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The Wyoming Cowboys (2000-01 Record: 13-4, 4-1 in the MWC)

						2000-01 Avgs.		
Probable Starters						PPG	RPG	APG
	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown				
F #22 Josh Davis	6-8	235	Jr.	Salem, Ore.	12.9	10.2	1.9	
F #44 Marcus Bailey	6-5	190	So.	Cheyenne, Wyo.	17.6	4.4	2.7	
C # 5 Uche Nsonwu-Amadi	6-10	260	RSo.	Enugu, Nigeria	10.8	8.2	0.6	
G #10 Chris McMillian	5-10	180	Jr.	Brea, Calif.	6.5	2.5	3.9	
G #20 David Rottinghaus	6-5	195	Fr.	Charles City, Iowa	3.9	2.4	1.1	
Reserves								
F #00 Ronell Mingo	6-9	230	Jr.	Los Angeles, Calif.	6.0	3.9	0.8	
F # 4 Ugo Udezue	6-8	245	RJr.	Enugu, Nigeria	4.7	4.4	0.8	
F/C #13 Alex Dunn	6-10	220	Fr.	Sioux Rapids, Iowa	(Will redshirt)			
G #14 Brett McFall	6-0	180	Sr.	Olathe, Kan.	6.4	2.4	3.1	
G/F #23 Scottie Vines	6-2	190	Jr.	Alexander City, Ala.	2.0	1.5	1.1	
G #24 Paris Corner	6-1	193	RJr.	Beaumont, Texas	4.6	1.5	1.2	
F #25 Joe Ries	6-8	225	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo.	1.7	1.1	0.3	
Head Coach: Steve McClain (Chadron State '84)					Overall: 50-26 (.658), 3rd season At Wyoming: Same			
Assistant Coaches: Leroy Washington (Montana '88), John Adams (Iowa State '95) and Sidney Coles (Marshall '98)								

Game No. 18: Mon., Jan. 29, 2001, Albuquerque, N.M., 7:00 p.m., M.T. vs. The New Mexico Lobos (13-4, 3-1 in the Mountain West)

To be Televised by SportsWest TV, Carried in Wyoming by KGWN-TV in Cheyenne, Wyo.

						2000-01 Avgs.		
Probable Starters						PPG	RPG	APG
	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown				
F # 4 Wayland White	6-6	225	Sr.	Milwaukee, Wis.	8.9	7.2	1.6	
C #21 Brian Smith	6-8	245	Sr.	Tucson, Ariz.	5.5	3.6	0.2	
G # 2 Marlon Parmer	6-2	180	So.	Los Angeles, Calif.	10.6	4.5	6.1	
G # 5 Ruben Douglas	6-4	185	So.	Altadena, Calif.	15.0	6.5	1.2	
G #42 Eric Chatfield	6-3	215	Jr.	New York, N.Y.	17.1	4.6	2.7	
Reserves								
C #00 Malcolm Battles	6-7	250	Jr.	Troy, Ala.	8.8	5.5	0.8	
G #10 Tim Lightfoot	6-3	195	Jr.	Everman, Texas	9.5	2.0	0.5	
G #12 Ryan Ashcraft	6-2	175	Fr.	Albuquerque, N.M.	2.0	0.0	0.0	
G #20 Michael Jordan	6-2	185	Fr.	Albuquerque, N.M.	0.6	0.6	0.1	
F #30 Pat Kelly	6-6	180	Jr.	Albuquerque, N.M.	1.0	0.5	0.5	
F #31 Zeke Johnson	6-7	210	Fr.	Baltimore, Md.	5.8	2.5	0.3	
F #32 Matt King	6-6	205	Fr.	Albuquerque, N.M.	1.8	1.0	0.0	
C #33 Patrick Dennehy	6-9	220	Fr.	Santa Clara, Calif.	1.8	3.0	0.4	
F #44 Alvin Broussard	6-6	215	Fr.	Albuquerque, N.M.	1.6	1.9	0.6	
Head Coach: Fran Fraschilla (Brooklyn College '80)					Overall: 151-77 (.662), 8th season At School: 31-18 (.633), 2nd season			
Assistant Coaches: Joe Dooley (George Washington '88), Darren Savino (Jersey City State College '94) and Travis Lyons (Manhattan '98)								

Comparative Stats: Here is how the Wyoming Cowboys and New Mexico Lobos compare statistically.

	FG-FGA	%	3P-3PA	%	FT-FTA	%	Reb. Avg.	Avg. Pts. Given Up	Scoring Avg.
Wyoming	435-1010	.431	84-312	.269	318-468	.679	43.7	67.9	74.8
New Mexico	428-	957.447	90-276	.326	265-427	.621	37.1	65.2	71.2
UW Margins		-.016		-.057		+.058	+6.6	-2.7	+3.6

Cowboys in the NCAA Statistical Rankings: As of the most recent NCAA statistical rankings (Jan. 23, 2001), here are the categories in which the Wyoming Cowboys rank nationally.

Category	Wyoming Ranking
Rebounding	Josh Davis, No. 10, 10.6 rebounds per game



Cowboy Opponents Receiving Votes in National Polls:

The Wyoming Cowboys did not receive any votes in this week's ESPN/USA Today Coaches' Poll or the Associated Press Media Poll.

(Jan. 21)	(Jan. 15)
<u>ESPN/USA Today</u>	<u>Associated Press</u>
UW No Rank	UW No Rank
•BYU 32nd	•New Mexico T 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
Dec. 31-Jan. 1	Tie No. 47	Tie No. 46
Jan. 7-8	Tie No. 41	No Rank
Jan. 14-15	No Rank	No Rank
Jan. 21-22	No Rank	No Rank

National Ratings -- Part Two:

Three other rankings have Wyoming among the nation's elite.

Jeff Sagarin's NCAA basketball ratings, which appear in USA Today, list Wyoming **No. 68 in the nation** as of Jan. 21, 2001.

The unofficial **RPI rating on www.collegerpi.com** ranks Wyoming **No. 70 in the nation** as of Jan. 21, 2001. The **CollegeRPI.com** site is an unofficial duplication of the Ratings Percentage Index (RPI) utilized by the NCAA.

Collegiate Basketball News' RPI listed on the ESPN website ranks Wyoming **No. 70 in the nation** as of Jan. 21, 2001.

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**.

This week's conference call will be held on Thursday, Feb. 1, 2001, at 11:00 a.m.

The National Polls: Here are this week's ESPN/USA Today Coaches' Poll and Associated Press Media Poll.

