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**Date:** Jan. 3, 2001

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**The Wyoming Cowboys (2000-01 Record: 9-2, 0-0 in the MWC)**

Probable Starters	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown	2000-01 Avgs.		
					PPG	RPG	APG
# 4 Ugo Udezue	6-8	245	RJr.	Enugu, Nigeria	7.1	5.8	1.3
#22 Josh Davis	6-8	235	Jr.	Salem, Ore.	13.5	9.8	2.0
# 5 Uche Nsonwu-Amadi	6-10	260	RSo.	Enugu, Nigeria	11.6	8.0	0.6
G #10 Chris McMillian	5-10	180	Jr.	Brea, Calif.	6.1	2.8	4.9
G #44 Marcus Bailey	6-5	190	So.	Cheyenne, Wyo.	16.3	4.5	2.4
<b>Reserves</b>							
F #00 Ronell Mingo	6-9	230	Jr.	Los Angeles, Calif.	6.5	3.8	1.1
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	2.0	2.9
G/F #20 David Rottinghaus	6-5	195	Fr.	Charles City, Iowa	3.8	1.9	0.5
G/F #23 Scottie Vines	6-2	190	Jr.	Alexander City, Ala.	1.9	1.8	1.4
G #24 Paris Corner	6-1	193	RJr.	Beaumont, Texas	5.3	1.3	0.8
F #25 Joe Ries	6-8	225	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo.	2.0	1.1	0.4
<b>Head Coach:</b> Steve McClain (Chadron State '84)					Overall: 46-24 (.657), 3rd season At Wyoming: Same		
<b>Assistant Coaches:</b> Leroy Washington (Montana '88), John Adams (Iowa State '95) and Sidney Coles (Marshall '98)							

**Game No. 12: Wed. Jan. 3, 2001, Baton Rouge, La., 5:00 p.m., M.T.**

**The LSU Tigers (8-1, 0-0 in the Southeastern Conference)**

Probable Starters	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown	2000-01 Avgs.		
					PPG	RPG	APG
F # 2 Brian Beshara	6-8	220	Sr.	Dallas, Texas	12.7	5.0	3.1
F #12 Ronald Dupree	6-6	205	So.	Biloxi, Miss.	19.0	9.0	0.9
G # 3 Torris Bright	6-4	208	So.	Slidell, La.	13.3	2.2	5.3
G #41 Collis Temple	6-6	209	So.	Baton Rouge, La.	16.2	4.3	2.7
G #43 Lamont Roland	6-4	205	Sr.	New Albany, Ind.	11.1	4.0	4.7
<b>Reserves</b>							
G/F #00 Brian Green	6-4	183	So.	Baton Rouge, La.	0.4	0.6	0.0
F # 5 Jamal Harrison	6-6	279	So.	Newark, N.J.	1.0	1.0	0.0
G #10 Charles Thompson	6-1	177	Fr.	Lake Charles, La.	0.6	0.9	0.7
F #13 Pete Bozek	6-7	225	Fr.	Harahan, La.	0.3	0.8	0.2
G #11 Brandon Landry	6-0	183	Jr.	Baton Rouge, La.	0.4	0.2	0.0
F #21 Jermaine Williams	6-6	180	Jr.	Baton Rouge, La.	6.2	4.0	1.3
F #44 Jason Wilson	6-7	240	Jr.	DeQuincy, La.	2.2	2.4	0.2
G #45 Jack Warner	6-4	195	Sr.	Plymouth, Minn.	1.8	0.8	0.4
F #54 Brad Bridgewater	6-6	247	Jr.	New Roads, La.	(Out with injury)		
<b>Head Coach:</b> John Brady (Belhaven '76)					Overall: 146-117 (.555), 10th season At School: 57-40 (.588), 4th season		
<b>Assistant Coaches:</b> Kermit Davis (Mississippi State '82), Butch Pierre (Mississippi St. '84) and Donnie Tyndall (Morehead State '93)							

**Comparative Stats:** Here is how the Wyoming Cowboys and LSU Tigers compare statistically.

	FG-FGA	%	3P-3PA	%	FT-FTA	%	Reb. Avg.	Avg. Pts. Given Up	Scoring Avg.
Wyoming	284-657	.432	52-193	.269	208-302	.689	43.2	65.3	75.3
LSU	267-540	.494	66-173	.382	148-204	.725	36.8	61.9	83.1
<b>UW Margins</b>		<b>-.062</b>		<b>-.113</b>		<b>-.036</b>	<b>+6.4</b>	<b>-3.4</b>	<b>-7.8</b>

**Cowboys in the NCAA Statistical Rankings:** As of the most recent NCAA statistical rankings (Dec. 18, 2000), here are the categories the Wyoming Cowboys rank.

**Category** Wyoming Ranking  
 Rebounding Josh Davis, Tied No. 21, 10.3 rebounds per game  
 Individual Free-throw % Marcus Bailey, No. 20, 91.5 percent



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## Cowboys Tied for No. 34 in Coaches Poll, Cowboy Opponents Also Receiving

**Votes:** The Wyoming Cowboys are tied for **No. 46** in this week's Associated Press Media Poll, and are tied for **No. 47** in this week's ESPN/USA Today Coaches' Poll.

