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The Wyoming Cowboys (2000-01 Record: 4-0, 0-0 in the MWC)

							2000-01 Avgs.		
<u>Probable Starters</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Cl.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>PPG</u>	<u>RPG</u>	<u>APG</u>		
F #00 Ronell Mingo	6-9	230	Jr.	Los Angeles, Calif.	7.2	6.0	1.5		
F #22 Josh Davis	6-8	235	Jr.	Salem, Ore.	11.5	10.5	2.8		
C # 5 Uche Nsonwu-Amadi	6-10	260	RSo.	Enugu, Nigeria	12.0	9.5	0.8		
G #10 Chris McMillian	5-10	180	Jr.	Brea, Calif.	9.2	2.2	5.8		
G #44 Marcus Bailey	6-5	190	So.	Cheyenne, Wyo.	17.8	3.0	3.0		

Reserves

F # 4 Ugo Udezue	6-8	245	RJr.	Enugu, Nigeria	6.0	3.0	3.0		
F/C #13 Alex Dunn	6-10	220	Fr.	Sioux Rapids, Iowa	(Will redshirt)				
G #14 Brett McFall	6-0	180	Sr.	Olathe, Kan.	4.5	1.8	2.3		
G/F #20 David Rottinghaus	6-5	195	Fr.	Charles City, Iowa	4.0	2.0	0.3		
G/F #23 Scottie Vines	6-2	190	Jr.	Alexander City, Ala.	1.5	1.5	1.3		
G #24 Paris Corner	6-1	193	RJr.	Beaumont, Texas	3.8	2.0	1.0		
F #25 Joe Ries	6-8	225	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo.	3.5	1.5	0.5		

Head Coach: Steve McClain (Chadron State '84) Overall: 41-22 (.651), 3rd season At Wyoming: Same

Assistant Coaches: Leroy Washington (Montana '88), John Adams (Iowa State '95) and Sidney Coles (Marshall '98)

Game No. 5: Thu., Dec. 7, 2000, Northridge, Calif., 8:00 p.m., M.T.

The Cal State Northridge Matadors (4-2, 0-0 in the Big Sky)

(Prior to a Game Tue., Dec. 5, 2000, at USC)

							2000-01 Avgs.		
<u>Probable Starters</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Cl.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>PPG</u>	<u>RPG</u>	<u>APG</u>		
F #34 Joey Busch	6-8	235	Jr.	Upland, Calif.	8.7	6.3	0.7		
F #42 Jeff Parris	6-5	223	Sr.	Long Beach, Calif.	17.7	5.2	1.7		
C #31 Brian Heinle	6-9	225	Sr.	Eugene, Ore.	18.3	8.3	4.2		
G #25 John Burrell	6-3	185	Sr.	Palmdale, Calif.	13.2	3.8	1.0		
G #12 Markus Carr	6-1	180	Jr.	Palmdale, Calif.	6.5	3.2	7.5		

Reserves

G # 4 Craig Calloway	6-1	185	So.	Compton, Calif.	0.5	0.2	0.0		
G/F #10 Lionel Benjamin	6-3	205	So.	Long Beach, Calif.	0.8	1.0	0.0		
G #14 Marco McCain	6-3	185	Sr.	Cerritos, Calif.	4.7	2.2	1.0		
G #20 Carl Holmes	6-1	170	Sr.	Harrisburg, Ore.	5.2	3.5	0.8		
G #24 Keith Jackson	6-0	160	Fr.	Inglewood, Calif.	0.0	0.5	0.5		
G # 3 Denny Ogden	6-0	180	Sr.	Arcadia, Calif.	2.5	1.0	1.0		
F #32 Jermar Welch	6-6	215	Sr.	Moreno Calley, Calif.	1.0	1.6	0.0		
C #44 Dan Read	6-10	220	So.	Eugene, Ore.	1.0	2.2	0.0		

Head Coach: Bobby Braswell (Cal State Northridge '84)

Overall: 67-55 (.549), 5th season
At CS Northridge: Same

Assistant Coaches: Mike Johnson (Purdue '91), Eric Brown (CS Northridge '98), Shon Tarver (UCLA '94) and Danny Sprinkle (Montana State '00)

Comparative Stats: Here is how the Wyoming Cowboys and Cal State Northridge Matadors compare statistically.

	<u>FG-FGA</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>3P-3PA</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>FT-FTA</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Reb. Avg.</u>	<u>Avg. Pts. Given Up</u>	<u>Scoring Avg.</u>
Wyoming	105-251	.418	23-76	.303	69-107	.645	43.2	62.5	75.5
CS Northridge	158-349	.453	29-97	.299	122-174	.701	41.3	70.2	77.8
UW Margins		-.035		+.004		-.056	+1.9	+7.7	2.3



Cowboys Continue to Receive Votes in Both National Polls, Four Cowboy Opponents Also Receiving Votes:

The Wyoming Cowboys continued to receive votes in both national polls this week.

The rankings below were as of the Dec. 3-4 polls.

In addition to the Cowboys, four of the Pokes 2000-01 opponents are receiving votes in the polls.

ESPN/USA Today	Associated Press
Wyoming No. 53	Wyoming T No. 46
•Utah 22nd	•Utah 22nd
•BYU Tied 49th	•LSU Tied 44th
	•CS NorthridgeT49th

Cowboys in the Polls in 2000-

2001: Here is how the Wyoming Cowboys have been ranked throughout the 2000-01 season.

Week of Poll	ESPN/USA Today	AP
Preseason	Tie No. 45	No. 49
Nov. 12-13	Tie No. 45	No. 42
Nov. 19-20	Tie No. 45	Tie No. 41
Nov. 26-27	No. 55	Tie No. 42
Dec. 3-4	No. 53	Tie No. 46

National Ratings -- Part Two: A couple of other early rankings have Wyoming among the nation's elite.

Jeff Sagarin's NCAA basketball ratings which appear in **USA Today** list Wyoming **No. 58 in the nation** as of Dec. 4, 2000.

The unofficial **RPI rating on www.collegerpi.com** rank Wyoming **No. 10 in the nation** as of Dec. 5, 2000. The **CollegeRPI.com** site is an unofficial duplication of the Ratings Percentage Index (RPI) utilized by the NCAA.

2000-01 Cowboy Basketball

Television Schedule: The list below is a tentative one. Other TV games may be added as the 2000-01 season approaches.

Below is a listing of television games that will be carried in the state of Wyoming by either **ESPN, ESPN2, ESPN Regional (ERT)** or **SportsWest TV**.

For the complete schedule, including gametimes see page five of this release.

Date	Game
Mon., Jan. 8	at Utah (ESPN)
Sat., Jan. 13	at CSU (SWTV)
Sat., Jan. 20	Utah (ERT)
Mon., Jan. 22	BYU (SWTV)
Sat., Jan. 27	at Air Force (ERT)
Mon., Jan. 29	at New Mexico (SWTV)
Sat., Feb. 3	SDSU (SWTV)
Mon., Feb. 5	UNLV (ESPN)
Sat., Feb. 10	CSU (SWTV)
Thu., Feb. 15	at BYU (SWTV)
Sat., Feb. 17	at Creighton (ESPN)
Mon.,Feb. 26	New Mexico (ESPN)
Sat., March 3	at UNLV (SWTV)

Home games in bold

The Wyoming Cowboys Continue to Receive Votes in Both National

Polls: This week's **ESPN/USA Today Coaches' Poll** shows the Wyoming Cowboys received **4 points** to rank **No. 53**. The most recent **Associated Press Media Poll** ranks Wyoming in a **tie for No. 46 with seven points**. Below are the most recent College Basketball Polls.

ESPN/USA Today Coaches' Poll (Dec. 3)		Associated Press (Dec. 4)	
Rank	2000-01 Record	Rank	2000-01 Record
1. Duke	7-0	1. Duke	7-0
2. Michigan State	5-0	2. Michigan State	5-0
3. Stanford	6-0	3. Kansas	7-0
4. Kansas	7-0	4. Stanford	6-0
5. Arizona	5-1	5. Arizona	5-1
6. Tennessee	6-0	6. Tennessee	6-0
7. Illinois	5-2	7. Seton Hall	4-0
8. Seton Hall	4-0	8. Florida	3-0
9. Florida	3-0	9. Illinois	5-2
10. Notre Dame	4-0	10. Notre Dame	4-0
11. Wake Forest	6-0	11. Wake Forest	6-0
12. North Carolina	3-2	12. USC	4-0
13. Connecticut	6-1	13. Syracuse	7-0
14. Syracuse	7-0	14. North Carolina	3-2
15. USC	4-0	15. Connecticut	6-1
16. Oklahoma	4-1	16. Virginia	4-0
17. Maryland	2-3	17. Wisconsin	3-1
18. Cincinnati	3-1	18. Cincinnati	3-1
19. Virginia	4-0	19. Maryland	3-3
20. Wisconsin	3-1	20. Oklahoma	5-1
21. Arkansas	5-1	21. Arkansas	5-1
22. Utah	4-2	22. Utah	4-2
23. Temple	4-3	23. Alabama	3-0
24. St. John's	3-2	24. St. John's	4-2
25. Texas	5-1	25. Iowa State	5-0

Others Receiving Votes: Georgetown 54, Iowa State 44, Kentucky 42, Charlotte 34, DePaul 32, UCLA 25, Iowa 23, Missouri 22, Memphis 16, New Orleans 14, N.C. State 13, Pepperdine 13, Utah State 13, Dayton 12, Xavier 12, Marshall 11, S. Mississippi 11, Louisville 10, Alabama 9, George Washington 9, SMU 9, Gonzaga 7, St. Bonaventure 7, **BYU 6**, Purdue 6, Indiana State 5, Oklahoma State 5, **Wyoming 4**, Central Michigan 2, Jacksonville 2, Toledo 2, Georgia State 1, Richmond 1.