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

ESPN/USA Today Others Receiving Votes: Fresno State 32, Utah State 32, Minnesota 13, Missouri 11, Xavier 11, Kentucky 9, **BYU 7**, South Florida 7, Cincinnati 7, Purdue 7, UCLA 3, Georgia 2, Notre Dame 2, Oklahoma State 2, Vanderbilt 2, Gonzaga 2, Georgia Tech 1, College Of Charleston 1.

Associated Press Others Receiving Votes: Oklahoma 70, Kentucky 68, Missouri 60, Minnesota 53, Oklahoma State 47, Utah State 38, Georgia 36, College Of Charleston 34, Xavier 31, Cincinnati 30, Notre Dame 22, Southern Mississippi 15, St. Josephs (Pa.) 14, Georgia Tech 11, Purdue 10, Arkansas 9, UTEP 2, Holy Cross 1, **New Mexico 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 13-4 Record Establishes the Best Start in McClain Era:

Wyoming's 13-4 record this season is the best start by a Steve McClain team at Wyoming. In McClain's first season (1998-99), Wyoming started out 11-6. Last season (1999-2000), the Cowboys were also 11-6 through 17 games.

McClain's '98-'99 squad won its 18th game of the season to go to 12-6. A year ago, Wyoming lost its 18th game for an 11-7 start.

In Case You Missed It:

- The Cowboys are currently on a four-game winning streak.
- For the season, UW is 4-4 in road games and 2-1 in conference road games.
- The Cowboys are 2-1 in conference road games this season, and have won their last two consecutive MWC road games -- at Colorado State on Saturday, Jan. 13 and at Air Force on Saturday, Jan. 27.

- Wyoming is 2-1 in Monday games this season.
- Wyoming has now won 12 consecutive home games.
- UW has now won seven consecutive conference home games.

- For three consecutive games this season, Wyoming trailed at halftime, but came back to win. The Pokes trailed by seven (29-36) at CSU on Jan. 13, by one (37-38) vs. Utah on Jan. 20 and by 14 (34-48) vs. BYU on Jan. 22. UW is now 3-4 for the season when trailing at halftime.

- Wyoming has now defeated Air Force eight of the last 10 meetings in Colorado Springs.

- Wyoming has now defeated the Falcons 19 of the last 20 meetings (both home and away games).

- During the Steve McClain era, Wyoming is 31-3 (.912) in home games, and 14-2 (.875) in conference home games.
- Steve McClain has led the Pokes to a 12-20 (.375) record in road games during his tenure at UW. Wyoming is 5-13 (.278) in conference road games during the McClain era.

- Wyoming's crowd of 10,008 vs. BYU on Monday, Jan. 22 followed a crowd of 13,313 vs. Utah on Saturday, Jan. 20. That marked the first time Wyoming had back-to-back crowds of over 10,000 since the 1994-95 season.

- Brett McFall played in his 100th career game on Jan. 27, 2001 vs. Air Force
- Brett McFall grabbed a career high nine rebounds vs. Air Force on Jan. 27, 2001.

- Chris McMillian scored a season high 16 points vs. Air Force on Saturday, Jan. 27.
- Uche Nsonwu-Amadi scored a career high 21 points against BYU on Jan. 22, 2001. His previous career high was 16 points on four different occasions this season.

2000-01 Wyoming Cowboy Basketball Schedule

Overall Record: 13-4	Home: 7-0	Away: 4-4	Neutral: 2-0
MWC Record: 4-1	Home: 2-0	Away: 2-1	
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.	L 71-74
Sat., Dec. 9	at Cal State Fullerton	Fullerton, Calif.	W 78-61
Sat., Dec. 16	Oregon State#	Casper, Wyo.	W 65-53
Tue., Dec. 19	Delaware State	Laramie, Wyo.	W 92-64
Thu., Dec. 21	at South Carolina	Columbia, S.C.	L 67-78
Sat., Dec. 23	at Akron	Akron, Ohio	W 81-73
Sat., Dec. 30	Wichita State	Laramie, Wyo.	W 72-65
January			
Wed., Jan. 3	at LSU	Baton Rouge, La.	L 69-73
Mon., Jan. 8	at Utah*	Salt Lake City, Utah	L 71-83 (ESPN)
Sat., Jan. 13	at Colorado State*	Fort Collins, Colo.	W 70-69(ot) (SWTV)
Sat., Jan. 20	Utah*	Laramie, Wyo.	W 78-77 (ot) (ERT)
Mon., Jan. 22	Brigham Young*	Laramie, Wyo.	W 85-78 (SWTV)
Sat., Jan. 27	at Air Force*	Colorado Springs, CO	W 71-56 (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	7:00 p.m. (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

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Team Leaders: Here are Wyoming's statistical leaders for the 2000-01 season.

<u>Statistical Category, Team Leader</u>	
Scoring	Marcus Bailey, 17.6 ppg
Rebounding	Josh Davis, 10.2 rpg
Assists	Chris McMillian, 3.9 apg
Blocks	Ronell Mingo, 1.6 bspg
Steals	Josh Davis, 1.4 spg
FG%	Uche Nsonwu-Amadi, .600
3-Point FG%	Chris McMillian, .346
FT%	Marcus Bailey, .842
Minutes	Marcus Bailey, 31.1

McMillian Stretches Streak of Consecutive Starts to 76 Games -- Every Game of His Career: Junior guard Chris McMillian has started every game of his career. McMillian's streak currently sits at 76 consecutive games.

McMillian is also an iron man of the Cowboys, he ranks No. 2 for UW in minutes played at 30.7 minutes per game. (Marcus Bailey leads in minutes played at 31.1 minutes per game.)

McFall Plays in His 100th Career Game: Senior Brett McFall played in his 100th career game on Saturday, Jan. 27, 2001, versus Air Force.

McFall has played in 100 of 104 games during his four-year career at Wyoming.