<b>(Dec. 17)</b>	<b>(Dec. 18)</b>
<b>ESPN/USA Today</b>	<b>Associated Press</b>
<b>Wyoming T47th</b>	<b>Wyoming T 46th</b>
•Creighton 35th	•New Mexico 36th
•BYU Tie 43rd	

## 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
Dec. 10-11	Tie No. 51	Tie No. 55
Dec. 17-18	No. 34	Tie No. 45
Dec. 24-25	Tie No. 47	No Rank
Jan. 1	Tie No. 47	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. 65 in the nation** as of Jan. 1, 2001.

The unofficial **RPI rating on www.collegerpi.com** ranks Wyoming **No. 65 in the nation** as of Jan. 2, 2001. 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**.

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

## The Wyoming Cowboys Continue to Receive Votes in the National

**Polls:** This week's ESPN/USA Today Coaches' Poll shows the Wyoming Cowboys received **two points to tie for No. 47**. Wyoming received one point in this week's Associated Press Media Poll to tie for No. 46. Below are the most recent College Basketball Polls.

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

**ESPN/USA Today Others Receiving Votes:** Iowa State 40, Xavier 33, Arkansas 27, Missouri 15, Utah State 14, St Bonaventure 11, South Florida 10, UNC Charlotte 10, Boston College 9, **Creighton 7**, Villanova 6, Fresno State 6, North Carolina State 5, College Of Charleston 5, Richmond 5, Marshall 5, Mississippi St 5, Georgia Tech 4, **BYU 4**, Southern Miss 4, Purdue 3, **Wyoming 2**, Dayton 2, Toledo 2, Oklahoma State 1, Memphis 1, Vanderbilt 1, Georgia State 1, Oregon 1, Pepperdine 1.

**Associated Press Others Receiving Votes:** Iowa 138, Xavier 33, Boston College 30, Mississippi State 21, Missouri 19, Marshall 17, Penn State 13, Arkansas 11, Minnesota 11, Richmond 11, **New Mexico 9**, Oklahoma State 5, Fresno State 5, Baylor 4, Oregon 4, Toledo 3, Georgia Tech 2, St Bonaventure 2, Ohio State 2, Vanderbilt 2, **Wyoming 1**, South Florida 1, Villanova 1, College Of Charleston 1, Utah St 1, Georgia St 1, SMU 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

**Cowboys 9-2 Record Matches Best Start in McClain Era, A Win Versus LSU Would Give Cowboys Best Start in McClain Era:**

Wyoming's 9-2 record matches the best start by a Steve McClain team at Wyoming. In McClain's first season (1998-99), Wyoming started out 9-2. Last season (1999-2000), the Cowboys were 7-4 through 10 games.

McClain's '98-'99 squad went on to lose its 12th game of the season to go to 9-3. A year ago, Wyoming was 8-4 after 12 games.

**Notes From This Week in Cowboy Basketball:**

- Wyoming concluded its non-conference home schedule undefeated for the 2000-01 season. UW posted a 5-0 home record against non-conference opponents this season. It is the second consecutive season that Wyoming has been undefeated at home in non-conference competition. The Cowboys have defeated the last 17 consecutive non-conference opponents to visit the Arena-Auditorium. UW head coach Steve McClain has posted a 17-1 (.944) home record in non-conference games at UW.

- The Cowboys improved their home winning streak to 10 games with their 72-65 victory over Wichita State on Dec. 30, 2000. The winning streak dates back to a 93-87 home victory over San Diego State on Jan. 29, 2000.

- A balanced attack has been a key attribute for the Wyoming Cowboys thus far in the 2000-01 season. All five Wyoming starters scored in double figures in an 81-73 road win over Akron on Dec. 23, 2000. The five starters and their scoring totals versus Akron were: Ugo Udezue (14 points), Josh Davis (10 points), Uche Nsonwu-Amadi (16 points), Chris McMillian (11 points) and Marcus Bailey (12 points).

- For the season, Wyoming has had eight different individuals score in double figures during this season.

- Junior forward Ugo Udezue recorded his first double-double of the season when he scored 14 points and grabbed 11 rebounds against Akron on Dec. 23, 2000. It was the 10th double-double of his career. The junior received a medical hardship a year ago after undergoing knee surgery. He has slowly been playing himself back into form, and is currently averaging 7.1 points and 5.8 rebounds per game.

- Wyoming junior point guard Chris McMillian started his 70th consecutive game in Wyoming's 72-65 victory over Wichita State on Dec. 30, 2000.

**2000-01 Wyoming Cowboy Basketball Schedule**

**Overall Record:** 9-2    **Home:** 5-0    **Away:** 2-2    **Neutral:** 2-0  
**MWC Record:** 0-0    **Home:** 0-0    **Away:** 0-0

**November**

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

**December**

<b>Fri., Dec. 1</b>	<b>Creighton</b>	<b>Laramie, Wyo.</b>	<b>W 78-74</b>
<b>Sun., Dec. 3</b>	Montana State#	Billings, Mont.	W 77-62
<b>Thu., Dec. 7</b>	at Cal State Northridge	Northridge, Calif.	L 71-74
<b>Sat., Dec. 9</b>	at Cal State Fullerton	Fullerton, Calif.	W 78-61
<b>Sat., Dec. 16</b>	Oregon State#	Casper, Wyo.	W 65-53
<b>Tue., Dec. 19</b>	<b>Delaware State</b>	<b>Laramie, Wyo.</b>	<b>W 92-64</b>
<b>Thu., Dec. 21</b>	at South Carolina	Columbia, S.C.	L 67-78
<b>Sat., Dec. 23</b>	at Akron	Akron, Ohio	W 81-73
<b>Sat., Dec. 30</b>	<b>Wichita State</b>	<b>Laramie, Wyo.</b>	<b>W 72-65</b>