Others Receiving Votes: Iowa 120, Kentucky 111, Temple 106, Mississippi 73, Georgetown 54, Charlotte 48, DePaul 38, Gonzaga 28, Texas 26, Oregon 20, Purdue 20, Xavier 19, St. Bonaventure 16, Toledo 15, George Washington 13, SMU 13, Dayton 12, Marshall 9, **LSU 8**, Missouri 8, **Wyoming 7**, Oklahoma State 7, Georgia 6, **CS Northridge 5**, Villanova 5, Ohio State 4, Arizona State 3, La.-Lafayette 2, Penn State 2, S. Mississippi 2, Georgia State 1, Holy Cross 1, Minnesota 1, Pepperdine 1, Vanderbilt 1.

Bold indicates Wyoming and Wyoming opponents.

Wyoming Has Defeated the Last Six Consecutive Top 25 Teams in The

Arena-Auditorium: Wyoming has enjoyed a great deal of success at home against nationally-ranked teams over the past five seasons. In fact, **UW has posted a 6-0 record at home against the last six nationally-ranked opponents to play in the Double A.**

The last nationally-ranked team to defeat UW in the Dome of Doom was the Cincinnati Bearcats on Dec. 17, 1994, in a game that saw LaZelle Durden hit three free throws with no time left on the clock for a one-point victory (81-80). Cincinnati was ranked No. 17 in the nation at the time.

Here is a breakdown of the Cowboys' success against Top 25 ranked teams in the Arena-Auditorium over the past five seasons.

Wins Over Top 25 Ranked Teams

Feb. 28, 2000	88-61	Win over No. 24 ranked Utah
Jan. 14, 1999	96-93	Win over No. 20 ranked TCU
Feb. 12, 1998	62-56	Win over No. 5 ranked Utah
Jan. 10, 1998	58-55	Win over No. 10 ranked New Mexico
Feb. 12, 1996	80-76	Win over No. 7 ranked Utah
Jan. 13, 1996	61-58	Win over No. 25 ranked New Mexico

Notes From This Week in Cowboy Basketball:

- With its 77-62 victory over Montana State on Sunday, Dec. 3, the Wyoming Cowboys notched their first victory of the season away from home. The game, played in Billings, Mont., was a neutral-site game.

- Wyoming extended its home winning streak to eight games with its win Friday, Dec. 1 over Creighton, 78-74. The home winning streak dates back to last season.

- Wyoming has now defeated 15 consecutive non-conference opponents in Laramie in the Steve McClain era and holds a 15-1 (.938) record vs. non-conference opponents at home under coach McClain.

- Steve McClain has posted a 25-8 (.758) record versus non-conference opponents while at Wyoming.

- Wyoming is now 27-3 (.900) at home against all opponents in the Steve McClain era.

- Josh Davis didn't have a point or a rebound at halftime vs. Creighton, but came back to record a double-double in the second half with 12 points and 15 rebounds. It was the 17th double-double of Davis' career, and the first of the season for the junior.

- Chris McMillian started his 63rd consecutive game in the win over Montana State on Dec. 3. McMillian has started every game of his college career.

- Juniors Josh Davis and Chris McMillian have now started 41 consecutive games together, dating back to Feb. 16, 1999, of their freshman season against Texas Pan-American.

- Josh Davis, Chris McMillian and Marcus Bailey have now started 30 consecutive games together, dating back to Dec. 4, 1999, against Nevada.

- The Wyoming Cowboys have enjoyed a very balanced attack through their first four games of the season. Wyoming has had seven different players score in double figures (Marcus Bailey, Paris Corner, Josh Davis, Brett McFall, Chris McMillian, Ronell Mingo and Uche Nsonwu-Amadi).

- Marcus Bailey scored in double figures for the 16th time in 35 career games with his 25 points vs. Montana State. He is the only Cowboy to score in double figures in each game this season -- 14 vs. UC Riverside, 16 each against Denver and Creighton and 25 vs. Montana State.

- Uche Nsonwu-Amadi scored in double figures for the third time in his four career games at UW. He had 16 versus Creighton, 16 versus Denver and 10 against Montana State.

- Paris Corner scored in double figures for the first time in his Wyoming career when he scored 11 points against Creighton.

- Freshman Joe Ries scored a career high eight points vs. Creighton and made the first three-point field goal of his college career.

2000-01 Wyoming Cowboy Basketball Schedule

Overall Record: 4-0 **Home:** 3-0 **Away:** 0-0 **Neutral:** 1-0
MWC Record: 0-0 **Home:** 0-0 **Away:** 0-0

November

Thu., Nov. 9	Slovakia Select (Exh.)	Laramie, Wyo.	W 99-63
Tue., Nov. 14	California All-Stars (Exh.)	Laramie, Wyo.	W 102-80
Sat., Nov. 18	UC Riverside	Laramie, Wyo.	W 77-59
Mon., Nov. 27	Denver	Laramie, Wyo.	W 70-55

December

Fri., Dec. 1	Creighton	Laramie, Wyo.	W 78-74
Sun., Dec. 3	Montana State#	Billings, Mont.	W 77-62
Thu., Dec. 7	at Cal State Northridge	Northridge, Calif.	8:00 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 9	at Cal State Fullerton	Fullerton, Calif.	8:00 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 16	Oregon State#	Casper, Wyo.	8:00 p.m.
Tue., Dec. 19	Delaware State	Laramie, Wyo.	7:00 p.m.
Thu., Dec. 21	at South Carolina	Columbia, S.C.	5:30 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 23	at Akron	Akron, Ohio	1:00 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 30	Wichita State	Laramie, Wyo.	7:00 p.m.

January

Wed., Jan. 3	at LSU	Baton Rouge, La.	5:00 p.m.
Mon., Jan. 8	at Utah*	Salt Lake City, Utah	10:00 p.m. (ESPN)
Sat., Jan. 13	at Colorado State*	Fort Collins, Colo.	TBA (SWTV)
Sat., Jan. 20	Utah*	Laramie, Wyo.	1:00 p.m. (ERT)
Mon., Jan. 22	Brigham Young*	Laramie, Wyo.	7:00 p.m. (SWTV)
Sat., Jan. 27	at Air Force*	Colorado Springs, CO	1:00 p.m. (ERT)
Mon., Jan. 29	at New Mexico*	Albuquerque, N.M.	7:00 p.m. (SWTV)

February

Sat., Feb. 3	San Diego State*	Laramie, Wyo.	4:00 p.m. (SWTV)
Mon., Feb. 5	UNLV*	Laramie, Wyo.	10:00 p.m. (ESPN)
Sat., Feb. 10	Colorado State*	Laramie, Wyo.	4:00 p.m. (SWTV)
Thu., Feb. 15	at Brigham Young*	Provo, Utah	TBA (SWTV)
Sat., Feb. 17	at Creighton	Omaha, Neb.	10:00 a.m. (ESPN)
Sat., Feb. 24	Air Force*	Laramie, Wyo.	4:00 p.m.
Mon., Feb. 26	New Mexico*	Laramie, Wyo.	10:00 p.m. (ESPN)

March

Thu., March 1	at San Diego State*	San Diego, Calif.	8:00 p.m.
Sat., March 3	at UNLV*	Las Vegas, Nev.	8:30 p.m. (SWTV)
Thu.,-Sat., March 8-10	Mountain West Conference Tournament	Las Vegas, Nev.	TBA (ESPN)
Thu.,-Sun., March 15-18	NCAA Tournament First and Second Rounds	TBA	TBA (CBS)

Bold indicates home games.

#Indicates neutral-site games.

*Indicates Mountain West Conference games.

All times listed are Mountain time and subject to change.

ERT stands for ESPN Regional TV, also known as ESPN+Plus

SWTV stands for SportsWest TV

2000-01 Wyoming Schedule Includes Six Opponents Who Played in

Postseason a Year Ago: Wyoming's 2000-2001 schedule will feature six opponents who earned either a 2000 NCAA or NIT berth. Wyoming will play those six tournament teams a total of 11 games during the upcoming season. Here are those six tournament teams and when they are scheduled to play the Cowboys.

2000 NCAA Participants

Creighton	in Laramie, Nov. 30
	in Omaha, Feb. 17
LSU	in Baton Rouge, Jan. 3
Utah	in Salt Lake City, Jan. 8
	in Laramie, Jan. 20
UNLV	in Laramie, Feb. 5
	in Las Vegas, March 3

2000 NIT Participants

BYU	in Laramie, Jan. 22
	in Provo, Feb. 15
New Mexico	in Albuquerque, Jan. 29
	in Laramie, Feb. 26

McMillian Stretches Streak of Consecutive Starts to 63 Games -- Every Game of His Career:

Junior guard Chris McMillian has started every game of his career. McMillian's streak currently sits at 63 consecutive games.

McMillian is also the iron man of the Cowboys, leading UW in minutes played at 33.5 minutes per game.