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 7-0 record at home, 2-0 in MWC home games.**

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 31-3 (.912) home record overall and a 14-2 (.875) home record in conference games.**

In the history of the Arena-Auditorium, Wyoming holds a **203-63 (.763) home record since the Double A opened in the last game of the 1981-82 season. In conference home games, UW is 103-45 (.696).**

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

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 **59 dunks in 17 games for a 3.5 dunk per game average.** The Cowboy defense has allowed **only 27 opponent dunks thus far in the 2000-01 season for a 1.6 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	2 dunks	South Carolina	1 dunk
at Akron	4 dunks	Akron	1 dunk
vs. Wichita State	3 dunks	Wichita State	1 dunk
at LSU	2 dunks	LSU	1 dunk
at Utah	3 dunks	Utah	4 dunks
at Colorado State	0 dunks	Colorado State	0 dunks
vs. Utah	2 dunks	Utah	1 dunk
vs. BYU	5 dunks	BYU	3 dunks
<u>at Air Force</u>	<u>1 dunk</u>	<u>Air Force</u>	<u>0 dunks</u>
Totals	59 dunks		27 dunks

Wyoming Individual Doctors of Dunk

Josh Davis	25 dunks
Uche Nsonwu-Amadi	18 dunks
Marcus Bailey	5 dunks
Ronell Mingo	4 dunks
David Rottinghaus	3 dunks
Scottie Vines	2 dunks
Paris Corner	1 dunk
<u>Joe Ries</u>	<u>1 dunk</u>
Totals	59 dunks

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. 7 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. Chris McMillian, 1999-	311
5. LaDrell Whitehead, 1995-97	274
6. Maurice Alexander, 1991-92	273
7. Brett McFall, 1998	260
8. David Murray, 1993-94	244
9. Anthony Johnson, 1980-83	237
10. Anthony Blakes, 1999-00	229

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 **No. 4 on the UW career steal list. McMillian has 113 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. Chris McMillian, 1999-	113
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
Josh Davis, 1999-	94
Brett McFall, 1998-	85

McFall Ranks Among UW Career Leaders in Three-

Point Field Goals: Brett McFall enters this week with **109 career threes to rank No. 7 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. Brett McFall 1998-	110
8. Tim Breaux 1989-92	105
9. Roman Totta 1993-94	95
10. Anthony Blakes 1999-00	75
Chris McMillian 1999-	65

Davis No. 4 in Career Blocks at UW: Wyoming junior Josh Davis moved into **the No. 4 spot among all-time Cowboys in career blocked shots** when he blocked two shots against Air Force on Jan. 27, 2001. He passed former Cowboy **Bill Garnett, who blocked 97 shots from 1979-82.**

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. Josh Davis, 1999-	98
5. Bill Garnett, 1979-82	97
6. Fennis Dembo, 1985-88	95
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 74.8 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 43.7 rebounds per game**, which would rank **No. 6** 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.	2000-01	43.7
7.	1998-99	43.4
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).

Mountain West Conference Calls

Set: 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 also beginning at 10:00 a.m.

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

To connect to the calls, phone **(719) 457-2629**. The confirmation number 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.	Dick Hunsaker, Utah
11:02 a.m.	Joe Scott, Air Force
11:12 a.m.	Steve McClain, Wyoming
11:22 a.m.	Craig Thompson, MWC Commissioner

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 49-26 (.653) 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 Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2001)

Team	MWC Games	All Games
1. Wyoming	4-1 (.800)	13-4 (.765)
2. New Mexico	3-1 (.750)	13-4 (.765)
3. UNLV	3-2 (.600)	12-8 (.600)
Utah	3-2 (.600)	11-8 (.579)
5. BYU	2-2 (.500)	13-6 (.684)
Colorado State	2-2 (.500)	11-6 (.647)
7. San Diego State	1-4 (.200)	11-7 (.611)
8. Air Force	0-4 (.000)	5-13 (.278)

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

Marcus Bailey, MWC Player of the Week Jan. 22, 2001

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 Sunday, Jan. 28, 2001)

Category	Wyoming's Team Ranking
Scoring Offense	No. 2, 74.8 points per game
Scoring Defense	No. 7, 67.9 points per game
Scoring Margin	No. 4, +6.9 points per game
Field-Goal Percentage	No. 8, .430
3-Point FG Percentage	No. 8, .269
3-Point FGs Per Game	No. 8, 4.94 threes per game
Free-Throw Percentage	No. 4, .679
Rebounding Average	No. 1, 43.7 rebounds per game
Opponents' Reb. Avg	No. 7, 37.8 rebounds per game
Rebounding Margin	No. 2, +5.9 rebounds per game
Offensive Rebounds	No. 1, 14.65 offensive rebounds / game
Defensive Rebounds	No. 1, 29.12 defensive rebounds / game
FG Percentage Defense	No. 1, .390 (Opponents' FG %)
3-Point FG % Defense	No. 5, .306 (Opponents' 3-Pt. FG %)
Assists	No. 2, 16.76 assists per game
Turnover Margin	No. 7, -0.59
Assist/Turnover Ratio	No. 2, 1.10 to 1.00
Blocked Shots	No. 2, 4.76 blocked shots per game
Steals	No. 4, 6.94 steals per game

Mountain West Individual Rankings

Category	Wyoming Individual Rankings
Scoring	Marcus Bailey, No. 1, 17.6 ppg Josh Davis, No. 10, 12.9 ppg Uche Nsonwu-Amadi, No. 17, 10.8 ppg
Rebounding	Josh Davis, No. 1, 10.2 rpg Uche Nsonwu-Amadi, No. 3, 8.2 rpg Ugo Udezue, No. 17, 4.4 rpg Marcus Bailey, No. 18, 4.4 rpg
Offensive Rebounds	Josh Davis, No. 1, 3.76 off. rpg Marcus Bailey, No. 5, 2.29 off. rpg Uche Nsonwu-Amadi, No. 7, 2.12 off. rpg
Defensive Rebounds	Josh Davis, No. 1, 6.47 def. rpg Uche Nsonwu-Amadi, No. 2, 6.12 Ugo Udezue, No. 14, 3.29 def. rpg
Field-Goal Percentage	Uche Nsonwu-Amadi, No. 2, .600 Marcus Bailey, No. 12, .472 Josh Davis, No. 13, .460
3-Point FG Percentage	Chris McMillian, No. 14, .346
3-Point FGs Per Game	No one ranked
Free-throw Percentage	Marcus Bailey, No. 3, .842 Josh Davis, No. 13, .660
Assists	Chris McMillian, No. 3, 3.94 apg Brett McFall, No. 7, 3.12 apg Marcus Bailey, No. 13, 2.65 apg
Blocked Shots	Ronell Mingo, No. 3, 1.59 bspg Josh Davis, No. 4, 1.41 bspg Uche Nsonwu-Amadi, No. 7, 0.94 bspg
Steals	Josh Davis, No. 5, 1.41 spg Marcus Bailey, No. 10, 1.24 spg
Assist-to-Turnover Ratio	Brett McFall, No. 2, 2.27 to 1.00 Chris McMillian, No. 6, 1.52 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	5
Uche Nsonwu-Amadi	2
Ugo Udezue	1
Totals	8

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 21 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	5	21
Uche Nsonwu-Amadi	2	2
Ugo Udezue	1	10
Totals	8	33

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 at CS Fullerton
17 points, 10 rebounds vs. Oregon State
25 points, 10 rebounds vs. Delaware State
18 points, 15 rebounds vs. BYU

Balance -- Cowboys Have Had Nine Different Players Score in Double Figures This Season: Wyoming has had nine 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, David Rottinghaus and Ugo Udezue have all scored in double figures in a game this season. **At least three Cowboys have scored in double digits in 15 of 17 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	(3) Bailey, Mingo, Rottinghaus
at Utah	(2) Bailey, Davis
at CSU	(3) Bailey, Davis, McFall
Utah	(3) Bailey, McFall, Nsonwu-Amadi
BYU	(4) Davis, McFall, McMillian, Nsonwu-Amadi
at Air Force	(3) Bailey, Davis, McMillian
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: Six 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 **seven occasions** this season.