**January**

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

**February**

<b>Sat., Feb. 3</b>	<b>San Diego State*</b>	<b>Laramie, Wyo.</b>	<b>4:00 p.m. (SWTV)</b>
<b>Mon., Feb. 5</b>	<b>UNLV*</b>	<b>Laramie, Wyo.</b>	<b>10:00 p.m. (ESPN)</b>
<b>Sat., Feb. 10</b>	<b>Colorado State*</b>	<b>Laramie, Wyo.</b>	<b>4:00 p.m. (SWTV)</b>
<b>Thu., Feb. 15</b>	at Brigham Young*	Provo, Utah	7:00 p.m. (SWTV)
<b>Sat., Feb. 17</b>	at Creighton	Omaha, Neb.	10:00 a.m. (ESPN)
<b>Sat., Feb. 24</b>	<b>Air Force*</b>	<b>Laramie, Wyo.</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Mon., Feb. 26</b>	<b>New Mexico*</b>	<b>Laramie, Wyo.</b>	<b>10:00 p.m. (ESPN)</b>

**March**

<b>Thu., March 1</b>	at San Diego State*	San Diego, Calif.	8:00 p.m.
<b>Sat., March 3</b>	at UNLV*	Las Vegas, Nev.	8:30 p.m. (SWTV)
<b>Thu.,-Sat., March 8-10</b>	Mountain West Conference Tournament	Las Vegas, Nev.	TBA (ESPN)
<b>Thu.,-Sun., March 15-18</b>	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

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**McMillian Stretches Streak of Consecutive Starts to 70 Games -- Every Game of His Career:**

Junior guard Chris McMillian has started every game of his career. McMillian's streak currently sits at 70 consecutive games.

McMillian is also the iron man of the Cowboys, leading UW in minutes played at 31.7 minutes per game. He is the only Cowboy averaging over 30 minutes per game.

**Starting Balance:** Entering this week, Wyoming has enjoyed amazing balance from its starters. The leading scorer is sophomore Marcus Bailey at 17.0 points per game down to junior Chris McMillian at 6.1 points per game. Three starters are averaging in double figures -- Bailey (17.0 ppg), Josh Davis (13.5) and Uche Nsonwu-Amadi (11.6).

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

Marcus Bailey, Guard	17.0 ppg
Josh Davis, Forward	13.5 ppg
Uche Nsonwu-Amadi, Center	11.6 ppg
Ugo Udezue, Forward*	7.1 ppg
Ronell Mingo, Forward*	6.5 ppg
Chris McMillian, Guard	6.1 ppg

(\*Mingo and Udezue have shared time in the starting lineup.)

**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 5-0 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 29-3 (.906) home record overall and a 12-2 (.857) home record in conference games.**

In the history of the Arena-Auditorium, Wyoming holds a **201-63 (.761) 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 eight have scored in double figures. Here are some other stats that indicate the depth of the Cowboy squad.

<b>Cowboys Who Have Played</b>	11
<b>Double Figure Scorers</b>	8
<b>Players Who Have Scored</b>	11
<b>Players Averaging 20+ Minutes</b>	5
<b>Players Averaging 10+ Minutes</b>	9

**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. **(Dunk stats from the South Carolina game are still not available at the time of this release.)**

The Cowboys have already recorded **44 dunks in 11 games for a 4.0 dunk per game average.** The Cowboy defense has allowed **only 17 opponent dunks thus far in the 2000-01 season for a 1.5 dunk per game average.**

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
at CS Northridge	3 dunks	CS Northridge	4 dunks
at CS Fullerton	4 dunks	CS Fullerton	1 dunk
vs. Oregon State	1 dunk	Oregon State	1 dunk
vs. Delaware State	9 dunks	Delaware State	6 dunks
at South Carolina	(Not yet available)		
at Akron	4 dunks	Akron	1 dunk
vs. Wichita State	3 dunks	Wichita State	1 dunk
Totals	44 dunks		17 dunks

**Wyoming Individual Doctors of Dunk**

Josh Davis	18 dunks
Uche Nsonwu-Amadi	14 dunks
Marcus Bailey	4 dunks
Ronell Mingo	4 dunks
David Rottinghaus	2 dunks
Joe Ries	1 dunk
Scottie Vines	1 dunk
Totals	44 dunks

### McFall Ranks Among UW Career Leaders in Three-Point Field Goals:

Brett McFall enters this week with **100 career threes to rank No. 8 in Wyoming school history.**

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	1997-00	136
5.	Jeron Roberts	1995-98	132
6.	Maurice Alexander	1991-92	118
7.	Tim Breaux	1989-92	105
8.	<b>Brett McFall</b>	<b>1998-</b>	<b>100</b>
9.	Roman Totta	1993-94	95
10.	Anthony Blakes	1999-00	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 **tie for No. 4 on the UW career steal list with former teammate Anthony Blakes.** **McMillian has 108 career steals.** Here is the UW Career Top 10 entering this week.