Starting Balance: Entering this week, Wyoming has enjoyed amazing balance from its five starters. The leading scorer is sophomore Marcus Bailey at 17.8 points per game down to junior Ronell Mingo at 7.2 points per game. Three starters are averaging in double figures -- Bailey (17.8 ppg), Uche Nsonwu-Amadi (12.0) and Josh Davis (11.5). Chris McMillian is close behind at 9.2 points per game.

Here is the current scoring averages of UW's five starters:

Marcus Bailey, Guard	17.8 ppg
Uche Nsonwu-Amadi, Center	12.0 ppg
Josh Davis, Forward	11.5 ppg
Chris McMillian, Guard	9.2 ppg
Ronell Mingo, Forward	7.2 ppg

There's No Place Like Home: Once again this season, the Wyoming Cowboys have posted an outstanding home record.

Wyoming has begun the 2000-01 season with a perfect 3-0 record at home.

Wyoming ended the 1999-2000 season with a 12-1 (.923) home record, 6-1 (.857) in Mountain West home games. That ranked as the second best home record in the Mountain West Conference. Only Utah, at 17-0, 7-0 in the MWC, had a better home winning percentage among MWC teams. UNLV also posted a 6-1 MWC home record to match Wyoming's conference mark.

How Good Are the Cowboys at Home the Past Few Years? How good are the Wyoming Cowboys at home? **During the Steve McClain era, Wyoming has posted a 27-3 (.900) home record overall and a 12-2 (.857) home record in conference games.**

In the history of the Arena-Auditorium, Wyoming holds a **199-63 (.760) home record since the Double A opened in the last game of the 1981-82 season. In conference home games, UW is 101-45 (.692).**

2000-01 Preseason Honors

ESPN The Magazine Preseason Issue

Steve McClain, Head Coach

Ranked No. 4 on Dick Vitale's All-Sportscenter Team (Coaches Who Need Some PT on TV for more PR)

Ugo Udezue

Ranked No. 7 in the nation at Center
First Team All-Mountain West Conference
Mountain West Conference Player of the Year

Josh Davis

Ranked No. 14 in the nation at Power Forward
Ranked No. 1 on Dick Vitale's All-Rip Van Winkle Team (Sleepers You'll Hear About)
First Team All-Mountain West Conference

Wyoming

Wyoming picked No. 3 in Mountain West Conference
Wyoming picked as an NCAA Tournament team
Wyoming Frontcourt ranked Best in the MWC

The Sporting News Preseason Issue

Josh Davis

Ranked No. 14 in the nation at Power Forward
First Team All-Mountain West Conference
Mountain West Conference Player of the Year
Most Versatile Player in Mountain West Conference

Chris McMillian

Second Team All-Mountain West Conference
Best Playmaker in Mountain West Conference
Best Player Under 6-0 in Mountain West Conference

Ugo Udezue

Second Team All-Mountain West Conference

Wyoming

Wyoming picked No. 3 in Mountain West Conference
Wyoming picked as an NCAA Tournament team

Deep, Deep, Deep: When the Wyoming Cowboys took the court for the 2000-01 season, Coach Steve McClain said that he felt he had a very deep team. His prediction has come true as 11 different players have taken the court for the Cowboys to date and seven have scored in double figures. Here are some other stats that indicate the depth of the Cowboy squad.

Cowboys Who Have Played	11
Double Figure Scorers	7
Players Who Have Scored	11
Players Averaging 20+ Minutes	5
Players Averaging 10+ Minutes	11

Cowboys Have Built Eight-Game Home Winning Streak: The Wyoming Cowboys have built an eight-game home winning streak in the Arena-Auditorium.

Wyoming ended the 1999-2000 season with a five-game winning streak. Wyoming defeated San Diego State, UNLV, Air Force, BYU and Utah in its last five home games of the '99-2000 season.

The Cowboys have begun the 2000-01 season with three home victories to stretch their home winning streak to eight games.

McFall Ranks Among Career Leaders in Three-

Pointers: Brett McFall enters this week with **95 career threes to rank in a tie for No. 8 in Wyoming school history with Roman Totta (1993-94)**. McFall led the Pokes in threes for the 1999-2000 season with 57 threes.

His 57 threes for the '99-2000 campaign ranked as the eighth best single-season total in school history.

Wyoming Career Three-Point Field-Goal Leaders

1.	LaDrell Whitehead	1995-97	168
2.	Reggie Fox	1987-89	165
3.	Fennis Dembo	1985-88	143
4.	Bradley Mann	1997-	136
5.	Jeron Roberts	1995-98	132
6.	Maurice Alexander	1991-92	118
7.	Tim Breaux	1989-92	105
8.	Brett McFall	1998-	95
	Roman Totta	1993-94	95
10.	Anthony Blakes	1999-	75

McMillian Continues Climb Up Wyoming Career

Steal List: Chris McMillian has earned his way into the Wyoming Career Top 10 list in steals as only a junior. McMillian is currently **ranked in a tie for No. 8 on the UW career steal list with David Murray (1993-94)**. Here is the UW Career Top 10 entering the 2000-2001 season.

Wyoming Career Steal Leaders

1.	Sean Dent, 1984-88	249
2.	Fennis Dembo, 1985-88	176
3.	LaDrell Whitehead, 1995-97	150
4.	Anthony Blakes, 1999-	108
5.	Tim Breaux, 1989-92	106
6.	Jeron Roberts, 1995-98	104
7.	Maurice Alexander, 1991-92	102
8.	Chris McMillian, 1999-	101
	David Murray, 1993-94	101
10.	Reggie Fox, 1987-89	99

McMillian No. 6 on UW Career Assist List: Chris McMillian also is ranked in the Top 10 in career assists at Wyoming. He will begin this week **ranked No. 6 in career assists at Wyoming**.

Below is a breakdown of the Cowboy greats who rank as the top assist men in school history.

Wyoming Career Assist Leaders

1.	Sean Dent, 1984-88	502
2.	Fennis Dembo, 1985-88	410
3.	Mike Jackson, 1980-83	357
4.	LaDrell Whitehead, 1995-97	274
5.	Maurice Alexander, 1991-92	273
6.	Chris McMillian, 1999-	267
7.	David Murray, 1993-94	244
8.	Anthony Johnson, 1980-83	237
9.	Anthony Blakes, 1999-	229
10.	Kenny Smith, 1989-90	219

Davis No. 7 in Career Blocks at UW: Wyoming junior Josh Davis is **ranked No. 7 among all-time Cowboys in career blocked shots** entering this week.

Here is how Davis currently ranks.

Wyoming Career Blocked Shot Leaders

1.	Theo Ratliff, 1992-95	425
2.	Eric Leckner, 1985-88	164
3.	Reginald Slater, 1989-92	100
4.	Bill Garnett, 1979-82	97
5.	Fennis Dembo, 1985-88	95
6.	Reggie Page, 1989-90	82
7.	Josh Davis, 1999-	77
8.	Tony Martin, 1982-84	71
9.	Jeff Allen, 1995-98	66
10.	Charles Bradley, 1978-81	57

McClain Teams Among Top Scoring Teams in UW

History: In his first two seasons as Wyoming's head coach **Steve McClain** made an immediate impact on the Cowboy program. The Pokes ended the '99-2000 season averaging **82.8 points per game**, which ranked **No. 5 in school history**. Wyoming averaged **81.6 points per game** in McClain's first season as head coach (1998-99), which ranked **No. 8 all-time** at UW.

Currently the Cowboys are **averaging 75.5 points per game for the 2000-01 season**.

Rank	Wyoming Team	Scoring Average
1.	1965-66	91.0
2.	1964-65	86.3
3.	1967-68	85.6
4.	1969-70	83.9
5.	1999-2000	82.8
6.	1990-91	82.5
7.	1968-69	82.2
8.	1998-99	81.6
9.	1987-88	78.3
10.	1977-78	78.0
	1963-64	78.0

McClain's Pokes Also Among Best Rebounding

Teams in School History: This season, Wyoming is **averaging 43.2 rebounds per game**, which would rank **No. 7** in school history in rebounding average.

The 1999-2000 Cowboys were also among the best rebounding teams in school history. Wyoming averaged **40.6 rebounds per game** which ranked **No. 9 in school history** at the time.

The Pokes '98-'99 rebounding average of **43.4 per game** ranked **No. 6 in Wyoming school history** entering this season.

Here is a listing of the greatest rebounding teams in Cowboy history.

Rank	Wyoming Team	Rebounding Average
1.	1965-66	54.5
2.	1964-65	52.0
3.	1967-68	47.3
4.	1968-69	46.5
5.	1966-67	44.0
6.	1998-99	43.4
7.	2000-01	43.2
8.	1980-81	42.0
9.	1951-52	40.7
10.	1999-2000	40.6

Cowboy Sports Network to Broadcast Cowboys on Radio:

The 2000-01 Wyoming Basketball season will mark the third year that Cowboy games will be broadcast live on the Cowboy Sports Network.

KFBC Radio in Cheyenne, Wyo., is the flagship station for the network.

Bringing the play-by-play description of Cowboy games to Poke fans will be seven-time Wyoming "Sportscaster of the Year" **Dave Walsh**. Walsh is in his 17th year as "Voice of the Cowboys."

Joining Walsh in the booth again this year as color analyst is longtime Cowboy broadcaster and UW Sports Information Director **Kevin McKinney**. McKinney will be entering his 29th season as color commentator for UW basketball.

Dave Montgomery will serve as executive producer, and **J.D. Harris** will be the studio host.