Current 20-Point Pokes	20-Point Games in 2000-01	Career 20-Point Games
Marcus Bailey	7	7
Josh Davis	1	10
Brett McFall	0	1
Chris McMillian	0	2
Uche Nsonwu-Amadi	1	1
Ugo Udezue	0	15
Totals	9	36

Thirty-Point Pokes: Two current Cowboys have scored 30 or more points in a single game during their careers -- those Cowboys are sophomore **Marcus Bailey** and junior **Ugo Udezue**. Bailey scored 33 versus Utah on Jan. 20, 2001. 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 **31-3 (.912) 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									
<u>Season</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Overall</u>			<u>Conference</u>			<u>Finish</u>	<u>Postseason Appearance</u>
		<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>%</u>		
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>13</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>.765</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>.800</u>		
	Three Seasons	50	26	.658	19	14	.576		
Steve McClain vs. All Opponents									
	Overall	50-26 (.658)							
	At Home	31- 3 (.912)							
	On the Road	12-20 (.375)							
	Neutral Sites	7- 3 (.700)							
Steve McClain vs. Conference Opponents (Including Conference Tournaments)									
	Overall	20-15 (.571)							
	At Home	14- 2 (.875)							
	On the Road	5-13 (.278)							
	Neutral Sites	1- 0 (1.000)							
	Regular Season	19-14 (.576)							
	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 31-3 (.912) overall in the Arena-Auditorium and a 14-2 (.875) record in conference home games.

For the **2000-01 season**, Wyoming has posted a **7-0 (1.000)** record at home and a **2-0 (1.000) 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 **203-63 (.763)**. In conference games, Wyoming is **103-45 (.696)** in conference regular-season home games.

Great Home Crowds During the 2000-01 Season

13,313	vs. Utah	Jan. 20, 2001
10,008	vs. BYU	Jan. 22, 2001
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	7-0 (1.000)	2-0 (1.000)		
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	203-63 (.763)	103-45 (.696)	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), Utah (6), UTEP (5), New Mexico (4), Air Force (3) and Louisville (2). But the most popular draw has been Brigham Young, which has attracted 15 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.	1-20-01	Utah	W 78-77(ot)	13,313
15.	3-4-88	Boise State	W 56-50	13,158
16.	1-17-91	Utah	L 83-90	12,867
17.	2-20-86	Brigham Young	W 66-56	12,677
18.	2-25-88	Utah	W 79-56	12,535
19.	1-20-90	Brigham Young	L 60-65	12,517
20.	1-21-84	UTEP	L 46-54	12,493
21.	2-4-88	UTEP	W 73-59	12,337
22.	2-14-98	Brigham Young	W 77-54	12,201
23.	1-19-91	Brigham Young	W 86-80	12,109
24.	3-8-86	*UTEP	L 64-65	12,039
25.	1-17-87	UTEP	W 79-74	12,025
26.	2-20-99	Colorado State	L 75-80	12,009
27.	12-14-87	Georgia State	W 100-89	11,927
28.	1-15-90	Colorado State	L 57-65	11,831
29.	3-17-86	#Loyola-Marymount	W 99-90	11,658
30.	1-23-92	Brigham Young	W 72-67	11,618
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33.	1-13-88	Air Force	W 81-61	11,341
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51.	1-15-00	Colorado State	L 71-77	10,211
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University of Wyoming Basketball
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Wyoming's 12-Game Home Winning Streak Ranks No. 15 in the Nation: The Wyoming Cowboys 12-game winning streak is now among the longest in the nation. **In fact, the Cowboys' 12-game winning streak in the Arena-Auditorium ranks No. 15 in the nation.**

Below is a listing of the nation's longest home winning streaks through games of Jan. 22, 2001.

<u>Rank and Team</u>	<u>Home Streak</u>
1. Michigan State	40
2. Iowa State	30
3. Alcorn State	28
4. Detroit	24
Texas	24
6. Indiana State	20
7. Southern Utah	18
Utah State	18
9. Tennessee	17
10. College of Charleston	16
11. Brigham Young	15
12. Illinois	14
13. California	13
Wake Forest	13
15. Wyoming	12
Alabama	12
Boston College	12
Connecticut	12
Valparaiso	12
20. Kansas	11
Minnesota	11
22. Chattanooga	10
Duke	10
Fresno State	10
Georgia State	10
Marshall	10
USC	10

Cowboys Have Built 12-Game Home Winning Streak -- UW's Longest Home Winning Streak Since 1986:

The Wyoming Cowboys have built a 12-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 seven home victories to stretch their home winning streak to 12 games.

The last time Wyoming won 12 consecutive home games was from the end of the 1985-86 season through the beginning of the 1986-87 season. That streak ran from a Jan. 11, 1986, overtime home win over UTEP (63-62) through a Dec. 6, 1986, home victory over Colorado (55-42). The streak ran for 14 consecutive home games.

SportsWest to Televisе Wyoming at New Mexico: Today's game at New Mexico will be televised by **SportsWest TV**. **Mike Powers** will describe the play-by-play action. He will be joined by color analyst **Irv Brown**. This will be the third of seven Wyoming games this season that will be televised by **SportsWest TV**. The game at New Mexico will begin at 7:00 p.m. Mountain time.

McClain Wins 50th Game as Head Coach at Wyoming -- Becomes the Third Fastest Coach to Reach 50 Victories: In the history of Wyoming Basketball, only seven of UW's 19 head basketball coaches have reached the 50-win plateau. And of the seven, **current Cowboy head coach Steve McClain reached the 50-win mark third fastest in school history. It took McClain 76 games to reach 50 wins.** With the Cowboys 71-56 win over Air Force on Jan. 27, 2001, McClain won his 50th game at Wyoming. He tied former Cowboy head coach Jim Brandenburg, who also took 76 games to win his 50th.