#### Wyoming Career Steal Leaders

1.	Sean Dent, 1984-88	249
2.	Fennis Dembo, 1985-88	176
3.	LaDrell Whitehead, 1995-97	150
4.	<b>Chris McMillian, 1999-</b>	<b>108</b>
	Anthony Blakes, 1999-00	108
6.	Tim Breaux, 1989-92	106
7.	Jeron Roberts, 1995-98	104
8.	Maurice Alexander, 1991-92	102
9.	David Murray, 1993-94	101
10.	Reggie Fox, 1987-89	99

### McMillian No. 4 on UW Career Assist List, McFall

**Also Breaks Into Top 10:** Chris McMillian is ranked in the Top 10 in career assists at Wyoming. McMillian currently ranks **No. 4 in career assists at Wyoming.**

Senior Brett McFall also broke into the UW Career Top 10 on Dec. 3, 2000, with one assist versus Montana State. **McFall currently ranks No. 8 on the UW Career list.**

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.	<b>Chris McMillian, 1999-</b>	<b>298</b>
5.	LaDrell Whitehead, 1995-97	274
6.	Maurice Alexander, 1991-92	273
7.	David Murray, 1993-94	244
8.	<b>Brett McFall</b>	<b>239</b>
9.	Anthony Johnson, 1980-83	237
10.	Anthony Blakes, 1999-00	229

**Davis No. 6 in Career Blocks at UW:** Wyoming junior Josh Davis moved into **the No. 6 spot among all-time Cowboys in career blocked shots** when he blocked two shots against Akron on Dec. 23, 2000. He passed former Cowboy **Reggie Page, who blocked 82 shots from 1989-90.**

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.	<b>Josh Davis, 1999-</b>	<b>88</b>
7.	Reggie Page, 1989-90	82
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 75.3 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.	<b>1999-2000</b>	<b>82.8</b>
6.	1990-91	82.5
7.	1968-69	82.2
8.	<b>1998-99</b>	<b>81.6</b>
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.	<b>1998-99</b>	<b>43.4</b>
7.	<b>2000-01</b>	<b>43.2</b>
8.	1980-81	42.0
9.	1951-52	40.7
10.	<b>1999-2000</b>	<b>40.6</b>

### 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.

**The first of three MWC Conference calls will be on Friday, Jan. 5. Steve McClain will be on at 11:12 a.m., M.T. See page two of this release for details.**

### 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 46-24 (.657) 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)

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| 1. Benny Dees (1987-88 and 1988-89 Seasons)             | 40-23 (.635)        |
| 2. <b>Steve McClain (1988-89 and 1999-2000 Seasons)</b> | <b>37-22 (.627)</b> |
| 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)        |
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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 Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2001)

Team	MWC Games	All Games
1. New Mexico	0-0 (-----)	9-1 (.900)
2. Wyoming	0-0 (-----)	9-2 (.818)
3. San Diego State	0-0 (-----)	8-3 (.727)
4. BYU	0-0 (-----)	9-4 (.692)
5. Colorado State	0-0 (-----)	7-4 (.636)
6. UNLV	0-0 (-----)	7-5 (.583)
7. Utah	0-0 (-----)	7-6 (.539)
8. Air Force	0-0 (-----)	4-8 (.333)

**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 Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2001)

Category	Wyoming's Team Ranking
Scoring Offense	No. 3, 75.3 points per game
Scoring Defense	No. 7, 65.3 points per game
Scoring Margin	No. 4, +10.0 points per game
Field-Goal Percentage	No. 8, .431
3-Point FG Percentage	No. 8, .269
3-Point FGs Per Game	No. 8, 4.73 threes per game
Free-Throw Percentage	No. 4, .689
Rebounding Average	No. 1, 43.3 rebounds per game
Opponents' Reb. Avg	No. 6, 37.9 rebounds per game
Rebounding Margin	No. 3, +5.4 rebounds per game
Offensive Rebounds	No. 1, 15.82 offensive rebounds / game
Defensive Rebounds	No. 2, 27.45 defensive rebounds / game
FG Percentage Defense	No. 4, .391 (Opponents' FG %)
3-Point FG % Defense	No. 3, .300 (Opponents' 3-Pt. FG %)
Assists	No. 3, 17.45 assists per game
Turnover Margin	No. 4, +1.00
Assist/Turnover Ratio	No. 1, 1.23 to 1.00
Blocked Shots	No. 3, 5.00 blocked shots per game
Steals	No. 4, 7.09 steals per game