Steve McClain Radio Coach's

Show: The Steve McClain Radio Coach's Show will air on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. Mountain time during the 2000-01 season, beginning on Tuesday, Nov. 21.

The show will be originated by KFBC Radio of Cheyenne, Wyo., and will be carried by a number of Cowboy Sports Network affiliates.

Wyoming head coach **Steve McClain** will be joined by the "Voice of the Cowboys" **Dave Walsh**.

Fans are encouraged to call-in with questions for Coach McClain during the call-in segment of the show.

The only week's that shows are not planned are the week of Christmas (Tuesday, Dec. 26) and the week of New Year's (Tuesday, Jan. 2).

Steve McClain Conference Call:

Wyoming head coach Steve McClain will be featured on a weekly conference call for media members during the 2000-01 basketball season.

Due to the Cowboys playing on different days of the week, the day of the conference call will vary from week-to-week. Weekly advisories will be sent out by the Wyoming Sports Information Office. If you have any questions about the weekly conference call, please contact the UW Sports Information Office at **(307) 766-2256**.

The phone number to connect to the conference call each week is **(307) 766-1007**, after you hear a beep dial **2256**.

If you have any problems connecting to the conference call, please call the Wyoming Sports Information Office at (307) 766-2256 or the UW Conferencing Service at (307) 766-3071.

This week's conference call will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 11 a.m.

Steve McClain One of the Top Coaches in Wyoming History Through His First Two Seasons:

University of Wyoming head basketball coach Steve McClain posted an impressive record through his first two seasons as the Cowboys' head coach.

Mountain West Conference media members named him the MWC Coach of the Year for the 1999-2000 season. McClain concluded his second season at UW having won 62.7 percent of his games with a record of 37-22. **He currently holds a 41-22 (.651) record in his third year at Wyoming.**

In the 95 seasons of Wyoming Basketball, 31 Cowboy squads have won 17 or more games. Only two coaches in the history of Wyoming Basketball have won more than 17 games in each of their first two seasons as head coach -- Willard Witte (1930-31 and 1931-32) and **Steve McClain (1998-99 and 1999-2000)**.

Here is a breakdown of the most successful Wyoming Basketball Coaches through their first two seasons at UW.

UW's Winningest Coaches Through Their First Two Seasons (Based on Wins)

1. Benny Dees (1987-88 and 1988-89 Seasons)	40-23 (.635)
2. Steve McClain (1988-89 and 1999-2000 Seasons)	37-22 (.627)
Willard Witte (1930-31 and 1931-32 Seasons)	37- 6 (.860)
4. Jim Brandenburg (1978-79 and 1979-80 Seasons)	33-22 (.600)
5. Don DeVoe (1976-77 and 1977-78 Seasons)	29-25 (.537)
6. George McLaren (1928-29 and 1929-30 Seasons)	28-10 (.737)
7. Joby Wright (1993-94 and 1994-95 Seasons)	27-29 (.482)
8. Stewart Clark (1924-25 and 1925-26 Seasons)	21-11 (.656)
9. Everett Shelton (1939-40 and 1940-41 Seasons)	20-16 (.556)

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Wyoming's Josh Davis Participates in USA Basketball Men's National Team Trials:

University of Wyoming sophomore Josh Davis participated in the USA Basketball National Team Trials, May 26-28, 2000, in Colorado Springs, Colo., at the Olympic Training Center. He was one of only 30 players in the nation, aged 20 or younger, who was invited to participate.

From the trials, the World Championship for Young Men Qualification Team was selected by USA Basketball's Collegiate Committee. The head coach of the team was Jim Boeheim from Syracuse University. The team competed in the COPABA World Championship for Young Men Qualification Tournament that included teams from North, South and Central America.

"This is a great opportunity," said Davis, upon being notified of his selection. "I'm honored to be invited to participate, and hopefully I can make the team and represent Wyoming and the U.S. in Brazil this summer. I'm looking forward to the challenge."

Davis was not selected to the final squad, but did have an opportunity to showcase his skills against the top young players in the nation.

"This was great experience for Josh," said UW head basketball coach Steve McClain. "Anytime you get invited to compete with the top players in the country, it is a great challenge to see where you stack up against those players. I think it was an excellent learning opportunity for Josh, as well. It provided him a chance to play at a very high level of competition, and gave him a chance to grow as a basketball player and develop his game. In addition to Josh's personal development, this was also great exposure for our program."

After the team trials were completed on May 28, those selected to the team reunited on July 15-22 for a week-long training camp. On July 23, the team departed for Sao Paulo, Brazil, where the tournament was held July 26-30.

The USA World Championship for Young Men Qualifying Team is one of several teams fielded by USA Basketball, including the 2000 USA Olympic Team and the 2000 USA Hoop Summit Team.

Davis was named a First Team All-Mountain West Conference honoree last season by conference coaches. The junior from Salem, Ore., led Wyoming in scoring (14.3 points per game) and rebounding (8.7 rebounds per game) for the 1999-2000 season.

The Mountain West Conference Heads Into Its Second

Season: A year ago, the University of Wyoming joined some old rivals to form the Mountain West Conference. Wyoming reunited with Air Force, Brigham Young, Colorado State, New Mexico, UNLV, San Diego State and Utah to form the new league.

The 2000-01 season promises to be an outstanding one for Mountain West Conference Basketball with a number of teams receiving votes in the national polls.

The 2000-01 MWC season will culminated with the 2001 Mountain West Conference Tournament to be held at the Thomas and Mack Center in Las Vegas, Nev., March 8-10, 2001.

2000-01 Mountain West Conference Standings

(As of Monday, Dec. 4, 2000)

Team	MWC Games	All Games
1. Wyoming	0-0 (-----)	4-0 (1.000)
Colorado State	0-0 (-----)	5-0 (1.000)
3. New Mexico	0-0 (-----)	4-1 (.800)
San Diego State	0-0 (-----)	4-1 (.800)
5. Utah	0-0 (-----)	4-2 (.667)
6. BYU	0-0 (-----)	2-2 (.500)
UNLV	0-0 (-----)	3-3 (.500)
8. Air Force	0-0 (-----)	1-5 (.167)

Wyoming's Mountain West Conference Players of the Week:

Here are Wyoming's 2000-01 Mountain West Conference Players of the Week.

2000-01 Wyoming MWC Players of the Week

Marcus Bailey, MWC Player of the Week, Dec. 4, 2000

Mountain West Conference Media Vote Cowboys Second in 2000-01 Preseason Poll, Josh Davis and Ugo Udezue Earn Preseason All-Conference Honors:

The Mountain West Conference released its 2000-01 Preseason Media Poll on Oct. 4, 2000, and the **Wyoming Cowboys were picked to finish second in the league race.** Wyoming juniors **Josh Davis** and **Ugo Udezue** were both selected to the **MWC First Team All-Conference squad** in voting by 32 MWC media members.

Here is the preseason poll along with the five-man preseason All-Conference team.

Rank (First-place Votes)	Total Points
1. Utah (18)	233
2. Wyoming (7)	207
3. UNLV (6)	199
4. Brigham Young (1)	178
5. New Mexico	136
6. Colorado State	90
7. San Diego State	65
8. Air Force	44

Preseason All-MWC Team

Josh Davis, Jr., Forward, Wyoming
Ugo Udezue, Jr., Forward, Wyoming
Kaspars Kambala, Sr., Center, UNLV
Terrell Lyday, Sr., Guard, BYU
Mekeli Wesley, Sr., Forward, BYU

Top Returning Player

Kaspars Kambala, Sr., Center, UNLV

Top Newcomer

Chris Burgess, Jr., Forward/Center, Utah

2000-01 Mountain West Conference Leaders: Here are Wyoming's players who rank among the Mountain West Conference leaders, along with where Wyoming ranks as a team in a number of statistical categories for the 2000-01 season.

Mountain West Team Rankings

(As of Monday, Dec. 4, 2000)

Category	Wyoming's Team Ranking
Scoring Offense	No. 4, 75.5 points per game
Scoring Defense	No. 5, 62.5 points per game
Scoring Margin	No. 5, +13.0 points per game
Field-Goal Percentage	No. 8, .418
3-Point FG Percentage	No. 8, .303
3-Point FGs Per Game	No. 7, 5.75 threes per game
Free-Throw Percentage	No. 7, .645
Rebounding Average	No. 1, 43.2 rebounds per game
Opponents' Reb. Avg	No. 8, 41.2 rebounds per game
Rebounding Margin	No. 5, +2.0 rebounds per game
Offensive Rebounds	No. 1, 15.50 offensive rebounds / game
Defensive Rebounds	No. 3, 27.75 defensive rebounds / game
FG Percentage Defense	No. 3, .369 (Opponents' FG %)
3-Point FG % Defense	No. 1, .273 (Opponents' 3-Pt. FG %)
Assists	No. 1, 19.75 assists per game
Turnover Margin	No. 1, +3.75
Assist/Turnover Ratio	No. 1, 1.55 to 1.00
Blocked Shots	No. 2, 5.00 blocked shots per game
Steals	No. 6, 7.75 steals per game