Willard Witte, who coached the Cowboys from the 1930-31 season through the 1938-39 campaign, reached 50 wins the quickest. He accomplished the feat in 57 games.

Below is a breakdown of the Wyoming basketball coaches to reach 50 wins in order of who won 50 the fastest.

<u>Coach</u>	<u>Years Coached</u>	<u>Record at the 50-Win Mark</u>
1. Willard Witte	1930-39	50- 7 (57 games)
2. Everett Shelton	1939-59	50-22 (72 games)
3. Steve McClain	1999-Present	50-26 (76 games)
Jim Brandenburg	1978-87	50-26 (76 games)
5. Benny Dees	1987-93	50-29 (79 games)
6. Joby Wright	1993-97	50-55 (105 games)
7. Bill Strannigan	1959-73	50-88 (138 games)

Fast Starts -- Cowboys Off to Best Start in 10 Years: Wyoming's 13-4 start for the 2000-01 season is its best start since the Cowboys started 14-3 in the 1990-91 campaign. The '90-'91 Cowboys were led by juniors and future NBA players Reginald Slater and Tim Breaux, and were coached by Benny Dees.

The 1990-91 Cowboys went on to post a 20-12 record and advanced to the Second Round of the National Invitation Tournament.

Fast Starts Part Two -- Pokes Enjoy Best Conference Start in Six Years: With its 4-1 conference start entering today's game, Wyoming is enjoying its best start in conference play since the 1994-95 season, when the Pokes also began the conference race 4-1.

Comeback Cowboys: In three of their past four games, the Wyoming Cowboys trailed at halftime but came back to win. Wyoming has posted a 3-4 record this season when trailing at halftime. Wyoming's biggest comeback came against BYU, Wyoming trailed by as many as 18 points in the first half before posting a seven-point victory for a 25-point turnaround.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Game</u>	<u>Halftime Score</u>	<u>Biggest UW Deficit</u>	<u>Final Score</u>
Jan. 13, 2001	at Colorado State	UW 29, CSU 36	9 points	UW 70, CSU 69 ot
Jan. 20, 2001	vs. Utah	UW 37, Utah 38	13 points	UW 78, Utah 77ot
Jan. 22, 2001	vs. Brigham Young	UW 34, BYU 48	18 points	UW 85, BYU 78

Super Sophomore Marcus Bailey Named Player of the Week Twice During the 2000-01 Season: In only his second season at the collegiate level, Wyoming sophomore **Marcus Bailey** is making quite a name for himself. Bailey was named **Mountain West Conference Player of the Week on Jan. 22, 2001**, after scoring a **career high 33 points in a 78-77 overtime win over Utah on Saturday, Jan. 20, 2001.** It was Bailey's first 30-point game of his career. He has scored in double figures in 14 of 17 games this season, and has scored 20 or more points on seven occasions this season. His previous career scoring high was accomplished early this season when he scored 25 points against both Montana State and Cal State Northridge. **He also earned MWC Player of the Week honors on Dec. 4.**

Bailey leads the Cowboys in the scoring (17.6 points per game) and minutes played (31.1 minutes per game). He has been the leading scorer for the Cowboys in 10 of 17 games this season.

The sophomore from Cheyenne, Wyo., has started all 17 games this season, and has started the last 43 consecutive games dating back to last year. He started the final 26 games as a true freshman in the 1999-2000 season.

He was also named the Mountain West Conference Player of the Week on Dec. 4, 2000, after leading Wyoming to three wins over Denver, Creighton and Montana State.

Wyoming Cowboys' Season Capsule

Wyoming's 2000-01 Record: 13-4 (.765)
Wyoming's 2000-01 MWC Record: 4-1 (.800) in the MWC
Last Time Out for Wyoming:
Wyoming defeated Air Force 71-56 on Jan. 27, 2001,
in Colorado Springs, Colo.
Current Win/Loss Streak: Win 4
UW Head Coach (Alma Mater): Steve McClain(Chadron St.'84)
McClain's Overall Record: 50-26 (.658), 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. New Mexico: Wyoming leads 53-47
UW Record versus in Laramie: Wyoming leads 30-18
UW Record versus on the Road: Wyoming trails 21-28
UW Record versus at Neutral Sites: Wyoming leads 2-1
Last Meeting versus:
Wyoming defeated New Mexico 99-93 in Albuquerque, N.M.
on Feb. 14, 2000

New Mexico Lobos' Season Capsule

2000-01 Record: 13-4 (.765)
2000-01 Conference Record: 3-1 (.750) in the Mountain
West Conference
Last Time Out:
New Mexico defeated CSU 72-71 in overtime
on Jan. 27, 2001, in Albuquerque, N.M.
University Location: Albuquerque, N.M.
Current Win/Loss Streak: Won 1
Head Coach (Alma Mater): Fran Fraschilla(Brooklyn College'80)
Coach's Overall Record: 151-77 (.662), 8th season
Coach's Record at School: 31-18 (.633), 2nd season
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 4/6
Starters Returning/Lost: 1/4
1999-00 Record: 18-14, 9-5 3rd in the MWC
1999-00 Postseason:
Lost to BYU 43-55 in the MWC Tournament
Defeated South Florida 64-58 in the NIT
Lost at Wake Forest 65-72 in the NIT

Games Prior to Playing Wyoming:
None

Cowboys Enjoy Recent Success in "The Pit": The Wyoming Cowboys come to "The Pit" with a 4-6 record in the last 10 meetings against New Mexico. Included in those four games was a 99-93 shootout victory over UNM a season ago on Feb. 14, 2000.

**Pokes Put Up 51 Points in the Second Half vs. BYU -
- Cowboys Have Four Players Score in Double
Figures in the Second Half:** The Wyoming Cowboys exploded for 51 points in the second half against BYU on Monday, Jan. 22.

The Cowboys had four individuals score in double figures in the second half alone. **Uche Nsonwu-Amadi** led the way in the second stanza with 12 points (21 total in the game). **Brett McFall** scored 11 of his 18 in the final period, and **Josh Davis** and **Chris McMillian** each scored 10 in the second half. Davis ended the game with 18. McMillian scored all 10 of his points in the second period.

It marked the second time this season that UW scored 50 or more points in a half. The Pokes scored 55 in the first half of a 92-64 win over Delaware State on Dec. 19, 2000.

