

Wyoming downs Utah Valley to reach CBI Championship Series

LARAMIE, Wyo. - Justin James scored 16 points and Wyoming converted 14 Utah Valley turnovers into 21 points in taking a 74-68 decision.

The win advances the Cowboys to their first CBI Finals. Wyoming is playing in the CBI for the fifth time.

James was joined in double figures by Jason McManaman and Louis Adams, who each scored 12 points while Hayden Dalton posted six points and 10 rebounds.

Whereas the Cowboys scored 21 points off turnovers, Utah Valley only converted seven points off 10 Wyoming turnovers.

Connor Toolson was the lone Wolverine starter to score in double digits, netting 15 points to go along with seven rebounds. Isaac Neilson came off the bench to record 15 points and 12 rebounds, and Brandon Randolph had 10 points and five assists off the bench.

Although the game was close throughout, Utah Valley only led for 42 seconds.

Wyoming is the third Mountain West Conference team to reach the CBI Finals. Nevada won the CBI last season while Fresno State lost in three games in 2014. Coastal Carolina is the first Sun Belt Conference team to make the Finals.