Mountain West Individual Rankings

Category	Wyoming Individual Rankings
Scoring	Marcus Bailey, No. 3, 17.8 ppg Uche Nsonwu-Amadi, No. 16, 12.0 Josh Davis, No. 18, 11.5 ppg Chris McMillian, No. 26, 9.2 ppg
Rebounding	Josh Davis, Tied No. 1, 10.50 rpg Uche Nsonwu-Amadi, No. 3, 9.50 Ronell Mingo, Tied No. 8, 6.0 rpg
Offensive Rebounds	Josh Davis, No. 1, 4.00 off. rpg Ronell Mingo, No. 5, 2.50 off. rpg Uche Nsonwu-Amadi, Tied No. 14, 1.75 Marcus Bailey, Tied No. 14, 1.75
Defensive Rebounds	Uche Nsonwu-Amadi, No. 1, 7.75 drpg Josh Davis, No. 3, 6.50 def. rpg
Field-Goal Percentage	Uche Nsonwu-Amadi, Tied No. 4, .600 Marcus Bailey, Tied No. 7, .595
3-Point FG Percentage	No one
3-Point FGs Per Game	Chris McMillian, No. 12, 1.75 pg
Free-throw Percentage	Marcus Bailey, No. 4, .923 Chris McMillian, Tied No. 15, .667
Assists	Chris McMillian, No. 4, 5.75 apg Marcus Bailey, Tied No. 9, 3.00 apg Josh Davis, No. 12, 2.75 apg
Blocked Shots	Ronell Mingo, No. 3, 2.75 bspg Josh Davis, Tied No. 10, 0.75 bspg Uche Nsonwu-Amadi, Tied No. 10, 0.75
Steals	Josh Davis, Tied No. 1, 2.00 spg Marcus Bailey, Tied No. 10, 1.50 spg Chris McMillian, Tied No. 15, 1.25 spg
Assist-to-Turnover Ratio	Marcus Bailey, No. 1, 4.00 to 1.00 Chris McMillian, Tied No. 4, 2.56 to 1.00

2000-01 Double-Double

Cowboys: Uche Nsonwu-Amadi recorded the first double-double of the 2000-01 season for the Cowboys. Nsonwu-Amadi scored 16 points and grabbed 13 rebounds in a 70-55 victory over Denver on Nov. 27, 2000, for the Pokes' first double-double of the season.

Josh Davis joined Nsonwu-Amadi with a double-double vs. Creighton -- he scored all 12 of his points and grabbed all 15 rebounds vs. Creighton in the second half.

<u>Player</u>	<u>2000-01 Double-Doubles</u>	<u>Career Double-Doubles</u>
Josh Davis	1	17
Uche Nsonwu-Amadi	1	1

Double-Double Cowboys -- Part Two:

Josh Davis led the way in double-doubles for the Cowboys in the 1999-2000 season. He ended the season with 12 double-doubles in scoring and rebounding for the 1999-2000 season. Davis has 17 double-doubles for his career.

Here is a breakdown of Wyoming's current Cowboys who've recorded double-doubles in their careers.

<u>Player</u>	<u>2000-01 Double-Doubles</u>	<u>Career Double-Doubles</u>
Josh Davis	1	17
Uche Nsonwu-Amadi	1	1
<u>Ugo Udezue</u>	0	9
Totals	2	27

Davis and the Double-Double:

Current junior **Josh Davis** had 12 double-doubles in 31 games during the 1999-2000 season, and he scored in double figures in 21 of 31 games.

He had four double-doubles as a freshman, 12 as a sophomore and has had one as a junior for a career total of 17 double-doubles.

Josh Davis' Career Double-Doubles

1998-99 Season (Freshman)

- 22 points, 13 rebounds vs. Arizona
- 10 points, 11 rebounds vs. Colorado
- 19 points, 13 rebounds vs. SMU
- 14 points, 13 rebounds vs. Colorado State

1999-2000 Season (Sophomore)

- 15 points, 12 rebounds at Hawai'i Pacific
- 19 points, 14 rebounds vs. Nevada
- 21 points, 17 rebounds vs. Mt. St. Mary's
- 15 points, 10 rebounds vs. Montana State
- 19 points, 14 rebounds at Denver
- 22 points, 12 rebounds vs. North Texas
- 23 points, 12 rebounds vs. New Mexico
- 16 points, 10 rebounds at UNLV
- 25 points, 14 rebounds at New Mexico
- 20 points, 11 rebounds at San Diego State
- 15 points, 13 rebounds vs. BYU
- 23 points, 17 rebounds vs. Colorado State

2000-01 Season (Junior)

- 12 points, 15 rebounds vs. Creighton

Balance -- Cowboys Have Had Seven Different Players Score in Double Figures This Season:

Wyoming has had seven different individuals on its 11-man roster score in double figures this season. Marcus Bailey, Paris Corner, Josh Davis, Brett McFall, Chris McMillian, Ronell Mingo and Uche Nsonwu-Amadi have all scored in double figures in a game this season. At least three Cowboys have scored in double digits in each of Wyoming's games this season.

Balance has been a trademark of Steve McClain's program at Wyoming. In the 1999-2000 season, 12 different Cowboys on the 14-man roster scored in double figures during the season. Five of those players return this year: Marcus Bailey, Josh Davis, Brett McFall, Chris McMillian and Ugo Udezue. Davis was Wyoming's leading scorer a year ago, while McMillian, McFall and Bailey ranked fourth, fifth and sixth respectively. Ugo Udezue missed all but five games last year due to injury, but he was the Cowboys' leading scorer in the 1998-99 season.

Wyoming had at least three individuals score in double figures in 29 of 31 games during the 1999-2000 season.

Balance was a key to the Cowboys' successful season in 1998-99, as well. Of Wyoming's 12-man roster for the 1998-99 campaign, 10 different individuals had double-figure scoring games.

Here is a breakdown of Wyoming's double figure scorers game-by-game for the 2000-01 season.

<u>Game</u>	<u>Players Scoring in Double Figures</u>
UC Riverside	(4) Bailey, Davis, McMillian, Mingo
Denver	(3) Bailey, McFall, Nsonwu-Amadi
Creighton	(4) Bailey, Corner, Davis, Nsonwu-Amadi
vs. Montana St. at CS Northridge	(3) Bailey, Davis, Nsonwu-Amadi
at CS Fullerton	
vs. Oregon State	
Delaware State	
at South Carolina	
at Akron	
Wichita State	
at LSU	
at Utah	
at CSU	
Utah	
BYU	
at Air Force	
at New Mexico	
San Diego St.	
UNLV	
CSU	
at BYU	
at Creighton	
Air Force	
New Mexico	
at San Diego St.	
at UNLV	

Twenty-Point Pokes: Five current Cowboys have scored 20 or more points in a single game during their Wyoming careers. The most recent to join the group is sophomore **Marcus Bailey** who scored a career high 25 in a 77-62 victory over Montana State on Dec. 3, 2000. Below is a breakdown of 20-point Pokes.

<u>Current 20-Point Pokes</u>	<u>20-Point Games in 2000-01</u>	<u>Career 20-Point Games</u>
Marcus Bailey	1	1
Josh Davis	0	9
Brett McFall	0	1
Chris McMillian	0	2
<u>Ugo Udezue</u>	0	15
Totals	1	28

Thirty-Point Pokes: Only one current Cowboy has scored 30 or more points in a single game during his career -- that Cowboy is junior **Ugo Udezue**. Udezue scored 30 or more points five times during his sophomore season of 1998-99. His career high is 36 versus Colorado on Dec. 9, 1998.

Udezue missed the 1999-2000 season due to knee surgery. He was granted a medical hardship by the NCAA, and is currently a redshirt junior.

**Steve McClain, Head Basketball Coach
University of Wyoming**

In his third season as head coach of the University of Wyoming, Steve McClain has fans around the state of Wyoming and media members across the country talking about the Wyoming Cowboys.

McClain earned **Mountain West Conference Coach of the Year honors from MWC media members for the 1999-2000 season**. During his first two seasons, his Cowboys defeated two Top 25 ranked opponents, and earned a berth in the 1999 National Invitation Tournament.

Heading into the 2000-01 season, ESPN Magazine's preseason issue listed McClain as a member of **Dick Vitale's All-SportsCenter Team -- the five "Coaches Who Need Some PT on TV for more PR."** Mountain West Conference media selected McClain's 2000-01 Cowboy squad to finish second in the Mountain West Conference Preseason poll, and both ESPN Magazine and The Sporting News Preseason College Basketball issues selected the Cowboys as an NCAA Tournament team.

His 37 wins in his first two seasons rank No. 2 in Wyoming school history for the most wins by a head basketball coach in his first two seasons at UW. He also has posted one of the best home records in school history with a **27-3 (.900) record in the Arena-Auditorium**.

Add to those accomplishments the excitement that McClain's up-tempo style has brought to the Cowboys, and you have one of the most exciting teams in the country. A year ago, the Cowboys averaged 82.8 points per game to rank No. 5 in the nation in scoring average. In Coach McClain's first season at UW, the 1998-99 season, the Cowboys averaged 81.6 points per game to rank No. 10 among all NCAA Division I teams.

McClain's first season was highlighted by Wyoming's appearance in the 1999 National Invitation Tournament (NIT), where UW advanced to the NIT Second Round. McClain guided Wyoming to an 81-77 victory over USC in the First Round of the NIT in Laramie, marking the Cowboys' first postseason win since the 1990-91 season. Wyoming posted an 18-10 record, 7-7 in the Western Athletic Conference.

In the 1999-2000 season, McClain led a veteran team into the newly-formed Mountain West Conference. Wyoming earned a 19-12 record for the 1999-2000 campaign, and improved its conference record to 8-6. Along the way, UW defeated Utah and UNLV in Laramie, and swept the season series with New Mexico. The Mountain West Conference was one of the elite basketball conferences in the nation in its first year of existence with Wyoming, Air Force, Brigham Young, Colorado State, UNLV, New Mexico, San Diego State and Utah continuing their longtime rivalries.

