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UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING POSTGAME NOTES

Following a 81-57 win vs. Coastal Carolina
on March 29 , 2017, in the second game of the finals of the CBI presented by Five Four
in the Arena-Auditorium in Laramie, Wyo.

Team Notes

- Wednesday's game was the second meeting between the two schools.
- The Cowboys are now 1-1 all-time against Coastal Carolina
- Wyoming's 24-point win marked the second-largest margin of victory for any game in the 2017 CBI.
- Of the 29 first-year head coaches in Division-I basketball, Edward's 22 wins are tied for the third-highest total behind only New Mexico State's Paul Weir (28) and Valparaiso's Matt Lottich (24). He is tied with former Cowboy assistant Anthony Stewart of UT Martin.
- Wednesday's game marked the 21st game in the Dome of Doom, as it is the most in a single season of the Arena-Auditorium.
- Wyoming moves to 18-3 this season at home. It now stands alone as the best record in the Arena-Auditorium in Cowboy Basketball history.
- The Cowboys are now 18-1 when leading at the half.
- The Cowboys hit 12 threes and now have 356 on the season, a MW record for a single season.
- Wyoming connected on double-digit three-pointers for the 13th time in the last 14 games and 22nd game this season.
- Six different Cowboys hit a three-pointer on Wednesday, with three (Herndon, Aka Gorski and James) hitting multiple shots from beyond the arc.
- The Pokes held Coastal Carolina to 29 percent from the field in the first half. UW has held opponents to under 30 percent in the opening half five times this season.
- The Cowboys held Coastal Carolina to 31.3 percent shooting for the game, the seventh time this season they've held an opponent to under 35 percent shooting.
- The Cowboys scored 48 points in the second half, their most in a second half since hitting the same total against Montana on December 10.
- The Cowboys shot 51.7 percent in the second half.
- The Pokes outrebounded Coastal Carolina 45-36, posting their most rebounds in a game since amassing 60 against Fresno State in a four-overtime game on Feb. 8. The 45 rebounds are the most for the Cowboys in regulation since they had 49 vs. DePaul on Dec. 22.
- The Cowboys tallied 39 bench points, their 29th game this season with at least 30 bench points.
- 10 players scored for the Pokes for the second-straight game.
- Wednesday's starting lineup consisted of guard Justin James, guard Jason McManamen, guard Jeremy Lieberman, forward Alan Herndon and forward Jonathan Barnes. It was the first time the lineup has been used this season.

Individual Notes

- Senior Jason McManamen recorded 8 points. He now has 1,028 in his career and ranks fourth in career scoring by Wyoming natives, passing the legendary Kenny Sailors (1,021).
- Junior Alan Herndon hit two three pointers. He has hit at least two three pointers in 22 games this season.
- Herndon added 10 rebounds and two blocks for his fourth double-figure rebounding game of the season and his 22nd game of the season with multiple blocks. Herndon now has seven blocks so far in the CBI Finals series.
- Sophomore Justin James scored 21 points for his 30th double-figure scoring game of the season and his 12th game with at least 20 points. He added eight rebounds and tied a career high with two blocks.
- Junior guard Alexander Aka Gorski made five three-pointers and totaled 17 points. It was his third game of the season with at least five made three-pointers and his 11th double-figure scoring game of the season.
- Junior forward Hayden Dalton dished out five assists for his fifth game of the season with at least that many. Dalton added two blocked shots for his ninth game of the season with multiple blocks.



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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

"Loved the crowd tonight! The support from the fans and their energy was really a sixth man for us.

"We had a different mindset going into tonight's game. We talked a lot about defending and rebounding the basketball after Monday's game. I've always been a big proponent in that our offense will find itself. I thought we started the first half and the second half with what we call three kills, meaning three stops in a row against our opponent. I think that set the tone for the rest of the game.

"Playing at 7220 (feet) that is something we needed to use to our advantage, especially with the quick turnaround of these games. We felt that at some point fatigue would kick in for them.

"In terms of going to the glass tonight, I felt our guys did a better job of committing to boxing out and rebounding the basketball. Getting the ball up and down the court and picking them up defensively full court I thought also helped.

"I've always told our guys if we commit to the process and the game plan I think we can be really, really effective. If you look at the two games, we scored 81 here tonight and we scored 81 down at their place on Monday. The difference tonight was we played better defense and we rebounded the basketball and held them to 57 points versus 91 on the road.

"Getting back home in front of our crowd was tremendous. Like I said to the crowd after the game, please come back Friday night and bring someone with you. And the first 250 student tickets are on me."



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COASTAL CAROLINA CLIFF ELLIS POSTGAME QUOTES

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Quotes From Coastal Carolina Head Coach Cliff Ellis

"Well in the first half I thought we were in the basketball game and very simply we didn't make shots. We never got it going from that end of it unlike the other night when we were hitting shots. I thought travel had a lot to do with it, the altitude, different situation, however we couldn't get good shots or make them. Once Wyoming got the lead into double-digits, their confidence seemed to grow and they did a good job shooting the ball. They were into it and able to take it. We simply just have to shoot the ball better to be able to win on Friday."

On rebounding numbers

"The reason they got 38 defensive rebounds is we missed shots. We couldn't get the defensive rebounds because they didn't miss. You have to look at the possession game with offensive rebounds. We got 11, they got 7, they had 15 turnovers, we had nine so basically we won the possession game by ten. We could talk about a lot of things, but we could not get the ball in the hole. We shot 31 percent from the field, 19 from beyond the arc, 55 percent from the free throw line, you aren't going to go on the road and win. Legs are a factor, I know that, we now have an opportunity to adjust and make some things happen. Hopefully, we can regroup and rarely do you have a second chance to get a championship. We understand what we are dealing with and it's going to be hard. We have to make shots, defend and prevent them from getting shots."

On the bench

"You are playing at the highest altitude of any place in America. There is no place that is higher than here at Wyoming. If you look at the game, they had ten players in double-figure minutes. Having been here before I knew we had to play a lot of players even ones that haven't seen significant time. Those guys did come in and give us some valuable minutes. We had ten guys in double-digit minutes which hasn't happened all year. In order for us to win, we are going to have to play deep because Wyoming will play that many."