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University of Wyoming Cowboy Basketball Postgame Notes Following a 72-64 Home Win Versus Utah on March 1, 2008

Postgame Notes

- Wyoming swept the regular-season series with Utah for the first time since the 2001-02 season.
- The sweep of the Utes marked the second Mountain West Conference team that the Cowboys swept this season. UW also swept the regular-season series versus Colorado State, with a 77-67 road win earlier this week.
- Wyoming is now 11-1 on the season when holding opponents under 70 points.
- The Cowboys converted 26 of 27 free throws today (96.3 percent), which was a season best for percentage. It was only three shy of the season high for made free throws. UW made 29 this past Wednesday at Colorado State.
- The Pokes made their last 22 consecutive free throws in today's game -- the last five of the first half and all 17 in the second half.
- In its last two games, UW has made 55 of 65 free throws (84.6 percent).
- Utah entered Saturday's game shooting 40.5 percent from three-point range to rank No. 9 in the nation. Wyoming held the Utes to only 25.0 percent from three (3 of 12).
- The Wyoming Cowboys concluded their 2007-08 home schedule with an 8-6 home record and a 3-5 Mountain West Conference record at home.

Individual Notes

- Brandon Ewing became only the 12th player in Wyoming school history to score 1,500 career points when he added 14 points to his career total today. He now has scored 1,507 career points. Today he passed Leon Clark for 12th place on the UW scoring list. Clark scored 1,497 points at UW from 1964-66.
- Brad Jones' 20 points today marked his 17th career 20-point game and his second 20-point game of the season. He scored a season high 22 at Wichita State on Nov. 24, 2007.
- Brad Jones now has scored exactly 1,200 points for his Wyoming career to rank 20th in school history.
- Brad Jones had a season high four steals versus Utah, which moved him into the Top 10 in career steals at Wyoming. He now has 107 career steals. Jones passed Jeron Roberts (104 steals from 1995-98) and Tim Breau (106 steals from 1989-92) to move into 10th place the the UW career chart.
- Senior Byron Geis made his first career start today.
- The power forward tandem of Joseph Taylor and Tyson Johnson each had 12 points, six rebounds and two blocks on the day, combining for 24 points, 12 rebounds and four blocks.
- Joseph Taylor took sole possession of 10th place on the Wyoming career blocked shot list, with two blocks today. He now has 77 career blocks to break a tie with Ronell Mingo (75 blocks from 200-02) for 10th place.



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University of Wyoming Basketball Wyoming Postgame Quotes Following a 72-64 Home Win Versus Utah on March 1, 2008

Postgame Quotes From Wyoming Head Coach Heath Schroyer

"This was a great team win for us over a program with a great tradition in Utah."

When asked why he decided not to double-team Utah center Luke Nevill today

"Going into the game, I thought we had to limit their threes. (Luke) Nevill is so skilled and so big that I thought if we double-teamed him it would allow him to pass over the top of us and find their shooters. We basically told Mikhail (Linskens) and Travis (Nelson) to do the best job they could to limit Nevill, but we didn't want to give up threes."

Regarding what he thought allowed the Cowboys to maintain the lead in the second half

"Tyson (Johnson) did a good job in the second half of getting to the block and making a couple of nice baskets, and then Brandon (Ewing) hit two really big shots late in the game. We also were outstanding from the free-throw line today."

"I believe our guys are starting to value making free throws, and valuing the ball. We're doing a much better job of not turning the ball over."

When asked what happened on the last play of the game that led to the two head coaches having words

"It was an instinctive play for our guys. When we came down with the clock ticking down they were trying to trap Brandon (Ewing) in the corner, and he instinctively looked for an open player. Joe (Taylor) was coming down the lane and Brandon lobbed it to him. Jim (Boylen) is a great guy, and we're both competitive. In no way was that play planned, but emotions run high in games."

Regarding the play of his three seniors today (Byron Geis, Brad Jones and Joseph Taylor) in their final home game

"All three of our seniors made contributions to this team, and it hasn't always been easy for them. We came to Wyoming in their final season, and we made changes to the program that they had to adjust to. They've all worked hard at adjusting to those changes, and I couldn't be happier for them that they came away with a win in their final home game."



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University of Wyoming Basketball Utah Postgame Quotes Following a 64-72 Road Loss Versus Wyoming on March 1, 2008

Postgame Quotes from Utah Head Coach Jim Boylen

"We out-rebounded Wyoming, we had 16 more shots, we had less turnovers, we didn't make enough plays to win. The difference in this game were the points at the free-throw line.

"The last five minutes, we just didn't have the energy or the toughness, but we have to give Wyoming credit for playing well.

"(Brandon) Ewing makes plays. He made a three that made it a seven-point game, and I think that was the difference.

"With changes to our lineup, I think we started out good. We were under control early, so I wasn't disappointed with the changes that were made.

"The discrepancy was at the free-throw line. We had 16 more shots than they did, but Wyoming had 17 more free throws.

"To me this isn't an eight-point win or an eight-point loss, it was a two possession game.

"Bottom line, we just didn't get it done today."