#### Mountain West Individual Rankings

Category	Wyoming Individual Rankings
Scoring	Marcus Bailey, No. 4, 17.0 ppg Josh Davis, No. 10, 13.5 ppg Uche Nsonwu-Amadi, No. 16, 11.6 ppg
Rebounding	Josh Davis, Tied No. 2, 9.8 rpg Uche Nsonwu-Amadi, No. 3, 8.0 rpg Marcus Bailey, No. 18, 4.5 rpg
Offensive Rebounds	Josh Davis, No. 1, 3.82 off. rpg Marcus Bailey, No. 3, 2.73 off. rpg Uche Nsonwu-Amadi, No. 6, 2.27 off. rpg
Defensive Rebounds	Josh Davis, No. 2, 6.00 def. rpg Uche Nsonwu-Amadi, No. 3, 5.73
Field-Goal Percentage	Uche Nsonwu-Amadi, No. 3, .610 Josh Davis, No. 10, .496 Marcus Bailey, Tied No. 14, .470
3-Point FG Percentage	Marcus Bailey, No. 12, .371
3-Point FGs Per Game	No one
Free-throw Percentage	Marcus Bailey, No. 2, .901 Josh Davis, No. 15, .688
Assists	Chris McMillian, No. 3, 4.91 apg Brett McFall, No. 11, 2.90 apg
Blocked Shots	Ronell Mingo, No. 3, 1.82 bspg Josh Davis, No. 6, 1.27 bspg Uche Nsonwu-Amadi, No. 7, 1.00 bspg
Steals	Josh Davis, Tied No. 6, 1.55 spg Chris McMillian, Tied No. 11, 1.09 spg
Assist-to-Turnover Ratio	Chris McMillian, No. 6, 1.64 to 1.00

### 2000-01 Double-Double

**Cowboys:** Josh Davis, Uche Nsonwu-Amadi and Ugo Udezue have each recorded double-doubles for the 2000-01 season. Here is a breakdown of this season's double-double Cowboys.

Player	2000-01 Double-Doubles
Josh Davis	4
Uche Nsonwu-Amadi	1
Ugo Udezue	1
Totals	6

### 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 20 double-doubles for his career.

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

Player	2000-01 Double-Doubles	Career Double-Doubles
Josh Davis	4	20
Uche Nsonwu-Amadi	1	1
Ugo Udezue	1	10
Totals	6	31

### Davis and the Double-Double:

Current junior Josh Davis has had four double-doubles this season. He had 12 double-doubles in 31 games during the 1999-2000 season, and he had four double-doubles as a freshman for a career total of 20 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  
18 points, 12 rebounds vs. CS Fullerton  
17 points, 10 rebounds vs. Oregon State  
25 points, 10 rebounds vs. Delaware State

### Balance -- Cowboys Have Had Eight Different Players Score in Double

**Figures This Season:** Wyoming has had eight 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, Uche Nsonwu-Amadi and Ugo Udezue have all scored in double figures in a game this season. **At least three Cowboys have scored in double digits in nine of 11** Wyoming 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.

Game	Players Scoring in Double Figures
UC Riverside	(4) Bailey, Davis, McMillian, Mingo
Denver	(3) Bailey, McFall, Nsonwu-Amadi
Creighton	(4) Bailey, Corner, Davis, Nsonwu-Amadi
vs. Montana St.	(3) Bailey, Davis, Nsonwu-Amadi
at CS Northridge	(3) Bailey, Davis, Mingo
at CS Fullerton	(2) Davis, Udezue
vs. Oregon State	(3) Bailey, Davis, Nsonwu-Amadi
Delaware State	(3) Corner, Davis, Nsonwu-Amadi
at South Carolina	(3) Bailey, Nsonwu-Amadi, Udezue
at Akron	(5) Bailey, Davis, McMillian, Nsonwu-Amadi, Udezue
Wichita State	(3) Bailey, Corner, Davis
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. This season's leader is sophomore **Marcus Bailey**, who has scored 20 or more points on four occasions this season.

Current 20-Point Pokes	20-Point Games in 2000-01	Career 20-Point Games
Marcus Bailey	4	4
Josh Davis	1	10
Brett McFall	0	1
Chris McMillian	0	2
Ugo Udezue	0	15
Totals	5	32

**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 32 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 **29-3 (.906) 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.

<b>Steve McClain's Head-Coaching Record</b>									
<b>Season</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Overall</b>			<b>Conference</b>			<b>Finish</b>	<b>Postseason Appearance</b>
		<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>%</b>		
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>9</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>.818</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>----</u>		
	Three Seasons	46	24	.657	15	13	.536		
<b>Steve McClain vs. All Opponents</b>									
	<b>Overall</b>	46-24 (.657)							
	<b>At Home</b>	29- 3 (.906)							
	<b>On the Road</b>	10-18 (.357)							
	<b>Neutral Sites</b>	7- 3 (.700)							
<b>Steve McClain vs. Conference Opponents (Including Conference Tournaments)</b>									
	<b>Overall</b>	16-14 (.533)							
	<b>At Home</b>	12- 2 (.857)							
	<b>On the Road</b>	3-12 (.200)							
	<b>Neutral Sites</b>	1- 0 (1.000)							
	<b>Regular Season</b>	15-13 (.536)							
	<b>Postseason Conference Tournament</b>	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 29-3 (.906) 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 **201-63 (.761)**. 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 <b>ESPN Big Monday</b>
Feb. 27, 1999	79-76	Win over UNLV on <b>ESPN</b>
Jan. 4, 1997	89-61	Win over BYU on <b>ESPN2</b>
Feb. 12, 1996	80-76	Win over Utah on <b>ESPN Big Monday</b>
Jan. 13, 1996	61-58	Win over New Mexico on <b>ESPN2</b>