Prior to accepting the head-coaching position at Wyoming, McClain served as an assistant coach at Texas Christian University for four seasons. While at TCU, McClain helped lead the Horned Frogs from obscurity to a Top 25 ranking and an NCAA Tournament appearance in 1998.

McClain, 38 (Aug. 15, 1962), was an original member of Billy Tubbs' staff at TCU. The year prior to the Tubbs' staff taking over in Fort Worth, TCU posted a record of 7-20. Two years later, the Horned Frogs posted a 22-13 record, advanced to the Championship Game of the 1997 Western Athletic Conference Tournament and played their way into the Second Round of the National Invitation Tournament. In 1998, TCU joined the elite programs in the country, posting a 27-6 record and leading the nation in scoring at 97.2 points per game. The Horned Frogs earned an NCAA Tournament bid in '98, and ended the season ranked No. 15 in the final Associated Press poll. TCU also became the first team in Western Athletic Conference history to go undefeated in league play, posting a 14-0 record in '98 on way to winning the WAC Pacific Division title.

Not only did McClain enjoy success as an assistant coach, but he brought to Wyoming an outstanding record as a head coach. In 1994 as the head coach at Hutchinson Community College, he won the National Junior College Championship in only his third season, and was named the National Junior College Coach of the Year.

On April 22, 1998, Steve McClain became the 19th head basketball coach in the history of the University of Wyoming.

At the junior-college level, McClain compiled a 91-16 (.850) record in three seasons, and his teams were known as high-scoring squads. His 1994 National Championship team averaged 90 points per game on way to a 35-4 (.897) record. In 1992-93, the Hutch Dragons compiled a 29-5 (.853) record, averaged 92.6 points and ended the season ranked No. 11 in the NJCAA. His first season as head coach, 1991-92, Hutchinson posted a 27-7 (.794) record.

Prior to becoming head coach at Hutchinson, McClain served as an assistant coach there for five seasons, helping guide the Dragons to the 1988 NJCAA National Championship. Before coaching at Hutchinson, he was also an assistant coach at: Independence Community College in Independence, Kan.; Sioux Empire Junior College in Iowa; and his alma mater Chadron State College in Chadron, Neb.

A native of Orient, Iowa, McClain is a 1984 graduate of Chadron State College. He is married to the former Kim Van Asselt of Hutchinson, Kan.

Steve McClain's Head-Coaching Record									
Season	School	Overall			Conference			Finish	Postseason Appearance
		W	L	%	W	L	%		
1998-99	Wyoming	18	10	.643	7	7	.500	Tied for 4th	Second Round of the NIT
1999-2000	Wyoming	19	12	.613	8	6	.571	Tied for 4th	Semifinals MWC Tournament
<u>2000-01</u>	<u>Wyoming</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1.000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>----</u>		
	Three Seasons	41	22	.651	15	13	.536		
Steve McClain vs. All Opponents									
	Overall	41-22 (.651)							
	At Home	27- 3 (.900)							
	On the Road	8-16 (.333)							
	Neutral Sites	6- 3 (.667)							
Steve McClain vs. Conference Opponents (Including Conference Tournaments)									
	Overall	16-14 (.533)							
	At Home	12- 2 (.857)							
	On the Road	3-12 (.200)							
	Neutral Sites	1- 0 (1.000)							
	Regular Season	15-13 (.536)							
	Postseason Conference Tournament	1- 1 (.500)							



Return of the "Dome of Doom"

Back in the days of Fennis Dembo and Eric Leckner (1984-85 through 1987-88), Wyoming's Arena-Auditorium earned the nickname the "Dome of Doom." The Arena-Auditorium is one of the most beautiful basketball arenas in the country with a capacity of 15,000.

The last three seasons the Wyoming Cowboys have stirred up visions of the days when Wyoming opponents dreaded playing in the Double A.

Over the past three seasons, the Cowboys boast a home record of 27-3 (.900) overall in the Arena-Auditorium and a 12-2 (.857) record in conference home games.

For the **1999-2000 season**, Wyoming posted a **12-1 (.923)** record at home and a **6-1 (.857) record in conference home games.**

The Arena-Auditorium opened on Feb. 20, 1982, when Wyoming defeated Air Force 59-29. Currently the Cowboys record in the Double A stands at **199-63 (.760)**. In conference games, Wyoming is **101-45 (.692)** in conference regular-season home games.

Great Home Crowds During the 2000-01 Season

9,027	vs. Creighton	Dec. 1, 2000
7,819	vs. UC Riverside	Nov. 18, 2000

Here are some highlights from the past few seasons of home success in the "Dome of Doom."

Wins Over Top 25 Ranked Teams

Feb. 28, 2000	88-61	Win over No. 24 ranked Utah
Jan. 14, 1999	96-93	Win over No. 20 ranked TCU
Feb. 12, 1998	62-56	Win over No. 5 ranked Utah
Jan. 10, 1998	58-55	Win over No. 10 ranked New Mexico
Feb. 12, 1996	80-76	Win over No. 7 ranked Utah
Jan. 13, 1996	61-58	Win over No. 25 ranked New Mexico

Wins on National Television

Feb. 28, 2000	88-61	Win over Utah on ESPN Big Monday
Feb. 27, 1999	79-76	Win over UNLV on ESPN
Jan. 4, 1997	89-61	Win over BYU on ESPN2
Feb. 12, 1996	80-76	Win over Utah on ESPN Big Monday
Jan. 13, 1996	61-58	Win over New Mexico on ESPN2

Wins Over Nationally-Prominent Coaches

Jan. 29, 2000	93-87	Win over San Diego State's Steve Fisher
Jan. 13, 2000	88-83	Win over New Mexico's Fran Fraschilla
Feb. 28, 2000	88-61	Win over Utah's Rick Majerus
Feb. 12, 1998	62-56	Win over Utah's Rick Majerus
Feb. 12, 1996	80-76	Win over Utah's Rick Majerus
Jan. 19, 1995	63-56	Win over Utah's Rick Majerus
Feb. 5, 1994	60-55	Win over Utah's Rick Majerus
Jan. 14, 1999	96-93	Win over TCU's Billy Tubbs
Jan. 8, 1998	65-46	Win over UTEP's Don Haskins
Jan. 15, 1996	72-68	Win over UTEP's Don Haskins
Jan. 10, 1998	58-55	Win over New Mexico's Dave Bliss
Jan. 13, 1996	61-58	Win over New Mexico's Dave Bliss
Jan. 25, 1997	87-74	Win over Fresno State's Jerry Tarkanian
Jan. 27, 1996	96-81	Win over Fresno State's Jerry Tarkanian

Wyoming's Home Records in Arena-Auditorium History

(The Arena-Auditorium Opened the last game of the 1981-82 season when Wyoming defeated Air Force 59-29 on Feb. 20, 1982)

Season	Overall Home Records	Conference Home Records	Conference Tournament Records	NIT Records
2000-01	3-0 (1.000)	0-0 (----)		
1999-2000	12-1 (.923)	6-1 (.857)		
1998-99	12-2 (.857)	6-1 (.857)		1-0 (1.000)
1997-98	13-2 (.867)	6-1 (.857)		0-1 (.000)
1996-97	8-3 (.727)	6-2 (.750)		
1995-96	10-4 (.714)	7-2 (.778)		
1994-95	9-5 (.643)	6-3 (.667)		
1993-94	8-5 (.615)	5-4 (.556)		
1992-93	9-4 (.692)	5-4 (.556)		
1991-92	9-4 (.692)	5-3 (.625)		
1990-91	13-5 (.722)	4-4 (.500)	1-1 (.500)	1-0 (1.000)
1989-90	9-5 (.643)	4-4 (.500)		
1988-89	10-6 (.625)	3-5 (.375)		
1987-88	13-1 (.929)	7-1 (.875)		
1986-87	11-3 (.786)	6-2 (.750)		
1985-86	16-3 (.842)	7-1 (.875)	2-1 (.667)	3-0 (1.000)
1984-85	12-4 (.750)	5-3 (.625)		
1983-84	11-3 (.786)	6-2 (.750)	1-0 (1.000)	
1982-83	10-3 (.769)	6-2 (.750)		
1981-82	2-0 (1.000)	1-0 (1.000)		
Totals	199-63 (.760)	101-45 (.692)	4-2 (.667)	5-1 (.833)

Arena-Auditorium Largest Crowds (All Crowds Over 10,000)

Among the more popular draws have been Colorado State (9 crowds above 10,000), UTEP (5), Utah (5), New Mexico (4), Air Force (3) and Louisville (2). But the most popular draw has been Brigham Young, which has attracted 14 crowds of over 10,000 to the Arena-Auditorium.

