



2019 AIR FORCE RESERVE MW MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP OPENING ROUND GAME #2 (March 13, 2019)

GAME NOTES

Final Score: No. 7 Seed New Mexico 78, No. 10 Seed Wyoming 68

- With the win, New Mexico advances to the quarterfinal of the Mountain West Men's Basketball Championship to take on No. 2 seed Utah State on Thursday, March 14, at 6 p.m. PT.
- New Mexico earns its first win in the opening round of the MW Men's Basketball Championship, having lost its previous two games in the opening round, and improves to 19-15 overall in the tournament. Wyoming, meanwhile, falls to 12-19 in the tournament's history. The No. 7 seed is 4-1 all-time vs. the No. 10 seed in the tournament.
- The Lobos trailed by 11 points at halftime, and by as much as 16 points in the game. It is the first time this season that the Lobos have overcome a double-digit halftime deficit, and the 16-point deficit is the largest deficit overcome this year, surpassing the previous mark of 11 in three separate games.
- New Mexico's comeback-effort was spurred by sophomore forward **Vance Jackson**. Jackson finished with a team-high 26 points, eight rebounds and five assists. 21 of Jackson's 26 points came in the second half, including 13-consecutive points as New Mexico went on a 15-0 run to take its first lead of the game at 49-47 with 9:43 left in the game.
- In total, the Lobos scored 51 points in the second half, marking the seventh time this season that the Lobos have scored at least 50 points in a half.
- The 51 points are also tied for the fifth-most points in a half in tournament history. This was last accomplished by New Mexico vs. UNLV on March 7, 2002.
- New Mexico's **Anthony Mathis** set the school record for 3-pointers in a single season with his first-half 3-pointer. Mathis now has 103 3-pointers on the year, besting the 102 3-pointers from Kevin Henry in the 1998-99 season.
- The 103 3-pointers are the fifth-most in Mountain West single-season history.
- Wyoming, meanwhile, was led by senior guard, and the MW's leading scorer, **Justin James**. James scored a game-high 31 points with seven rebounds and four assists. It was the third 30-point game of the season for James.
- On the year, James finished with the second-most points in Wyoming single-season history with 705, trailing only the 740 points from Josh Adams in 2015-16.

- Additionally, James finished sixth in the school's single-season assist record book with 143 assists.
- James is the only player in Wyoming history to register top-10 single-season marks in both points and assists in the same season.