to get 20 wins I can't find the words to describe that because 20-win seasons are hard to come by. Especially with this team and what the expectations were at the start of this year with a young team, to still be in postseason play and say this team has won 20 games after losing a talent like Josh Adams from last year I think it speaks volumes about these guys on this team."

Asked What it Feels Like to Have His Team Break the School Single-Season Scoring Record for Total Points

"That is pretty significant when you think about my defensive background," laughed Edwards. "I've always said that because of me being a defensive-minded coach, I do know what hurts when a team is good on offense."

Regarding Wyoming's Next Opponent, Utah Valley, in the Semifinals of the CBI to be played on Wednesday, March 22 in Laramie at 7 p.m.

"Coach (Mark) Pope of Utah Valley and I played together at the University of Kentucky, and then they also have Bobby Horodyski on their staff, who used to be a graduate assistant here at Wyoming with our program, so we have familiarity with one another. It should be an exciting game on Wednesday night."

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UMKC MEN'S BASKETBALL POSTGAME QUOTES

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UMKC Head Coach Kareem Richardson

On Wyoming's 11-0 run to start the game and Wyoming's quick start to the second half

"We gave them some open looks there to start the game. We looked a little uneasy with everything we were doing early, but settled in quickly after the timeout we called. You can't let a good offensive team like these guys get off to a start and build their confidence that way. It was an uphill battle from there. Our guys did a tremendous job of battling and keeping themselves in it, only down six at half. The start of both halves were what really got us. 11-0 run [to start the game], and then coming out of halftime, gave up six straight. After that first media timeout, they were back up ten. The start of the halves really got us in."

On UMKC's run late in the game to cut Wyoming's lead to four

"Got it to four and felt really good. Our energy was there. Enthusiasm was there. The couple shots we made in spurts. Their defense was really good. We always talk about, since we've been scouting these guys, talk about their offense – but their defensive numbers don't lie. They're long and they made things tough, especially on [LaVell Boyd] for us. He goes 1-of-12 from the field, but that's just credit to their defense as well."

On his team's effort

"I told the guys in the locker room, I've got no problem with their effort and energy, enthusiasm. The bench was into it, the guys that came into the game were into it. Our energy was there. Again, just those couple lapses there. We cut it and we were making a little run, we have some defensive lapses where we leave an open three-point shooter and they knock it in and make you pay for those mistakes. Our effort, I tip my hat our guys, no question about it."

On his five seniors in their final game for UMKC

"Left it all out there, and again, I told the guys in the locker room, specifically talking to those seniors, that they certainly left their imprint on the program. We talk about building the program in foundation but they certainly did more than that. We've had previous groups of seniors that have helped build the foundation, but these guys, they laid brick and mortar on there and started to really build. I told them we can go right down the line and talk about the firsts that they've done. First postseason, first postseason win, the 18 wins. There's a lot of accolades that this group has helped make on the program. Now it's going to be up to the returning guys and the future guys to continue to build this program the right way with the strong brick and mortar. That's how you do it."