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UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING POSTGAME NOTES

Following a 83-59 win vs. Coastal Carolina
on March 31, 2017, in the second game of the finals of the CBI presented by Five Four
in the Arena-Auditorium in Laramie, Wyo.

Team Notes

- Friday's game was the third meeting between the two schools.
- The Cowboys are now 2-1 all-time against Coastal Carolina.
- It marked the Cowboys' first postseason title since winning the 1943 National Championship.
- Head Coach Allen Edwards became the seventh first-time head coach to win a postseason championship in their first season. He is the third to win the CBI joining Shaka Smart and Eric Musselman.
- Sophomore Justin James was named the MVP of the 2017 College Basketball Invitational.
- Wyoming held a 41-23 lead at the half, its largest halftime lead at home since a 56-28 lead against Cornell on Dec. 17. The Cowboys were 19-1 on the year when leading at the half.
- Wyoming's win comes on the 10th Anniversary of the Cowgirls NIT Title in 2007.
- Of the 29 first-year head coaches in Division-I basketball, Edward's 23 wins are 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.
- Friday's game marked the 22nd game in the Dome of Doom, as it is the most in a single season of the Arena-Auditorium.
- Wyoming moves to 19-3 this season at home. It now stands alone as the best record in the Arena-Auditorium in Cowboy Basketball history.
- The Cowboys hit 13 threes and now have 369 on the season, extending their Mountain West single-season record.
- Wyoming connected on double-digit three-pointers for the 14th time in the last 15 games and 23rd game this season.
- Seven Cowboys made three-pointers on Friday, including three (Hayden Dalton, Alexander Aka Gorski and Jason McManamen) connecting on multiple three-point attempts.
- Wyoming won both of its home games in the CBI Finals by 24 points.
- The Cowboys outrebounded Coastal Carolina 44-39.
- The stingy Cowboy defense held Coastal Carolina to just four assists on 21 made baskets.
- Coastal Carolina shot 33.9 percent for the game and just 32.6 percent (42-129) in the two games of the CBI Finals held in Laramie.
- Wyoming scored 48 bench points to Coastal Carolina's 27, led by Hayden Dalton's game-high 19 points.
- The Cowboys turned the ball over just seven times in the game, tying a season-low.
- Friday's starting lineup consisted of guard Justin James, guard Jason McManamen, guard Jeremy Lieberman, forward Alan Herndon and forward Jonathan Barnes. It was the second time the lineup has been used this season.

Individual Notes

- Sophomore Justin James recorded 17 points for his 30th double-figure scoring game of the year. James also posted five rebounds and four assists.
- Junior Hayden Dalton tied a career high with five made three-pointers, totaling 19 points for his 26th double-figure scoring game of the season. Dalton added a team-high 11 rebounds for his 12th double-double of the year.
- Senior Jason McManamen scored six points on the final two three-pointers of his illustrious Cowboy career. He finishes his career with 210 made three-pointers, tops in Cowboy Basketball history. McManamen attempted five three-pointers on Friday to bring his career total to 564 career three-point attempts, passing former teammate Josh Adams for No. 2 in UW history behind Brandon Ewing (594).
- Junior Alexander Aka Gorski added two three-pointers for his 16th game this season with multiple made threes. He made eight three-pointers in the three-game CBI Finals series.
- Junior Louis Adams posted nine points, making five-of-six free throws while adding five rebounds.



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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 can't say enough about the fans tonight. They provided great energy for us.

"And I couldn't be happier for our players, our coaches and our fans. This is truly about the team. I was the one chosen to lead this program, but this is about everyone who has worked so hard all year. Not many teams get an opportunity to end their season with a championship, and tonight we were able to be one of those teams.

"Coach (Cliff) Ellis has been doing this for a long time, and I told our team before the game that his Coastal Carolina team was going to come out fighting and we had to be ready for that.

"The game plan really didn't change from the other night. I told our guys to play at our tempo and I thought at some point fatigue would set in (for Coastal Carolina)."

In Regard to Hayden Dalton's Play Tonight

"I felt like this game was coming. Hayden (Dalton) hadn't been shooting the ball well lately, but I thought it was just a matter of time before he would break out."

Regarding Justin James Winning the MVP of the CBI

"J.J. (Justin James) is a talented young man. I don't think you can say when you look around this league that he isn't one of the most talented players in our league."

Regarding Senior Jason McManamen

"Jason (McManamen) has always been a team guy. When we began this tournament I talked to him about his role maybe changing in this tournament, but he told me he would do whatever he could to help the team. Whatever that young man does in the future, he will be successful at it."



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COASTAL CAROLINA CLIFF ELLIS POSTGAME QUOTES

Following a 59-83 loss to Wyoming
on March 31, 2017, in the third game of the finals of the CBI presented by Five Four
in the Arena-Auditorium in Laramie, Wyo.

Quotes From Coastal Carolina Head Coach Cliff Ellis

"I think the same we saw on Wednesday night happened tonight, we just didn't make shots and they did. The difference in this game was ability to shoot the basketball as opposed to what we did. You really have to give them credit defensively and taking away what we wanted to do. Monday night, four days ago, we shot ball well, but we were at home and we struggled. Give credit to Wyoming. This is a very good basketball team."

On Beck picking up his third foul

"There was no doubt that Demario (Beck) picking up his third foul made a difference. We cut the lead to 20-19, but after a foul they went on a 15-0 run so our fouls put us in a big hole. In the second half, we really came back but we were in such foul trouble. We had both our bigs with three on the bench in foul trouble and it definitely had an effect on our team."