### 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	5-0 (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	1-0 (1.000)	1-0 (1.000)		
Totals	201-63 (.761)	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
17.	2-25-88	Utah	W 79-56	12,535
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
24.	1-17-87	UTEP	W 79-74	12,025
25.	2-20-99	Colorado State	L 75-80	12,009
26.	12-14-87	Georgia State	W 100-89	11,927
27.	1-15-90	Colorado State	L 57-65	11,831
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
31.	2-9-91	New Mexico	L 83-85	11,511
32.	1-13-88	Air Force	W 81-61	11,341
33.	3-7-86	*New Mexico	W 56-54	11,264
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39.	1-24-98	Colorado State	L 46-53	11,014
40.	1-2-88	Stephen F. Austin	W 94-55	10,784
41.	11-27-87	Denver	W 113-82	10,715
42.	3-8-91	*Utah	L 63-69	10,544
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44.	2-25-95	Colorado State	W 80-73	10,503
45.	2-6-87	Chicago State	W 75-64	10,453
46.	2-10-90	New Mexico	L 79-82	10,334
47.	12-18-93	Louisville	L 55-72	10,302
48.	1-19-95	Utah	W 63-56	10,262
49.	1-15-94	Colorado State	W 73-58	10,258
50.	1-15-00	Colorado State	L 71-77	10,211
51.	3-7-91	*UTEP	W 71-67	10,048
52.	2-23-89	Brigham Young	W 72-65	10,021
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#Indicates National Invitation Tournament games.

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3-8-91	Hawai'i 71, Brigham Young 73	10,269
3-7-91	San Diego State 56, Utah 67	10,048

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

Season	Opponent	Score	Attendance
<b>1981-82 Season</b>			
2-20-82	Air Force (Arena Opening)	W 59-29	15,004
<b>1982-83 Season</b>			
12-4-82	USC	L 55-56	10,016
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### Non-Conference Home Winning

**Streak:** With its 5-0 home record this season, the Wyoming Cowboys completed their non-conference home schedule undefeated for the second consecutive season. Wyoming posted a 6-0 non-conference home record for the 1999-2000 season.

**Wyoming has now defeated the last 17 consecutive non-conference opponents to visit the Arena-Auditorium.**

### Cowboy Home Winning Streak Improves to Ten Games:

The Wyoming Cowboys have built a 10-game home winning streak in the Arena-Auditorium, dating back to Jan. 29, 2000, when they defeated San Diego State 93-87.

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 five home victories to stretch their home winning streak to 10 games.

**The last time Wyoming won 10 consecutive home games was from the end of the 1998-99 season through the beginning of the 1999-2000 season. That streak ran from a Feb. 25, 1999, home win over Air Force through a Jan. 13, 2000, home victory over New Mexico.**

UW's next home game will be Jan. 20, 2001, when they host Utah on an ESPN Regional (ERT) telecast beginning at 1:00 p.m., Mountain time.

### First Mountain West Conference Call Set for Jan. 5, 2001:

The Mountain West Conference will host three conference calls of its eight men's basketball coaches this season.

**The first of the three calls will be on Friday, Jan. 5, 2001, beginning at 10:00 a.m., Mountain time.**

The other two calls will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 7 and Monday, March 5.

**Wyoming head coach Steve McClain will be featured from 11:12 to 11:22 a.m.**

To connect to the call, phone (719) 457-2629. The confirmation number for the Jan. 5 call is 408630.

Time (M.T.)	Coach
10:00 a.m.	MWC Moderator
10:02 a.m.	Steve Fisher, SDSU
10:12 a.m.	Steve Cleveland, BYU
10:22 a.m.	Dale Layer, Colorado State
10:32 a.m.	Fran Fraschilla, UNM
10:42 a.m.	Max Good, UNLV
10:52 a.m.	Rick Majerus, Utah
11:02 a.m.	Joe Scott, Air Force
11:12 a.m.	<b>Steve McClain, Wyoming</b>
11:22 a.m.	Craig Thompson, MWC Commissioner

### Game No. 13: Mon. Jan. 8, 2001, Salt Lake City, Utah, 10:00 p.m., M.T.

#### The Utah Utes (7-6, 0-0 in the Mountain West Conference)

(Prior to a game vs. Long Beach State on Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2001)

