



# BYU COUGAR BASKETBALL



NOTES AND QUOTES | BYU VS. UTAH STATE | TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023

The following notes and quotes are from BYU women's basketball's 72-66 win over the Utah State Aggies at the Marriott Center on Tuesday afternoon.

Series Results: 41-4 (BYU leads)

Attendance: 1,565

## TEAM NOTES

### BYU vs. UTAH STATE

BYU continued its all-time dominance of the Aggies with its sixth-straight win in the series and third-straight at home. The Cougars are now 20-2 all-time versus the Aggies in Provo, winning the matchups by an average of 24 points.

### Home Sweet Home

BYU has leveraged strong first-half play to win each of its first four home games of the season. The Cougars have led at the break in five games this season, four of which have come at home with double-digit leads in three.

### Freshman Phenoms

Amari Whiting recorded a season/career-high 19 points and six field goals made. Freshmen Whiting and Kailey Woolston are averaging a combined 30 points per game, 9.2 rebounds per game and 5.2 assists per game.

### GUSTIN THE GREAT

With 21 points and 21 rebounds versus Utah State, Lauren Gustin recorded her sixth-career game with 20+ points and 20+ rebounds. Gustin's 21 rebounds built her nation-leading tally to 137 just nine games into the season. After Tuesday's game, Gustin has upped her season average to 15.2 boards per game. Tuesday marked Gustin's seventh double-double of the season and 63rd for her career.

### BYU CAREER HIGHS

Points: Whiting (19)

Rebounds: Calvert (8 - tied)

Blocks: Whiting (1 - tied)

Assists: Woolston (5)

Field Goals Made: Whiting (6)

Free Throws Made: Calvert (7)

Steals: Woolston (3), Whiting (3 - tied)

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## **Amber Whiting - BYU Head Coach**

### **Opening Statement**

"I'm really proud of our girls. They battled through a lot of things in the last little bit. They fought through some adversity with things on and off the court. I'm just proud that they stuck together, stuck it out and got the win."

### **On bouncing back after the loss to Utah...**

"They didn't give up. They didn't stop fighting. That was huge for me to see that out of them, to see their nature and character. It just showed a lot of hard work, effort and character from them to not give up in that moment. They never gave up fighting and I love that about them."

### **On managing foul trouble...**

"It was a different game today compared to the game against Utah. Utah was way physical and they let us play, and today not so much. At one point Smiler had four, and I was like, 'How long do I hold her on the bench?' I was glad I went a stretch so that she could use her fifth according to how she used it."

### **On preparing for Big 12 matchups...**

"We think about it a lot. Going into the Big 12, you want to play the best of the best right? For game prep, we watched the Utah-Baylor game a lot because we're going to be facing Baylor. That's fun for me to see that and to talk to our girls about it, because you're the underdog going in and you have no pressure. You just got to go fight and occasionally you're gonna come out of there with some wins. It's gonna be fun."

### **On the physicality of in-state games...**

"I just think that when you get in these games if you let them hang on for a little bit, it can become really close. It can obviously become physical. We stood our ground and I was really proud of them."