



BYU MEN'S BASKETBALL

NOTES AND QUOTES | NO. 12 BYU VS. CINCINNATI | SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2024

The following notes and quotes are from No. 12 BYU's 60-71 loss against Cincinnati Saturday night at the Marriott Center.

Series Results: Tied, 2-2

Attendance: 16,879

TEAM NOTES

Unknown Territory

The Cougars suffered their largest loss of the season, coming up 11 points short. This is just BYU's second loss after the 73-69 loss to Utah on Dec. 9. Saturday's loss is the first Cougar loss at home since Feb. 16, 2023, against Santa Clara, 81-74, ending a 10-game home win streak.

Let It Go

The Cougars attempted a program record 46 3-pointers on the night, three more than they had in their season opening victory over Houston Christian. Four of the Cougars Top 6 3-point attempt games have come this season.

Living in the Deep

BYU knocked down 13 3-pointers marking the 13th time in 14 games the season that Cougars have knocked down double digit triples. They entered the evening ranking first in the nation in 3-pointers per game with 12.8 makes.

Beaten by the Turnover Bug

After having a combined 18 turnovers in its past two games, BYU turned the ball over a season-high 18 times in the loss to Cincinnati.

Second Half Struggles

BYU entered the night having outscore opponents by 195 points in the second half while shooting 53.0 percent. They shot a season-low 29.4 percent from the floor in the final 20 minutes including going 6-of-24 from 3-point range.

PLAYERS NOTES

What the Knell

With his nine 3-pointers on Saturday, Trevin Knell moved up to 14th on the all-time list with 137 passing Nick Sanderson (1991-93). It was also the ninth time this season and 20th time during his career with three or more 3-pointers, which is the 12th most in program history, one more than BYU's all-time leading scorer Tyler Haws.

Knell's nine 3-pointers are the second-most by a Cougar in program history with only Chase Fischer connecting on more triples. It tied the Marriott Center for 3-pointers in a game with Utah State's Jay Goodman, who connected on nine triples on November 24, 1990.

Fouss is Back

In his first action since Thanksgiving Day against Arizona State, Fousseyni Trarore finished with one point, two rebounds, one assist and a steal in eight minutes of action. With his only offensive rebound of the game, he moved up to 11th in program history in offensive rebounds with 198.

Keepin' the Streak Alive

Dallin Hall knocked down a pair of 3-pointers extending his triple streak to a career-high nine games.

SEASON HIGHS

Points: Trevin Knell (27)

Steals: Aly Khalifa (2), Atiki Ally Atiki (1)

Blocks: Richie Saunders (1), Aly Khalifa (1)

Field Goals: Trevin Knell (9)

3-Pointers: Trevin Knell (9)

Free Throws: Atiki Ally Atiki (2)

Minutes: Noah Waterman (29), Dallin Hall (33)

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Cincinnati

Head Coach Wes Miller

"I'm just incredibly impressed with the job that Mark has done. When you look at their last year and the jump that they've made in their offensive numbers and rebounding. I'm saying all this because I'm really pleased with the win because I think we beat a great team."

"Mark (Pope) is a really great coach. They're gonna have a lot of success this year; they already have."

Aziz Bandaogo

On playing again in BYU's atmosphere

"I just love when we're on the road, I love to play like that. I had confidence when we got here since we beat them when I was at Utah Valley last year. I was very excited to play here again."

BYU

Head Coach Mark Pope

Opening Statement

"Really excited to jump into the Big 12. It's going to be like this night after night, so we're excited to get started. I thought Cincinnati played really well. They did some things really well, and we couldn't quite keep the game the way we wanted it in the second half. It's on, so we move on. We have 48 hours to prep for a really important game."

On Trevin Knell

"Trevin plays such great basketball on both ends of the floor. It was really terrific. We're trying to keep bodies fresh as best we can and maintain some match-up integrity with some of the matchups that we liked. He was terrific tonight, I thought he was fantastic."

On three-point percentage

"I like the 46, I would take the 46. The disappointing side is we missed 33 of them. We were really unsuccessful on the offensive glass and that's a real problem for us."