



# WYOMING

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## UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING FOOTBALL POSTGAME NOTES

Following a 27-20 Overtime Loss to San José State on Oct. 18, 2014,  
in War Memorial Stadium

### Team Notes

- Wyoming fell to 3-4 overall and 1-2 in the Mountain West this season after suffering its first loss in War Memorial Stadium this season.
- The Pokes still lead the all-time series with San Jose State 6-3, but are 0-2 in Mountain West play against the Spartans.
- The Cowboys played their first overtime game this season, dropping to 6-6 all-time in the extra period. The overtime contest was UW's first since a 59-56 victory over Hawai'i last November.

### Offensive Notes

- Wyoming's 17-play scoring drive in the second quarter that took 9:20 was the Cowboys' longest this season in terms of plays and time. That drive ended with a 36-yard field goal from senior place-kicker **Stuart Williams**.
- Senior quarterback **Colby Kirkegaard** finished 11-of-27 passing for 119 yards through the air.
- Kirkegaard's 19-yard rush in the fourth quarter was a career long and he finished with a career-high 38 rush yards.
- Senior wide receiver **Dominic Rufran** caught two passes for 37 yards. He now has caught a pass in 44-straight games, every contest of his career. That is tied for the best mark in the nation with Boise State's Matt Miller. Rufran didn't make his first catch of Saturday's game until 17 seconds were left in regulation.
- Rufran now has 185 career receptions to rank sixth in UW history. He is just one catch away from a tie with **Malcom Floyd** (2000-03) for fifth in school history with 186 career catches.
- Rufran added 19 yards rushing on two carries.
- Junior running back **Shaun Wick** now has 18 career rush TDs, good for No. 9 in history in rushing TDs with Robbie Wright (1974-76).
- Wick finished with 97 rush yards to eclipse the 2,000-yard mark, and now has 2,036 yards for his career.
- Wick posted a long run of 48 yards in the second half. He now has one 40-plus yard rushes in four of the Pokes' seven games this season. Wick now has tallied five rushes of 40-plus yards this season.
- Prior to the fourth quarter, Wick had eight carries for 13 yards. In the last stanza, he had eight carries, 84 yards and a score.

### Defensive Notes

- With two forced fumbles and recoveries, Wyoming's defense has a fumble recovery in three games this season.
- The UW defense posted eight tackles for loss, setting a new a season high in TFLs. The previous high was seven.
- Senior cornerback **Blair Burns** posted his second-career return for a touchdown with a 63-yard gallop after he picked up a fumble in the second half. He also had 99-yard interception return for touchdown against Colorado State in 2012.
- Burns' effort marked UW's second-straight game with a fumble return for a touchdown of more than 50 yards.
- Junior defensive end **Eddie Yarbrough** had a season-best two sacks and 3.5 tackles for loss. On one of his sacks, he forced a fumble that UW recovered. That was the third forced fumble of his career and first this season.
- Yarbrough moved into a tie for No. 5 in UW history in tackles for loss. He now has 23.5 for his career, along with **John Flora** (2004-05).
- Sophomore nose tackle **Chase Appleby** recovered the ball after Yarbrough's strip-sack, the first recovery of his career.
- Senior defensive end **Sonny Puletasi** had one TFL for 18 in his career, just one away from No. 9 in UW history.
- Senior safety **Jesse Sampson** had a career-high 10 tackles, besting his previous high of eight.
- Redshirt freshman safety **Tim Kamana** had a career-high 10 stops.

### Special Teams Notes

- Williams connected on a 36-yard field goal in the second quarter and a 19-yarder in the fourth quarter. He went 2-of-3 for the game and is 17-of-28 for his career.
- Senior wide receiver **Jalen Claiborne** returned a punt 27 yards during the second quarter, the longest punt return for Wyoming this season. He finished with two returns for 43 yards.
- Sophomore punter **Ethan Wood** punted five times, pinning San Jose State inside its own 20 one time. He has nine punts inside the opponent's 20-yard line this season. He posted a 43-yard per kick average.