						2000-01 Avgs.			
<b>Probable Starters</b>						PPG	RPG	APG	
F	#31	Britton Johnsen	6-9	205	So.	Murray, Utah	6.2	4.7	1.8
F	#40	Phil Cullen	6-9	215	Jr.	Chelan, Wash.	9.8	5.1	0.8
C	#34	Chris Burgess	6-10	245	Jr.	Irvine, Calif.	7.6	5.9	0.8
G	#11	Travis Spivey	6-1	205	Jr.	Myrtle Beach, S.C.	4.2	2.5	2.5
G	#15	Nick Jacobson	6-4	200	Fr.	Fargo, N.D.	5.7	1.0	1.0
<b>Reserves</b>									
G	# 5	Marc Jackson	6-0	170	Fr.	Salt Lake City, Utah	0.7	0.6	0.6
G/F	# 4	Mike Walkenhorst	6-4	195	So.	Salt Lake City	0.0	0.0	0.0
G	#10	Kevin Bradley	6-0	170	Jr.	Los Angeles, Calif.	11.1	3.5	2.6
C	#13	Cameron Koford	7-0	215	Jr.	Plain City, Utah	2.9	1.4	0.6
G	#20	Jonathan Taylor	6-2	170	Jr.	Salt Lake City	0.0	1.0	0.0
G/F	#21	Trace Caton	6-4	215	So.	Alamosa, Colo.	3.2	0.7	0.9
G	#25	Greg Schow	6-0	155	Fr.	Salt Lake City, Utah	1.0	0.0	0.0
F/C	#32	Jon Godfread	6-10	245	Fr.	Grand Forks, N.D.	(Hasn't yet played)		
G/F	#35	Jeff Johnsen	6-4	200	Jr.	Murray, Utah	8.9	3.2	2.5
F/C	#41	Lance Allred	6-10	240	Fr.	Salt Lake City, Utah	3.4	2.2	0.1
F	#42	Mike Puzey	6-8	230	So.	Roy, Utah	2.5	2.3	0.1
C	#52	Nate Althoff	6-11	265	Sr.	Delano, Minn.	9.2	2.7	0.1

**Head Coach:** Rick Majerus (Marquette '70)

Overall: \*360-125 (.742), 17th season

At School: \*261- 73 (.781), 12th season

\*These were Coach Majerus's records entering this season

**Assistant Coaches:** Dick Hunsaker (Weber State '77), Jeff Strohm (E. Illinois '88), and Jason Shelton (Lipscomb '91)

### LSU is the Second of Two SEC Opponents on Wyoming's Schedule

**This Season:** This season will see Wyoming play two road games against Southeastern Conference opponents. Wyoming played at South Carolina on Thursday, Dec. 21, losing 67-78, and returns to SEC country on Jan. 3 in Baton Rouge, La., versus LSU.

Here is how Wyoming has fared against SEC teams through the years.

<b>UW Record vs. SEC East Division</b>		<b>UW Record vs. SEC West Division</b>	
vs. Florida	UW leads 1-0	vs. Alabama	UW leads 1-0
vs. Georgia	Never played	vs. Arkansas	UW trails 1-2
vs. Kentucky	UW trails 0-2	vs. Auburn	UW trails 0-1
<b>vs. South Carolina</b>	<b>UW trails 0-1</b>	<b>vs. LSU</b>	<b>UW trails 0-2</b>
vs. Tennessee	UW trails 0-2	vs. Mississippi	Never played
<u>vs. Vanderbilt</u>	<u>UW trails 0-1</u>	<u>vs. Mississippi State</u>	<u>UW trails 0-1</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>UW trails 1-6</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>UW trails 2-6</b>

Combined UW trails 3-12

### Wyoming and Utah Meet on ESPN Big Monday for the Second

**Consecutive Time in the Series:** The Wyoming Cowboys and Utah Utes will tip off the second season of Mountain West Conference play when they play in Salt Lake City, Utah, on **ESPN's Big Monday, Jan. 8, 2001**. The game will begin at 10:00 p.m., Mountain time.

Wyoming and Utah have a history of playing on ESPN's Big Monday. The last time the two teams met was in an **ESPN Big Monday game on Feb. 28, 2000, in a game won by Wyoming 88-61 in Laramie.**

Also in the 1995-96 season, Wyoming hosted Utah on **Big Monday on Feb. 12, 1996. That game also was played in Laramie, with Wyoming winning 80-76.**

Here is Wyoming and Utah's previous Big Monday meetings.

#### Big Monday

Dates on ESPN	Result	Location
Feb. 28, 2000	Wyoming won 88-61	Laramie, Wyo.
Feb. 12, 1996	Wyoming won 80-76	Laramie, Wyo.

### Utes and Cowboys Meet in Matchup of Preseason Conference

**Favorites:** The Utah Utes and Wyoming Cowboys entered the 2000-01 season as the preseason favorites to win the 2001 Mountain West Conference Men's Basketball title.

Utah was picked first with 18 first-place votes and 233 total points in voting by conference media members. **Wyoming was picked second with seven first-place votes and 207 total points.**

For the complete listing of the MWC Preseason media poll see page nine of this release.

### Wyoming Cowboys' Season Capsule

**Wyoming's 2000-01 Record:** 9-2 (.818)  
**Wyoming's 2000-01 MWC Record:** 0-0 (----) in the MWC  
**Last Time Out for Wyoming:**  
 Wyoming defeated Wichita State 72-65 on Dec. 30, 2000, in Laramie, Wyo.  
**Current Win/Loss Streak:** Won 2  
**UW Head Coach (Alma Mater):** Steve McClain(Chadron St.'84)  
**McClain's Overall Record:** 46-24 (.657), 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. LSU:** Wyoming trails 0-2  
**UW Record versus in Laramie:** Never played in Laramie  
**UW Record versus on the Road:** Never played in Baton Rouge  
**UW Record versus at Neutral Sites:** Wyoming trails 0-2  
**Last Meeting versus:**  
 Wyoming lost to LSU 86-103 in Honolulu, Hawai'i, on Nov. 27, 1999