McFall Scores in Double Figures in Three Straight

Games: Wyoming senior **Brett McFall** posted three consecutive double-figure scoring games against Colorado State, Utah and BYU from Jan. 13-Jan. 22, 2001. McFall scored 14 at Colorado State on Jan. 13, 2001; followed that with a 13-point performance against Utah on Jan. 20, including the game-winning three-pointer in overtime; and scored a season high 18 versus BYU on Jan. 22. His streak was broken on Saturday, Jan. 27 at Air Force, where he scored nine points.

Nsonwu-Amadi Scores Career High 21: Redshirt sophomore **Uche Nsonwu-Amadi** enjoyed one of his best weekends of the season against Utah and BYU on Saturday, Jan. 20 and Monday, Jan. 22.

Nsonwu-Amadi scored a career high 21 points against BYU on Monday, while grabbing eight rebounds.

Against the Utah Utes on Saturday, Jan. 20, 2001, Nsonwu-Amadi recorded his second double-double of the season. Nsonwu-Amadi scored 11 points and pulled down 12 rebounds vs. the Utes. He notched his first double-double of the season against Denver on Nov. 27, 2001, with 16 points and 13 rebounds.

Nsonwu-Amadi became the third Cowboy to score 20 or more points in a game this season. He joins Marcus Bailey and Josh Davis.

Davis Records Fifth Double-Double of the Season,

21st of His Career: **Josh Davis** notched his fifth double-double of the season when he scored 18 points and grabbed 15 rebounds against BYU on Monday, Jan. 22, 2001.

Davis now has 21 double-doubles in his Wyoming career, and he is only a junior.

The Salem, Ore., native is currently leading the MWC in rebounding at 10.2 per game, and is ranked No. 10 in the NCAA in rebounding. He ranks No. 10 in the MWC in scoring, averaging 12.9 points per game.

Back-to-Back Overtime Wins: In the last two weeks, Wyoming has won consecutive overtime games. UW won on the road at CSU on Saturday, Jan. 13 by a score of 70-69, and the Cowboys won at home over Utah on Saturday, Jan. 20 by a score of 78-77.

The last time Wyoming had played consecutive overtime games was Jan. 16 and Jan. 19, 1985, when they won at Air Force 77-75 and then won at home against Utah 69-60.

Pokes Extend Their Conference Home Winning

Streak to Seven Games: Wyoming has built a seven-game conference home winning streak. The Cowboys won the last five MWC home games of last season, defeating San Diego State (93-87), UNLV (109-98), Air Force (61-51), Brigham Young (85-70) and Utah (88-61) to end the 1999-2000 home schedule. UW has begun the 2000-01 conference schedule with a 78-77 overtime home win over Utah and an 85-78 home win over BYU.

University of Wyoming Fast Facts

General Information

Location: Laramie, Wyo.
 Founded: 1886
 Enrollment: 10,600
 President: Dr. Philip L. Dubois
 Director of Athletics: Lee Moon
 Faculty Representative: Dr. Janet Constantinides
 Colors: Brown & Wyoming Prairie Gold
 Nickname: Cowboys, Pokes
 Conference: Mountain West
 Stadium: War Memorial
 Capacity: (33,500)

Basketball Coaching Staff

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Head Coach

Steve McClain (Chadron State '84)

Assistant Coaches

Leroy Washington (Montana '88)

John Adams (Iowa State '95)

Sidney Coles (Marshall '98)

Administrative Staff

Steve Gosar, Graduate Assistant Manager

Basketball Office Staff

Mary Johnson, Cowboy Basketball Office Manager

2000 Squad Breakdown

Starters Returning/Lost: 4/2
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 5/9

Newcomers (5)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.
13	Alex Dunn	F/C	6-10	220	Fr.
00	Ronell Mingo	F/C	6-9	230	Jr.
25	Joe Ries	F	6-8	225	Fr.
20	David Rottinghaus	G/F	6-5	195	Fr.
23	Scottie Vines	G/F	6-2	190	Jr.

Starters Returning (4)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.
44	Marcus Bailey	G/F	6-5	190	So.
22	Josh Davis	F	6-8	235	Jr.
10	Chris McMillian	G	5-10	180	Jr.
4	Ugo Udezue	F/C	6-8	245	RJr.

(Ugo Udezue started in the 1998-99 season. He missed the 1999-2000 season due to knee surgery.)

Starters Lost (2)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.
5	Anthony Blakes	G/F	6-2	188	Sr.
0	LeDarion Jones	F	6-7	232	Sr.

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3	Aaron Abrams	G/F	6-4	205	Fr.
32	Fayssal Akacem	F	6-8	180	Fr.
5	Anthony Blakes	G/F	6-2	188	Sr.
23	Mark Curry	G	6-3	180	Jr.
40	Justin French	F	6-6	210	Sr.
0	LeDarion Jones	F	6-7	232	Sr.
33	Antone Lostetter	F/C	6-8	217	Sr.
52	Bradley Mann	G/F	6-6	190	Sr.
55	Andy Young	G	6-0	165	Jr.

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Cowboys Atop Conference Standings for the First Time Since 1994-95

Season: The Wyoming Cowboys are currently in first place in the Mountain West Conference with a 4-1 conference record. It is the first time since the 1994-95 season that the Pokes have been in first place in the conference race. The Cowboys began that season 4-1, as well.

Bailey Leads MWC in Scoring, Davis Leads MWC in Rebounding and Nsonwu-Amadi Also Among MWC's Best:

Wyoming has been led by sophomore **Marcus Bailey**, junior **Josh Davis** and redshirt sophomore **Uche Nsonwu-Amadi** through the first 17 games of the 2000-01 season. Bailey ranks in six different MWC statistical categories. Davis also ranks in six, and Nsonwu-Amadi ranks in four different categories. **Bailey is the league's leading scorer. Davis is the MWC's leading rebounder.** Here is a breakdown of their MWC rankings entering this week.

<u>Josh Davis</u>	<u>Marcus Bailey</u>	<u>Uche Nsonwu-Amadi</u>
No. 10 in scoring, 12.9	No. 1 in scoring 17.6	No. 17 in scoring, 10.8 ppg
No. 1 in rebounding 10.2	No. 18 in rebounding 4.4	No. 3 in rebounding, 8.2 rpg
No. 13 in FG%, .460	No. 12 in FG%, .472	No. 2 in FG%, .600
No. 13 in FT%, .660	No. 3 in FT%, .842	
	No. 13 in assists, 2.65 apg	
No. 4 in blocks, 1.41 bspg		No. 7 in blocks, 0.94 bspg
No. 6 in steals, 1.41 spg	No. 10 in steals, 1.24 spg	

2000-01 Trends: Through the first 17 games of the season, here are some trends that have developed in the 2000-01 season for the Wyoming Cowboys.

