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UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING POSTGAME NOTES

Following a 74-68 win over Utah Valley
on March 22, 2017, in the semifinals of the CBI presented by five Four
in the Arena-Auditorium in Laramie, Wyo.

Team Notes

- Wednesday's game was the 400th Cowboy win in the Arena-Auditorium.
- The Cowboys are 17-3 on the season at home. The Pokes have tied the most home wins in a season, which was set in 2014-15, when UW went 17-2.
- Wednesday's game marked the third meeting between the two schools.
- Wednesday's game also marked the first meeting between the schools in the postseason. The met in the regular season twice in 2011-12.
- Wyoming is now 3-0 all-time against the Wolverines.
- The Cowboys are now 5-4 all-time in the College Basketball Invitational.
- The Pokes are now 20-32 all-time in the postseason.
- Wyoming used the starting lineup of guard Jeremy Lieberman, guard Jason McManamen, guard Justin James, forward Andrew Moemeka and forward Alan Herndon for the third-straight game.
- The Pokes hit only three triples on the night breaking the 11- consecutive games with double digit threes streak.
- Wyoming is 18-3 on the season when shooting better from the field than their opponents.
- Wyoming scored 21 points off of turnovers, including 14 points off of turnovers in the first half. It was the seventh time scoring 20+ points off turnovers.
- Wyoming held the opponent to zero fast-break points for the eighth time this season.
- The Cowboys held Utah Valley to 36.7 percent shooting from the field. It is the first time holding back-to-back opponents to under-40 percent shooting since the matchups at Air Force and against Fresno State earlier this season.
- Wyoming is 17-1 when leading at the half.
- The Cowboys led the game up until the 3:20 mark of the second half. They regained the advantage at 2:38 and did not relinquish the lead for the remainder of the contest.

Individual Notes

- Senior guard Jason McManamen had 12 points on the night, moving his career scoring total to 1,001 points. It was his 23rd double-figure game of the season and 51st of his career.
- McManamen is the 35th Wyoming player to reach 1,000 points and the fifth Wyoming native to reach the Plateau.
- Sophomore guard Justin James had 16 points to lead the Cowboys in scoring for the seventh-straight game. James shot 8-of-10 at the charity stripe for his 28th game in double figures and 35th of his career.
- Junior guard Louis Adams had 12 points, including 8-of-10 from the free throw line. It was Adams' 11th double-figure scoring performance of the season and his career.
- Junior Hayden Dalton grabbed 10 rebounds, his 13th double-figure rebounding performance of the season and his career.



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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

"I'm happy for and proud of these guys. One of the things that I was happiest with was we didn't allow us not shooting the ball well affect us on the defensive end of the floor. We never lost confidence, our mojo or our energy in terms of continuing to play hard whether we missed shots or not. I also love the fact that guys were in the huddle talking to each other positively about finishing the game out strong and getting stops. That type of positive communication really help guys focus in on the task at hand.

"I told the guys in the locker room not everybody gets these types of opportunities to play for championships. This doesn't come about by luck. You don't get to play in championships by luck. There is a lot of work that you have to put in, and now we have to focus on closing it out.

"In our preparation for this game, we knew Utah Valley was a high-powered offensive team. Our message to our team was we couldn't allow them to be comfortable shooting the three ball. Our goal was to not let them make more than six threes, and that was exactly what they ended up with. Our guys did a great job of not only defending them at the three-point line but defending them from the field.

"Within their offense, we were trying to take away their quick threes and force them to go back door.

When Asked About the Cowboys Generating 21 Points Off of Utah Valley Turnovers

"As we were preparing for Utah Valley, watching them on film reminded me a little bit of what we went through earlier in the year in terms of being careless with the ball and turning it over. We just wanted to play solid defense with active hands. I thought we did a good job in turning them over. I thought the one Cody (Kelley) had was really special."

When Asked About Jason McManamen Getting His 1,000th Point on a Critical Play at the End of the Game

"I truly am happy for Jason (McManamen). That play was huge. He's a senior and has really taken to his role this postseason of being there when we need him."

How Emotional Was it to Coach Against Your Old Kentucky Teammate and Now Utah Valley Head Coach Mark Pope

"Mark (Pope) is a tremendous coach and an even better guy. From our days at Kentucky and him being an older guy on those teams, there was always something about the way he carried himself the right way and he was about the right things. Now in the coaching business he is that same person. I was excited for the opportunity of us coaching against one another."

Quotes From Utah Valley Head Coach Mark Pope

"I don't know that there's a lot of words for us right now. I think it's hard. This game is hard. It's hard when you lose this game and it ends so suddenly and you lose those three seniors."

(On UVU's turnaround ending to the season and how to recover from the loss)

"It's just time. It just ends suddenly. There's no preparation for that. You don't plan for it and you aren't prepared for it, so it takes time. I could not be more proud of this team. I couldn't be more proud of the individuals that played hard and the collective group that they formed. It was a process. These are 13 guys that have never played for me and haven't played together in this sense. We're really grateful for what's happened this year."