**UW Series Record vs. Utah:** Wyoming trails 66-80  
**UW Record versus in Laramie:** Wyoming leads 42-27  
**UW Record versus on the Road:** Wyoming trails 22-51  
**UW Record versus at Neutral Sites:** Tied at 2-2  
**Last Meeting versus:**  
 Wyoming defeated Utah 88-61 in Laramie, Wyo. on Nov. 27, 1999, (Televised on ESPN Big Monday)

### LSU Tigers' Season Capsule

**2000-01 Record:** 8-1 (.889)  
**2000-01 Conference Record:** 0-0 (.000) in the Southeastern Conference

**Last Time Out:**  
 LSU defeated Oregon State 78-68 on Dec. 28, 2000, in New Orleans, La.

**University Location:** Baton Rouge, La.  
**Current Win/Loss Streak:** Won 2  
**Head Coach (Alma Mater):** John Brady (Belhaven '76)  
**Coach's Overall Record:** 146-117 (.555), 10th season  
**Coach's Record at School:** 57-40 (.588), 4th season  
**Lettermen Returning/Lost:** 10/2  
**Starters Returning/Lost:** 3/2  
**1999-00 Record:** 28-6, 12-4 1st in the SEC  
**1999-00 Postseason:**  
 Defeated Vanderbilt 71-60 in the SEC Tournament  
 Lost to Arkansas 67-69 in the SEC Tournament  
 Defeated SE Missouri State 64-61 in the NCAA Tournament  
 Defeated Texas 72-67 in the NCAA Tournament  
 Lost to Wisconsin 48-61 in the Sweet 16 of the NCAAAs

**Games Prior to Playing Wyoming:**  
 None

**Cowboy Injury Report:** Entering this week, senior **Brett McFall** is the only injured player on the Wyoming roster.

**Player Injury and Status**  
 Brett McFall Injured left foot  
 Didn't play vs. Wichita St.  
 Will not play at LSU

### Utah Utes' Season Capsule

**2000-01 Record:** 7-6 (.538)  
**2000-01 Conference Record:** 0-0 (.000) in the Mountain West Conference

**Last Time Out:**  
 Utah lost to Texas 59-70 on Dec. 30, 2000, in Austin, Texas

**University Location:** Salt Lake City, Utah  
**Current Win/Loss Streak:** Lost 1  
**Head Coach (Alma Mater):** Rick Majerus (Marquette '70)  
**Coach's Overall Record:** 360-125 (.742), 17th season\*  
**Coach's Record at School:** 261-73 (.781), 12th season\*  
**Lettermen Returning/Lost:** 4/6  
**Starters Returning/Lost:** 1/4  
**1999-00 Record:** 23-9, 10-4 Tie 1st in MWC  
**1999-00 Postseason:**

Defeated Air Force 74-65 in the MWC Tournament  
 Lost to BYU 54-58 in the MWC Tournament  
 Defeated Saint Louis 48-45 in the NCAA Tournament  
 Lost to Michigan State 61-73 in the NCAA Tournament

**Games Prior to Playing Wyoming:**  
 vs. Long Beach State, Jan. 3, 2001, in Salt Lake City, Utah  
 \*Coach Majerus's records were as of the beginning of this season

### **Wyoming and LSU Share One Common Opponent -**

**- Oregon State:** The Wyoming Cowboys and LSU Tigers have shared one common opponent during the 2000 -01 season -- both have played Oregon State University.

Both games were played on neutral sites. Wyoming played OSU in Casper, Wyo., and LSU played the Beavers in New Orleans, La.

Here is how the Cowboys and Tigers fared against Oregon State.

Date	Wyoming vs.	LSU vs.
Dec. 16	Defeated OSU 65-53	
Dec. 28		Defeated OSU 78-68

**LSU Schedule/Results:** The LSU Tigers bring an 8-1 record into this week prior to hosting Wyoming on Wednesday, Jan. 3.

Date	Opponent	Result
Nov. 20	Louisiana-Monroe	W 92-49
Nov. 25	Norfolk State	W 90-62
Nov. 28	at Houston	W 61-59
Dec. 8	Texas Southern	W 89-57
Dec. 13	McNeese State	W 87-68
Dec. 16	New Orleans	W 84-57
Dec. 20	at Arizona	L 75-88
Dec. 22	Nicholls State	W 92-49
Dec. 28	vs. Oregon State*	W 78-68

\* in New Orleans, La.

### **Wyoming Faces Utah in Third Oldest Rivalry for the**

**Cowboys:** The Wyoming Cowboys and Utah Utes will be playing for the 147th time this comind Monday, Jan. 8, 2001. UW trails in the overall series 66-80. Wyoming's only two older rivalries are with Colorado State (191 games) and BYU (149).

The Cowboys hold a convincing advantage in games played in Laramie at 42-27. Over the last 10 meetings in Laramie, UW is 6-4 against Utah.

**Wyoming also holds a 2-0 advantage in ESPN Big Monday games versus the Utes -- winning in the 1999-2000 and 1995-96 seasons on Big Monday.**

Wyoming trails 22-51 in games versus the Utes in Salt Lake City.

The last time Wyoming won in Salt Lake City was Feb. 22, 1992, when the Cowboys defeated Utah 70-57.

Wyoming was led by Tim Breaux, who scored 26 points. Travis Butler scored 16 and pulled down 12 rebounds for Wyoming, and Reggie Slater scored 15 and grabbed eight rebounds for the Pokes.