<u>When the Cowboys</u>	<u>Wyoming's Record is</u>
Score 70 or more points	12-2
Shoot better from the field than their opponent	11-2
Lead at halftime	10-0
Wyoming in weekend games (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)	10-0
Have more assists than opponent	10-2
Outrebound opponent	10-3
Have more defensive rebounds than opponent	10-3
Hold opponents under 70 points	9-0
Have their starting frontline outscore the opponent	9-1
Block more shots than opponent	9-2
Shoot better from the free-throw line than opponent	9-3
Wyoming in Saturday games	8-0
Commit fewer fouls than opponent	8-1

The Sporting News Picks Josh Davis as Its Midseason MWC Best

Player : The Sporting News (TSN) publishes a regular feature called "Conference Call" in the college basketball section of its weekly magazine. In the Jan. 15, 2001, issue TSN included as part of the "Conference Call" feature a Midseason Bests where they listed the Best Player, Best Coach and Best Newcomer in each of the nation's major Division I basketball conferences. **Wyoming's Josh Davis was named by TSN as the Best Player in the Mountain West Conference.** TSN attributed their selection of Davis to the fact that he switched from the center position to the forward spot this year and yet was still averaging a double-double in scoring and rebounds. Davis enters this week averaging 12.7 points and 10.3 rebounds.

Bailey's 33 Points, Ninth Best in Arena-Auditorium History: Marcus Bailey's 33 points versus Utah on Jan. 20, 2001, ranks ninth among single-game performances in the Arena-Auditorium history. Here are the greatest individual scoring performances in Double A history.

<u>Player and Team</u>	<u>Points Scored</u>	<u>Date</u>
1. Maurice Alexander, Wyoming	49	vs. New Mexico, Feb. 9, 1991
2. LaZelle Durden, Cincinnati	45	vs. Wyoming, Dec. 17, 1994
3. Michael Cage, San Diego State	40	vs. Wyoming, Feb. 6, 1984
4. Ugo Udezue, Wyoming	36	vs. Colorado, Dec. 9, 1998
5. Reginald Slater, Wyoming	35	vs. San Diego State, Feb. 23, 1991
Reginald Slater, Wyoming	35	vs. Memphis State, Dec. 16, 1990
Askia Jones, Kansas State	35	vs. Wyoming, Jan. 2, 1992
8. Robyn Davis, Wyoming	34	vs. New Mexico, Jan. 14, 1989
9. Marcus Bailey, Wyoming	33	vs. Utah, Jan. 20, 2001
10. Ugo Udezue, Wyoming	32	vs. Texas-Pan Am, Feb. 16, 1999
Theo Ratliff, Wyoming	32	vs. Hawai'i, Feb. 24, 1994
Maurice Alexander, Wyoming	32	vs. Utah, Jan. 17, 1991

Bold indicates current Wyoming Cowboys

Wyoming Brings Four-Game MWC Winning Streak Into

Tonight's Game: Wyoming brings a four-game conference winning streak into tonight's game at New Mexico.

It is the longest current winning streak in the MWC.

Last Season's Five-Game Conference Winning Streak

Began in "The Pit": The current four-game conference winning streak for the Pokes is their longest since a season ago.

Wyoming enjoyed a five-game conference winning streak during the 1999-2000 season. **The Cowboys won five games from Feb. 14 through Feb. 28, 2000, the first win in that streak was a 99-93 road victory at New Mexico.**

Best Half of Basketball: Perhaps the best half of basketball for the Wyoming Cowboys came against BYU on Jan. 22, 2001.

After trailing at halftime by 14 points (34-48), the Cowboys came out and played a fantastic half, scoring 51 points and winning the game 85-78.

Here are some of the highlights from that second half of basketball:

- Wyoming scored 51 points
- UW had four individuals score in double figures in the second half (Uche Nsonwu-Amadi 12 points, Brett McFall 11, Josh Davis 10, Chris McMillian 10)
- Wyoming shot 60.0 percent from the field (15 of 25)
- The Cowboys shot 57.1 percent (4 of 7) from three-point range
- The Pokes held BYU to 34.6 percent shooting from the field (9 of 26), after BYU shot 50.0 percent (15 of 30) in the first half
- Wyoming held BYU to 30 points in the second half

70 Points Key to Wyoming Wins in 2000-01 Season:

The key number for the Wyoming Cowboys this season has been 70 points.

When Wyoming scores 70 or more points this season, it is 12-2.

When Wyoming holds opponents under 70 points this season, it is 9-0

The only two games Wyoming has scored 70 or more points and lost this season were a 71-74 loss at Cal State Northridge on Dec. 7 and a 71-83 loss at Utah on Jan. 8.

Pointing the Way: A big key in Wyoming's four consecutive conference wins has been the combined play of point guards **Chris McMillian** and **Brett McFall**.

McMillian and McFall have played outstanding on both ends of the floor in wins over Colorado State, Utah, BYU and Air Force. Defensively, they have been spectacular, and offensively they have put up big numbers in the four conference wins. While McFall has provided much of the offensive firepower, McMillian has been the defensive stopper. Against Colorado State, McMillian was primarily responsible for holding CSU's John Sivesind to only eight points. In the BYU win, McMillian was assigned to the Cougar's Trent Whiting, holding him to only seven points.

Here is a breakdown of McMillian and McFall over the last four games.

Player	Min.	FG-FGA	3-Pointers	FT-FTA	Reb.	A	S	Points
Brett McFall	31.5	16-42(.381)	10-32 (.313)	12-17(.706)	15 (3.7)	16	1	54 (13.5)
Chris McMillian	34.3	11-19(.579)	6-10 (.600)	7-11(.636)	9 (2.3)	9	3	35 (8.8)
Combined	32.9	27-61(.443)	16-42(.381)	19-28(.679)	24 (6.0)	25	4	89(22.3)

Chris McMillian Becomes Only the Fourth Cowboy to Hand Out 300

Career Assists: Chris McMillian became only the fourth player in school history to hand out 300 career assists when he recorded three assists against Utah on Jan. 8, 2001. McMillian now has **311 career assists** to rank No. 4 in Wyoming history. He joins Sean Dent (502 assists from 1984-88), Fennis Dembo (410 assists from 1985-88) and Mike Jackson (357 assists from 1980-83) as the four Cowboys with 300 career assists.

McMillian has **67 assists for the 2000-01 season**. He is averaging **3.94 assists per game this season**, and has a **career assist average of 4.09**.

Cowboys to be Televised 14 Times During the 2000-01 Season: The Wyoming Cowboys will be televised 14 times during the 2000-01 regular season.

