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(Wyo.)-Wyoming Storms Back, Beats Illinois State 81-67

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NORMAL, Ill. (AP) - Larry Nance Jr. scored 19 points and the Cowboys ran their winning streak to nine with an 81-67 comeback win over Illinois State Tuesday night.

Wyoming trailed 43-29 at halftime, and was down 50-31 with 17 minutes left. A 14-0 Cowboys run pulled them within 60-59 with 8:32 to play, and Wyoming outscored the Redbirds 18-1 in the final 5 minutes.

Luke Martinez added 17 points for Wyoming, 9-0 for the first time since the 1987-88 Cowboys won their first 11. Leonard Washington and Josh Adams had 15 points apiece and Derrious Gilmore scored 13 for Wyoming, which shot 64 percent in the second half and 54 percent for the game.

Tyler Brown led Illinois State (5-3) with 22 points. Jon Ekey added 13 points and John Wilkins scored 12 for the Redbirds, who were coming off a three-point loss Saturday at No. 5 Louisville.

The game was part of the Mountain West-Missouri Valley Challenge.