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Wyoming Cowboy Basketball Postgame Notes

Following a 76-70 Win Over Northern Colorado in the BlueCross BlueShield of Wyoming Shootout on Dec. 12, 2009

Team Notes

- With today's win, Wyoming improves to 5-4 overall. Northern Colorado falls to 8-2 overall.
- This marked the 28th consecutive season that the Cowboys have played in Casper. The Pokes are now 35-10 (.778) in games played in Casper.
- This is the 11th consecutive season that the Casper Shootout has featured a double-header with the Cowgirl basketball team. In that time period, the Cowboys are now 8-3 (.727). With a 102-54 win over Dakota State in today's first game, the Cowgirls are now 9-2 (.818) in Casper.
- The Pokes made 31 of 43 (.721) free throws in today's game and have now made 234 of 316 (.741) on the season. The Pokes entered today's game ranked second in the nation in made free throws and fifth in attempted free throws.
- The Wyoming bench scored 39 of the team's 76 points, which accounted for 51.3 percent. The Pokes' bench also outscored UNC's bench 39-29.
- The Cowboys have forced at least 14 opponent turnovers in all nine of their games this season. They forced exactly 14 turnovers today.
- The Cowboys now lead the all-time series with Northern Colorado 49-17 (.742). They have not lost to the Bears since the 1936-37 season. Wyoming has won 20 consecutive games in the series.

Individual Notes

- With 13 points today, Adam Waddell has now scored in double-figures in five straight games. He has also scored 10 or more points in six of eight games this season and has scored eight or more points in all eight games that he has played.
- Waddell just missed a double-double, as he added nine rebounds to his 13 points. Those nine rebounds are the second most he has recorded in a game this season.
- Boubacar Sylla scored a career high eight points. He has now scored a career high in each of his last three games and his best five scoring performances of the season have come in UW's last five games.
- Wyoming's centers Boubacar Sylla and Adam Waddell combined to score 21 points today, which is their second best performance of the season. The duo scored 22 in UW's overtime win over Pepperdine.
- With 11 points, Desmar Jackson reached double-figures for the fourth time this season.
- JayDee Luster had a career high seven rebounds today. The Pokes' point guard has now recorded five or more rebounds in five different games this season.
- After missing three of UW's last four games with a knee injury, Afam Muojeke returned to the lineup today. He started the game, scored 15 points and had six rebounds. Muojeke has now reached double-figures in five of six games this season and in 27 of 39 (.692) career games.

BlueCross BlueShield of Wyoming Shootout

- As is tradition with the Shootout, the Barry Crater Award for Sportsmanship was handed out following each game. Cowgirl Randi Richardson won the award for the women's game and Cowboy JayDee Luster won the men's award.

Cowboy Basketball Postgame Quotes

Postgame Quotes From Wyoming Head Coach Heath Schroyer

“It was a good win against a team (Northern Colorado) that has been playing very well. They had defeated Hawaii, Colorado State, Air Force and Montana all on the road, and they were ranked No. 21 in the nation in the mid-major poll.

“Hopefully, this will be the kind of win that will propel us into conference play with some confidence.

“We guarded really well tonight. To hold them to 33 percent from three was big for us. I was really pleased with that. I also liked the way we executed out of timeouts tonight.

“I thought Adam (Waddell) played very well with 13 points and nine rebounds in only 20 minutes, and he was in foul trouble a good part of the game.

“We’ve gutted out three in a row now, and we have a challenging stretch coming up. We’ve figured out ways to win when we haven’t shot the ball very well.

“JayDee (Luster) does a lot of things that don’t show up in the stat sheet. I really trust him in late game situations to get the ball to the right people.

“I was really happy with the play of our guys off the bench tonight too. Desmar (Jackson) got 11 points and gave us some energy. Derm (Ryan Dermody) hit a couple of big threes early in the game, and Adam’s 13 were really big.

Regarding Wyoming’s Next Opponent Tennessee on Tue., Dec. 15

“They’re No. 9 in the country. It will be a huge challenge for us, but I know our guys are excited to play one of the best teams in the country. It is one of those experiences you need to go through as a young team to grow.

Northern Colorado Basketball Postgame Quotes

Postgame Quotes From Northern Colorado Head Coach Tad Boyle

“It is a really disappointing loss, that is a winnable game right there.

“We didn’t play well at all tonight, we missed key free throws in the second half.

“We knew we needed to keep them off the foul line and we didn’t--31 of their 76 points came from the line.

“Offensively we did not get to the free throw line enough, and when we did we could not make the free throws.

“Devon (Beitzel) got hot tonight, he is the type of guy that can really change a game.

“We have to be more physical is the bottom line.

“Our post play was not good tonight, and their big men played well tonight.”