



BYU COUGAR BASKETBALL



NOTES AND QUOTES | BYU VS. WEST VIRGINIA | SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024

The following notes and quotes are from BYU women's basketball's 69-76 loss against the West Virginia Mountaineers Saturday afternoon in the Marriott Center.

Series Results: The series is tied 1-1 (BYU 1-0 at Neutral Site, West Virginia 1-0 in Provo)

Attendance: 1754

First Half

- 4 assists to 6 turnovers
- 41.7% from 3-point range
- 41.7% from the field as a whole
- Outrebounded the Mountaineers 17-13

Second Half

- 8 assists to 9 turnovers
- 60.0% from 3-point range
- 46.7% from the field as a whole
- Outrebounded 20-12

TEAM NOTES

LIGHTING IT UP FROM BEHIND THE LOOP

BYU had six players hit threes, with four Cougars hitting two or more. BYU shot 50% from behind the arc, going 11-22.

EVERYBODY PITCHING IN

Saturday's loss marks the ninth game this season that four or more Cougars have gotten double digit points. BYU also shared the ball more than West Virginia, the Cougars gaining 16 assists to the Mountaineers' 10.

WELCOME TO THE "BOARD"ROOM

The Cougars outrebounded the Mountaineers 37-25, with 17 coming in the first half. The Mountaineers were 6-2 when outrebounded by their opponent going into the contest.

QUICK! CALL IN THE BENCH!

The Cougars bench outscored the Mountaineers bench 25-9 through the contest. The Mountaineers were 7-2 going into the contest when being outscored by an opponent's bench.

1ST QUARTER FIELD GOALS

The Cougars shot 50% from the field in the opening quarter, despite taking the lowest number of attempted FG (10) since the 72-59 win over Nevada.

PLAYER NOTES

DAV SHOOTING DARTS

Lauren Davenport drained three three-pointers for the third time this season. Davenport contributed 13 points in 22 minutes and was the second highest scorer on the team behind Gustin.

CALVERT AND DAVENPORT FINDING THEIR GROOVE

Both Emma Calvert and Lauren Davenport had struggled in the previous four games, neither scoring in double figures. Both juniors found their groove against the Mountaineers scoring 12 and 13, respectively. Calvert also recorded four rebounds and two assists while Davenport went 5-9 from the field.



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QUOTES

AMBER WHITING - BYU HEAD COACH

OPENING STATEMENT

"I feel like everytime we step on the court we get better, but we can't start like that. We cannot start the game with all those turnovers. It doesn't work for us. We got to minimize that. I was pretty hard on them in the locker room, so hopefully they respond."

ON ERRORS IN THE OPENING MINUTES

"We just need to stick to the game plan, don't go outside of what we're doing and settle in. Once they did, we were fine."

ON MISTAKES WITH TURNOVERS

"They were very physical, but I'm not going to ever blame it on the officials. We got to be stronger with the ball and decision making. Once you turn the ball over for the first time, you get sped up and you turn it over again. It starts to snowball."

ON LAUREN DAVENPORT'S SECOND HALF

"[Davenport] was huge. She did a really good job. She's pretty upset right now and that's good because I want her to want to play and be out there more. She gives us a huge lift off the bench. I was really proud of her tonight."

ON COMING UP SHORT IN CLOSE GAMES

"I told them in the locker room after the game that it is getting old. At some point we are going to see the light through the trees, but every time they step on the court they are playing together. They are not finger pointing. They look like they're having fun and they love each other. Those are the things that make us. I always watch, and they aren't losing their fight. I got pretty passionate in the locker room and they know that I just believe in them. We all believe in them. They need to just keep fighting. One of these times we are going to get upset."

BYU CAREER HIGHS

Block: Whiting (1; 6x), Woolston (1; 5x),
3-Point Field Goals: Whiting (2; 6x)

BYU SEASON HIGHS

Block: Whiting (1; 6x), Woolston (1; 5x), Gustin (1; 5x), Davenport (1; 6x)
3-Point Field Goals: Bubakar (1; 4x), Davenport (3; 3x), Whiting (2; 6x)