Rank	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
1.	1-21-95	Brigham Young	L 52-58	15,218
2.	2-20-88	Colorado State	W 57-50	15,208
3.	2-21-87	Brigham Young	L 63-67	15,182
4.	2-27-88	San Diego State	W 85-59	15,096
5.	1-15-88	Brigham Young	L 67-83	15,087
6.	3-20-86	#Clemson	W 62-57	15,028
	1-10-87	Louisville	L 64-67	15,028
8.	12-5-87	Texas Tech	W 84-65	15,012
	12-19-87	Nebraska	W 87-58	15,012
	2-6-88	New Mexico	W 90-72	15,012
11.	2-20-82	AFA (Arena Opens)	W 59-29	15,004
12.	2-10-96	Brigham Young	L 71-81	13,452
13.	1-25-84	Brigham Young	W 56-55	13,332
14.	3-4-88	Boise State	W 56-50	13,158
15.	1-17-91	Utah	L 83-90	12,867
16.	2-20-86	Brigham Young	W 66-56	12,677
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18.	1-20-90	Brigham Young	L 60-65	12,517
19.	1-21-84	UTEP	L 46-54	12,493
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23.	3-8-86	*UTEP	L 64-65	12,039
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25.	2-20-99	Colorado State	L 75-80	12,009
26.	12-14-87	Georgia State	W 100-89	11,927
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28.	3-17-86	#Loyola-Marymount	W 99-90	11,658
29.	1-23-92	Brigham Young	W 72-67	11,618
30.	2-22-86	Colorado State	W 77-70	11,533
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33.	3-7-86	*New Mexico	W 56-54	11,264
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36.	2-25-89	Colorado State	L 59-62	11,119
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40.	1-2-88	Stephen F. Austin	W 94-55	10,784
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Wyoming Cowboys' Season Capsule

Wyoming's 2000-01 Record: 4-0 (1.000)
Wyoming's 2000-01 MWC Record: 0-0 (-----) in the MWC
Last Time Out for Wyoming:
 Wyoming defeated Montana State 77-62 on Dec. 3, 2000 in Billings, Mont.
Current Win/Loss Streak: Won 4
UW Head Coach (Alma Mater): Steve McClain(Chadron St.'84)
McClain's Overall Record: 41-22 (.651), 3rd season
McClain's Record at Wyoming: Same
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 5/9
Starters Returning/Lost: 4/2 (Including one from 98-99)
1999-00 Record: 19-12, 8-6 T4th in MWC
1999-00 Postseason:
 Defeated Colorado State 74-68 in the MWC Tournament
 Lost at UNLV 92-97 in the MWC Tournament

UW Series Record vs. CS Northridge: Wyoming leads 2-0
UW Record vs. CSN in Laramie: Wyoming leads 2-0
UW Record vs. CSN in Northridge: 0-0
UW Record vs. CSN at Neutral Sites: 0-0
Previous Meetings vs. CSN: Dec. 5, 1974 W 71-63 H
 Nov. 22, 1985 W 86-49 H

UW Series Record vs. CS Fullerton: Wyoming leads 2-0
UW Record vs. CSF in Laramie: Wyoming leads 2-0
UW Record vs. CSF in Fullerton: 0-0
UW Record vs. CSF at Neutral Sites: 0-0
Previous Meetings vs. CSF: Dec. 30, 1989 W 69-51 H
 Dec. 4, 1993 W 80-62 H

Cal State Northridge Matadors' Season Capsule

2000-01 Record: 4-2 (.667)
2000-01 Conference Record: 0-0 (-----) in the Big Sky Conference
Last Time Out:
 Cal State Northridge lost at Marquette, 66-69, on Dec. 2, 2000, in the Blue & Gold Coca-Cola Classic
University Location: Northridge, Calif.
Current Win/Loss Streak: Lost 1
Head Coach (Alma Mater): Bobby Braswell (CS Northridge '64)
Coach's Overall Record: 67-55 (.549), 5th season
Coach's Record at School: Same
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 11/2
Starters Returning/Lost: 4/1
1999-00 Record: 20-10, 10-6 4th in the Big Sky
1999-00 Postseason:
 Defeated Weber State 73-68 in the Big Sky Tournament
 Defeated Montana 76-65 in the Big Sky Tournament
 Lost to Northern Arizona 81-85 in ot in Big Sky Championship
Games Prior to Playing Wyoming:
 Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2000, at USC

Chris McMillian Moves Into Eighth Place on Wyoming Career Steal List: Junior point guard **Chris McMillian** came up with one steal Sunday in the win over Montana State, improving his career total to **101 career steals**. That moves **McMillian** into a tie for **No. 8 on the UW Career Steal List** with **David Murray**, who recorded **101 career steals** from **1993-94**.

Brett McFall Moves Into Eighth Place on Wyoming Career Three-Point List: Senior guard **Brett McFall** hit his 95th career three against Montana State last Sunday vs. Montana State to move into a **tie for No. 8 on the Wyoming Career Three-Point list**, tying **Roman Totta**, who hit **95 threes** from **1993-94**.

Cal State Fullerton Titans' Season Capsule

2000-01 Record: 1-3 (.333)
2000-01 Conference Record: 0-0 (-----) in the Big West Conference
Last Time Out:
 Cal State Fullerton defeated the College of Notre Dame, of Belmont, Calif., 79-64 on Dec. 2, 2000, in Fullerton, Calif.
University Location: Fullerton, Calif.
Current Win/Loss Streak: Won 1
Head Coach (Alma Mater): Donny Daniels (CS Fullerton '77)
Coach's Overall Record: 1-3 (.250), 1st season
Coach's Record at School: Same
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 4/5
Starters Returning/Lost: 3/2
1999-00 Record: 8-19, 3-13 6th in the Big West
1999-00 Postseason:
 Didn't qualify for the 2000 Big West Conference Tournament
Games Prior to Playing Wyoming:
 Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2000, at Loyola Marymount

Cal State Northridge 2000-01 Schedule/Results: The Cal State Northridge Matadors will have played seven games by the time they host Wyoming on Thursday, Dec. 7.

Northridge will take a 4-2 record into their game at No. 12 ranked USC on Tuesday, Dec. 5.

The Matadors have played a very difficult schedule thus far, defeating then No. 15 ranked UCLA 78-74 at Pauley Pavilion on Nov. 21 and losing by only one, 69-70, at MWC member UNLV on Nov. 25.

Date	Opponent	Result
Nov. 19	Howard	W 90-73
Nov. 21	at UCLA	W 78-74
Nov. 25	at UNLV	L 69-70
Nov. 28	Cal Poly Pomona	W 75-50
Dec. 1	vs. Kent State#	W 89-85 ot
Dec. 2	at Marquette	L 66-69
#at the Marquette Tournament		

Cal State Fullerton Share One Common Opponent Thus Far in 2000-01 Season -- UC Riverside: The Cal State Fullerton Titans will have played five games by the time they host Wyoming on Saturday, Dec. 9.

Fullerton and Wyoming share one common opponent thus far this season -- UC Riverside. Wyoming defeated Riverside 77-59 in Laramie, while Fullerton lost at UC Riverside 52-59.

Fullerton will take a 1-3 record into their game at Loyola Marymount on Tuesday, Dec. 5.

Here are the Titans results to date.

Date	Opponent	Result
Nov. 17	at Oregon State	L 35-68
Nov. 25	at UC Riverside	L 52-59
Nov. 28	Pepperdine	L 61-82
Dec. 2	College of Notre Dame (Calif.)	W 79-64
Dec. 5	at Loyola Marymount	

A Couple of Faces Familiar to Wyoming Will be on the Cal State Fullerton Sideline: Two people very familiar to the Wyoming Cowboys will be on the sideline for the Cal State Fullerton Titans this Saturday.

Fullerton head coach **Donny Daniels** was the lead assistant for the Utah Utes from the 1989-90 season through the 1999-2000 season. Daniels is in his first year as head coach at his alma mater, Cal State Fullerton. It is also Daniels first NCAA head-coaching position.

Fullerton assistant coach **Mark Maki**, is a former student assistant for the Wyoming Cowboy Basketball program. Maki earned his bachelor's degree from UW in 1997.

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Cowboys and Matadors Both Receiving Votes in the National Polls:

Thursday's matchup between the Wyoming Cowboys and Cal State Northridge Matadors will feature two teams that are both receiving votes in the national polls.

Here is where the two are ranked:

ESPN/USA Today **Associated Press**
Coaches' Poll **Media Poll**
Wyoming No. 53 Wyoming Tied No. 46
Northridge Tied No.49

Cowboys Face Second Consecutive Big Sky Conference Squad in Cal State Northridge -- Preseason Favorite to Win the Big Sky:

Thursday's meeting with Cal State Northridge will mark Wyoming's second consecutive game against a Big Sky Conference team.

Wyoming defeated Montana State 77-62 last Sunday in Billings, Mont.

Northridge is the preseason favorite to win the Big Sky Conference title by both the Big Sky Conference Coaches and Big Sky media.

Cal State Northridge Garners National Attention, Defeating UCLA in Pauley Pavillion:

Cal State Northridge caught the attention of basketball experts across the nation when they defeated then No. 15 ranked UCLA 78-74 on Nov. 21, 2000, in UCLA's Pauley Pavilion.

Northridge followed that performance with another strong road game at UNLV. Northridge lost to the Runnin' Rebels but only by one point 69-70 in Las Vegas.

Northridge's only other loss was at Marquette by three points, 66-69, on Dec. 2 in Milwaukee, Wis.

The Matadors play at No. 12 ranked USC on Tuesday, Dec. 5 before hosting the Cowboys on Thursday, Dec. 7.

Road Trip Continues This Week for the Cowboys in California:

This week's games at Cal State Northridge and Cal State Fullerton will be the first true road games for the Wyoming Cowboys in the 2000-01 season.

Wyoming has played away from Laramie once, this past Sunday at Billings, Mont., where they defeated Montana State 77-62. But that game was technically a neutral-site game, since Montana State is located in Bozeman, Mont.

