



BYU MEN'S BASKETBALL

NOTES AND QUOTES | BYU VS. SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA | WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2023

The following notes and quotes are from BYU's 105-48 victory over Southeastern Louisiana on Wednesday evening at the Marriott Center.

Series Results: BYU leads all-time series 1-0

Attendance: 13,116

TEAM NOTES

90 Career Wins

With the victory over the Lions, fifth-year head coach Mark Pope recorded his 90th career victory as the man in charge for the Cougars improving to 90-41 for his career. He becomes the fourth fastest coach to reach the mark in program history.

One for the Record Books

The 57-point margin of victory is tied for the second-largest in program history with the Cougars wins over Americas (December 10, 1965) and Eastern Washington (December 19, 2009).

Owning the Glass

BYU outrebounded Southeastern Louisiana 42-32. Under Pope, the Cougars are now 3-0 this season and 66-17 all-time when outrebounding the opposition.

Shooting the Rock

The Cougars improved to 43-5 under Pope when shooting 50.0 percent from the floor after shooting a season-high 50.7 percent in the win.

Leading at the Half

The Cougars have now led by 30 points at halftime twice this season after only achieving the feat once during Pope's first four seasons in Provo.

The Perfect Start

With its win over Southeastern, BYU opens the season 3-0 for the first time since 2021-22 when they won their first seven games of the season and were ranked as high as No. 12 in the AP Poll.

Big Time Win

The last time the Cougars won by more than 50 points was on February 20, 2016 when BYU defeated San Diego, 91-33. Kyle Collinsworth was one of three Cougars to score in double figures in the victory, finishing with 12 points, seven rebounds and three assists.

Talking about the right century

BYU scored over 100 points for the sixth time under Pope, two of those coming this season including a 110-point performance in the season opener against fellow Southland foe Houston Christian.

Coming off the bench

The Cougars bench continued to shine for the Cougars, outsourcing the Lions 45-16. For the season, BYU's bench has now outscored opponents 127-30.

PLAYERS NOTES

Steady as he goes

Spencer Johnson hit his 100th career 3-pointer as a Cougar with his first triple at the 15:34 mark in the first half. He joins Trevin Knell as the only two Cougs on the current roster with 100 or more triples.

The Starter

Jaxson Robinson tied a career-high with 17 points as the senior went 6-of-13 from the floor, 3-of-8 from three and 2-of-2 from the free throw line. 10 of those points came in the first half, marking the first time in his career that he has scored in double figures in the opening 20 minutes in consecutive games.

Fouss from three

Not only did Fousseyni Traore make both of his attempts for 3-point range, the junior finished with a season-high 18 points, three rebounds and two steals. With his six makes from the floor, he becomes the program all-time leader in field goal percentage.

He Knell'd it

Trevin Knell was also close to a career-high as the redshirt junior finished with 18 points, going 7-of-12 from the floor and 4-of-8 from 3-point range. He has now hit three or more triples in a single game for the 13th time in his career.

CAREER HIGHS

Points: Jaxson Robinson (17), Townsend Tripple (3)

Field Goals: Jaxson Robinson (6), Trevin Knell (7)

Free throws: Townsend Tripple (3)

3-pointers: Fousseyni Traore (2), Trey Stewart (1)

Assists: Atiki Ally Atiki (3), Richie Saunders (4)

Rebounds: Trey Stewart (5), Jared McGregor (2)

Blocks: Trey Stewart (2)

Minutes: Jared McGregor (2)

SEASON HIGHS

Points: Jaxson Robinson (17), Atiki Ally Atiki (7), Townsend Tripple (3), Fousseyni Traore (18)

Field Goals: Jaxson Robinson (6), Atiki Ally Atiki (3), Richie Saunders (4), Trevin Knell (7), Fousseyni Traore (6), Jared McGregor (1)

3-Pointers: Trey Stewart (1), Jaxson Robinson (3), Richie Saunders (1), Fousseyni Traore (2), Jared McGregor (1)

Free Throws: Spencer Johnson (4), Fousseyni Traore (4)

Assists: Noah Waterman (3), Richie Saunders (4), Trevin Knell (3), Dallin Hall (6)

Rebounds: Trey Stewart (5), Jaxson Robinson (4), Atiki Ally Atiki (8), Richie Saunders (7), Dallin Hall (3), Jared McGregor (2)

Steals: Jaxson Robinson (1), Trevin Knell (2), Dallin Hall (1), Fousseyni Traore (2)

Blocks: Atiki Ally Atiki (2)

Minutes: Richie Saunders (24), Tanner Hayhurst (4), Jared McGregor (2)



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Head Coach Mark Pope

On defeating Southeastern Louisiana by 50 plus points

"I thought our offense was good. I think the best thing we had going offensively was two things. One, we only turned the ball over five times. We're really proud of that. We came into halftime with only two and both of them were offensive fouls. The guys did an unbelievable job protecting the ball."

On tonight's performance

"We are super excited about a bunch of statistical numbers. The thing I was most excited about was our team leadership. We had an emotional game on Friday and we've been going long and hard. We had an opponent that is picked to win their conference, but certainly did not come in here with the cachet that San Diego State did. There's this human nature of a let down. Our leaders on our team and all the players on our team did an unbelievable job of taking this incredibly seriously."

On defensive performance

"The first 12 minutes, our defense was at an elite level. I was really proud. Our guys executed and the only way to execute that was talking in real time and making decisions in real time. Our guys were unbelievable tonight so I was really proud of us with how we responded on the defensive end of the ball tonight."

On team depth

"I think the most exciting thing for me is how these guys are playing together and sacrificing for each other. Once you start playing games, all of a sudden a stat sheet comes up and everybody is looking at what they're getting and how they're doing. That's real for every player including every player on our team. I have a bunch of guys that are working really hard on absorbing all the frustration you might see on the sheet and try to do this for the team. That's pretty special. The depth is going to be really important. It's going to allow us to withstand the rigor of this insanity that is the Big 12 right now. The depth doesn't do much good unless you have beautiful guys that will keep fighting for each other and we have that. Those two things in combination give us a chance."

Fousseyni Traore

On team unity

"Today was super fun to see how the team is playing so well together. I feel like since our Europe trip, the team has gotten super close to each other. We always have each other's back, like brotherhood. Even on the court, we always know we've got each other's back."

On teammate Trevin Knell

"Trevin Knell is different. Even in practice, he doesn't ever miss his three-pointers. Drive and give him his space. We need him and he's going to help us big time."