2018 MOUNTAIN WEST MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
OPENING ROUND GAME #3 (March 7, 2018)

GAME NOTES

Final Score: No. 6 Seed Wyoming 74, No. 11 Seed San José State 61

- Wyoming earned its first win in the MW Tournament since capturing the league title in 2015 (defeated San Diego State, 45-43). The Cowboys improved to 12-17 all-time in league championship contests, while the Spartans remain winless, dropping to 0-4.
- Wyoming improved to 14-2 all-time versus San José State.
- With the Wyoming victory, the No. 6 seed remains perfect all-time at 4-0 in opening round games at the Conference tournament.
- Ryan Welage and Jaycee Hillsman provided all the offense for SJSU in the first half with Welage tallying 14 and Hillsman notching 16 points in the opening 20 minutes.
- Wyoming's Justin James finished the first half with 20 of the Cowboys' 40 points, going a perfect 7-for-7 from the field, 3-for-3 from beyond the 3-point arc and 3-for-3 at the free-throw line.
- The Cowboys used an 11-0 run to open the second half, extending their lead to 51-30 with 2:42 elapsed in the stanza.
- James finished the contest with 24 points in 27 minutes of action. The junior went 9-for-9 from the field, 3-for-3 from 3-point range and 3-for-3 at the charity stripe. James' 9-for-9 shooting performance ranks as the most efficient single-game effort in MW Championship history. The previous best performance was a 7-for-7 game by Rene Rougeau of UNLV on March 13, 2008.
- In three games against the Spartans this season, James averaged 24.7 points per contest.
- Hayden Dalton matched his career high with six assists for the Cowboys.
- Hillsman concluded the game with a career-high 24 points, while Welage posted a game-high 25 points. It was the 14th time this season Welage notched at least 20 points in a contest.
- Wyoming held the advantage in bench points, 17-4, points in the paint, 36-18, and fast break points, 14-0.