Wyoming was 5-9 overall in road games a year ago. That was the most road wins for the Pokes since the 1991-92 season, when the Cowboys posted a 5-7 road mark.

Game No. 6: Sat., Dec. 9, 2000, Fullerton, Calif., 8:00 p.m., M.T.

The Cal State Fullerton Titans (1-3, 0-0 in the Big West) (Prior to a Game Tue., Dec. 5, 2000, at Loyola Marymount)

					2000-01 Avgs.			
	<u>Probable Starters</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Cl.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>PPG</u>	<u>RPG</u>	<u>APG</u>
F	# 5 Ike Harmon	6-7	190	Sr.	Santa Ana, Calif.	15.0	6.5	0.0
F	#42 Daniel Kohn	6-8	235	Jr.	Los Angeles, Calif.	5.5	5.5	1.0
C	#50 Matt Caldwell	6-8	235	Sr.	Peoria, Ariz.	6.8	3.8	1.0
G	#24 Kevin Richardson	6-5	200	Jr.	San Bernardino, Calif.	11.8	2.2	2.5
G	#35 Ryan Dillon	6-2	185	Fr.	Apple Valley, Calif.	5.5	1.8	3.0
Reserves								
G	# 1 Chris Smith	5-9	165	Fr.	San Bernardino, Calif.	4.2	1.5	2.5
G	# 3 David Castleton	6-2	185	Jr.	Irvine, Calif.	Hasn't yet played		
C	#12 Babacar Camara	6-11	225	So.	Dakar, Senegal	9.8	3.0	0.3
F	#15 Joe Travis	6-7	250	Fr.	Long Beach, Calif.	2.5	2.0	0.0
G	#22 Josh Pierson	6-0	175	So.	Laguna Hills, Calif.	Hasn't yet played		
G/F	#25 Brandon Campbell	6-4	205	Jr.	St. Louis, Mo.	0.0	1.0	1.0
F	#32 Keith Brooks	6-7	250	Fr.	Hawthorne, Calif.	Hasn't yet played		
F	#40 Josh Fischer	6-9	255	Jr.	La Habra, Calif.	3.2	2.8	0.0
C	#44 Mitch Deve'	7-0	275	So.	Albuquerque, N.M.	0.0	0.0	0.0

Head Coach: Donny Daniels (Cal State Fullerton '77)

Overall: 1-3 (.250), 1st season

At School: Same

Assistant Coaches: Jason Levy (Cal State Northridge '93), Rob Orellana (Regents College '87) and Mark Maki (Wyoming '97)

Marcus Bailey Earns His First Mountain West Conference Player of the Week Honor:

Sophomore **Marcus Bailey** of Cheyenne, Wyo., earned his first Mountain West Conference Player of the Week honor on Monday, Dec. 4. Bailey was selected MWC Player of the Week after leading Wyoming to three wins over Denver, Creighton and Montana State during the week of Nov. 27-Dec. 3.

During the three-game stretch, Bailey averaged 19.0 points, 3.7 rebounds and 3.0 assists per game, while shooting 60.7 percent from the field and 91.3 percent from the free-throw line. He scored a career high 25 points against Montana State on Dec. 3, hitting seven of nine field goals (.778) and 10 of 11 (.909) free throws. He had 16 points each versus both Denver and Creighton

Bailey leads the Cowboys in scoring for the season, with a 17.8 point-per-game average. He also leads UW in free-throw shooting, converting 92.3 percent of this free throws (24 of 26).

Doctors of Dunk: With the Cowboys exciting up-tempo style, complimented by a stronger inside game this season, we are going to keep track of Wyoming and its opponents dunks throughout the 2000-01 season.

The Cowboys have already recorded **20 dunks in four games for a 5.0 dunk per game average**. The Cowboy defense has allowed **only three opponent dunks thus far in the 2000-01 season**.

Here is a game-by-game dunk comparison, as well as Wyoming's dunk leaders:

<u>Wyoming Dunks</u>	<u>Opponent Dunks</u>
vs. UC Riverside	6 dunks UC Riverside 0 dunks
vs. Denver	7 dunks Denver 0 dunks
vs. Creighton	4 dunks Creighton 3 dunks
vs. Montana State	3 dunks Montana State 0 dunks
Totals	20 dunks 3 dunks

Wyoming Individual Doctors of Dunk

Josh Davis	6 dunks
Uche Nsonwu-Amadi	7 dunks
Marcus Bailey	4 dunks
Ronell Mingo	2 dunks
Joe Ries	1 dunk
Totals	20 dunks

Double Trouble: Through Wyoming's first four games of the 2000-01 season, junior **Josh Davis** is averaging a double-double in scoring and rebounding.

Davis is averaging 11.5 points and 10.5 rebounds.

Wyoming Head Basketball Coach Steve McClain Announces Two Early Signees, Donta Richardson and Jason Straight

University of Wyoming head basketball coach Steve McClain announced on Wednesday that two student-athletes have signed national letters-of-intent with the Cowboys. **Donta Richardson** of Sheridan College in Sheridan, Wyo., and **Jason Straight** of Dunbar High School in Chicago, Ill., have both signed with Wyoming.

Donta Richardson (Pronounced: DAWN-tay), at 6-2 and 170-pounds, can play either the point-guard, shooting-guard or small-forward positions. He earned First Team All-Conference and First Team All-Region XIV honors at Sheridan College as a freshman in 1999-2000. Richardson averaged 22.0 points, 4.0 rebounds and 7.0 assists during his freshman season, while leading Sheridan to a 30-2 record and a No. 7 national ranking in the final National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) poll. Early in the 2000-01 season, he is averaging 25.0 points, 4.0 rebounds, 7.0 assists and 5.0 steals per game. Sheridan is currently ranked No. 10 in the nation. He is coached by Brian Marso at Sheridan College.

In high school, Richardson played at Liberty High School in Colorado Springs, Colo. Liberty won the 1999 4A State Championship, and Richardson was named Colorado's Mr. Basketball and 4A Player of the Year. He also earned First Team All-State, First Team All-Metro and First Team All-Conference honors. His high school averages included 20.7 points, 3.5 rebounds and 4.3 assists per game. He also shot 91.0 percent from the free-throw line. His high-school coach was James Chapman.

The son of Cheryl and Robert Richardson, he plans on majoring in business at UW. Richardson was also recruited by Auburn, Colorado State, UNC-Charlotte and Utah State.

"Donta (Richardson) is a young man who we've had our eye on for the last two years," said McClain. "He is a player who is ideal for our system because he can play either the point, two-guard or small-forward spots for us. He is as good a shooter as I saw last year in junior-college basketball. I like the fact that he will come to us next year as a mature player, who can really shoot the ball.

"Signing Donta, who is a native of Colorado, is also a step in the right direction for our program. Justin French, who graduated last year, is the only Colorado player we've had in our system in the two years I've been here. We've worked hard as a staff in the high schools in Colorado, and I believe this will show players in the state of Colorado just how interested we are in bringing good players from Colorado into our program."

Jason Straight is a 5-11, 165-pound point guard from Dunbar High School in Chicago, Ill. He enters his senior season having earned First Team All-State honors as a junior by both the Associated Press and the Chicago Tribune. Straight was also a First Team All-City, First Team All-Area and First Team All-Conference selection for the 1999-2000 season, while averaging 27.0 points, 8.0 rebounds and 8.0 assists per game. His junior season of 1999-2000, Dunbar High posted a 20-8 record, captured a conference championship and advanced to the third round of the City Championship. As a sophomore in the 1998-99 season, Straight's Dunbar squad went 20-5, tied for the conference title and made it to the Sweet 16 of the State Championship. Along the way, that 1998-99 team defeated the No. 8 ranked high school team in the country, Simon-Gratz High School of Philadelphia, Pa., and gave eventual Illinois State Champion St. Joseph's their only loss of the season. Dunbar High has lost only two conference games over the past two seasons. Straight is coached by Fate Mickel at Dunbar High, and by Stan White with the Illinois Gold AAU team.

Straight is the grandson of Mrs. Addie Thompson. He plans on majoring in communications. Straight was also recruited by Boston College, Marquette, New Mexico State and St. Louis.

"We're really excited to sign Jason (Straight)," said McClain. "He's a true point guard, and he comes from a great high-school program at Dunbar High School in Chicago. Chicago is an area I've felt we could really recruit hard here at Wyoming, and this is our first step into that area. Jason is a young man who has been a part of winning in Coach (Fate) Mickel's program. He is a kid who everyone in the city of Chicago knows. I think we got a steal in Jason Straight. He is a point guard who can both score and distribute the ball. He averaged 27 points last year, and at the same time handed out eight assists per game.

"The signing of Jason is great for our program, because it will now give us a freshman point guard to come in next season and compete with Chris McMillian, who will be a senior next year. It will give us another outstanding player, and it will give Jason an opportunity to grow and learn our system from a senior who knows what it's like to play at the college level."

National recruiting expert Bob Gibbons of All-Star Scouting Service ranks Straight Among his Top 75 players in the nation, and ranks him in the Top 15 in the nation at point guard.

"Jason Straight is an outstanding playmaker," said Gibbons. "He is an excellent penetrator and has the talent and intelligence to get everyone he plays with involved. While playing with the Illinois Gold AAU team the last couple of summers, he helped lead the Gold to the AAU National Championship tournament last summer. He is an outstanding recruit for the Cowboys."