Included in the 14 television games will be:

Seven SportsWest Telecasts

Four ESPN Telecasts

Two ESPN Regional Telecasts

The first television game was a College Sports Southeast telecast at LSU on Jan. 3.

The **SportsWest TV** games will be carried in the state of Wyoming by **KGWN-TV Channel 5 in Cheyenne, Wyo.**

ESPN Regional telecasts are carried in the state of Wyoming by **KWYF-TV in Cheyenne, Wyo., and KLWY-TV in Casper, Wyo.**

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	Time/Result
Wed., Jan. 3	at LSU (College Sports Southeast)	L 69-73
Mon., Jan. 8	at Utah (ESPN)	L 71-83
Sat., Jan. 13	at CSU (SWTV)	W 70-69 (ot)
Sat., Jan. 20	Utah (ERT)	W 78-77 (ot)
Mon., Jan. 22	BYU (SWTV)	W 85-78
Sat., Jan. 27	at Air Force (ERT)	W 71-56
Mon., Jan. 29	at New Mexico (SWTV)	7:00 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 3	SDSU (SWTV)	4:00 p.m.
Mon., Feb. 5	UNLV (ESPN)	10:00 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 10	CSU (SWTV)	4:00 p.m.
Thu., Feb. 15	at BYU (SWTV)	7:00 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 17	at Creighton (ESPN)	10:00 a.m.
Mon., Feb. 26	New Mexico (ESPN)	10:00 p.m.
Sat., March 3	at UNLV (SWTV)	8:30 p.m.

All gametimes are Mountain time

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 nine 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	9
Players Who Have Scored	11
Players Averaging 20+ Minutes	4
Players Averaging 10+ Minutes	9

Defense A Strength for Pokes in 2000-01 Season: Wyoming's defense has been extremely effective this season as the Pokes are holding opponents to only 39.0 percent shooting from the field.

The best defensive teams in Wyoming history were those of Basketball Hall of Fame Coach Everett Shelton. Shelton's 1950-51 team held opponents to only 28.0 percent shooting.

Here is a breakdown of the best Cowboy defensive teams since complete statistics were kept beginning with the 1950-51 season.

UW's Best Defensive Teams Ranked by Field-Goal % Defense

1.	1950-51	28.0 percent
2.	1953-54	29.4 percent
	1952-53	29.4 percent
4.	1951-52	31.1 percent
5.	1954-55	31.4 percent
6.	1955-56	34.9 percent
7.	1957-58	37.1 percent
8.	1997-98	38.5 percent
9.	2000-01	39.0 percent
10.	1959-60	39.5 percent
11.	1981-82	39.7 percent
12.	1980-81	40.1 percent
13.	1994-95	40.5 percent
	1992-93	40.5 percent
15.	1960-61	40.6 percent
16.	1998-99	41.2 percent
17.	1961-62	41.3 percent
18.	1993-94	41.5 percent
19.	1982-83	41.6 percent
20.	1986-87	41.9 percent

Bold indicates Steve McClain teams

Chairmen of the Boards: The Wyoming Cowboys have been "Chairmen of the Boards" thus far in the 2000-01 season. **Wyoming leads the Mountain West Conference in rebounding at 43.7 rebounds per game.** The Cowboys have controlled the boards at both ends of the court. **Wyoming leads the MWC in offensive rebounding (14.65 offensive rebounds per game) and defensive rebounds (29.12 defensive rebounds per game).**

Here is a breakdown of the Cowboys rebounding dominance this season.

Wyoming Leads the MWC in Total Rebounds	43.7 rebounds average
Wyoming Leads the MWC in Offensive Rebounds	14.65 off. rebound avg.
Wyoming Leads the MWC in Defensive Rebounds	29.12 def. rebound avg.
Wyoming Has Outrebounded Their Opponents	In 13 of 17 games

Wyoming Has Four of the Top 20 Rebounders in the MWC

- Josh Davis, No. 1, 10.2 rebounds per game
- Uche Nsonwu-Amadi, No. 3, 8.2 rpg
- Ugo Udezue, No. 17, 4.36 rpg
- Marcus Bailey, No. 18, 4.35 rpg

NCAA Rebounding Rankings Josh Davis, No. 10 in the NCAA, 10.2 rpg
As of Jan. 23, 2001

Junior Josh Davis Closing in on Wyoming's Greatest Rebounders:

Wyoming junior forward Josh Davis has pulled down **605 career rebounds** in his three-year career at Wyoming. He needs only **52 rebounds to break into Wyoming's career Top 10 in rebounding.** At his current average of **10.2 rebounds per game**, he should enter the Top 10 this season. He has **174 rebounds for the 2000-01 season through 17 games.**

Here are Wyoming's career rebounding leaders.

Rank and Player	Years	Total Rebounds
1. Reginald Slater	1989-92	1,197
2. Fennis Dembo	1985-88	954
3. HL Coleman	1994-97	939
4. Leon Clark	1964-66	889
5. Bill Garnett	1979-82	840
6. Kenneth Ollie	1978-81	833
7. Carl Ashley	1968-70	818
8. Eric Leckner	1985-88	774
9. Ron Rivers	1952-54	752
10. Rod Penner	1971-73	657
Josh Davis	1999-	605

Wyoming's 58 Rebounds vs. Utah Ranks No. 4 in Arena-Auditorium

History: Wyoming has been a dominating rebounding team all season long. The Pokes have led the Mountain West Conference in total rebounding, offensive rebounding and defensive rebounding throughout the 2000-01 season. Against Utah on Jan. 20, 2001, the Cowboys pulled down 58 rebounds which ranks as the fourth best rebounding total in the history of the Arena-Auditorium. Here are the greatest single-game rebounding performances in the Double A.

Rank	Rebounding Performance	Date
1.	63 Rebounds by San Diego State vs. Wyoming	Feb. 23, 1991
2.	60 Rebounds by Wyoming vs. SMU	Jan. 16, 1999
	60 Rebounds by Wyoming vs. Troy State	Dec. 14, 1991
4.	58 Rebounds by Wyoming vs. Utah	Jan. 20, 2001
	58 Rebounds by Wyoming vs. Air Force	Feb. 25, 1999
6.	57 Rebounds by Wyoming vs. South Dakota	Dec. 7, 1982
7.	56 Rebounds by Wyoming vs. Memphis State	Dec. 16, 1990
8.	55 Rebounds by Wyoming vs. Denver	Nov. 27, 2000
	55 Rebounds by Wyoming vs. Seattle Pacific	Dec. 1, 1984
10.	54 Rebounds on four different occasions	