



BYU MEN'S BASKETBALL

NOTES AND QUOTES | NO. 22 BYU AT WEST VIRGINIA | SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3, 2024

The following notes and quotes are from No. 22 BYU's 86-73 win over West Virginia Saturday evening at WVU Coliseum in Morgantown, W.V.

Series Results: BYU leads 3-2

Attendance: 11,753

TEAM NOTES

Dialed In From Deep

After only attempting a season-low 17 3-pointers in its win over Texas last week, BYU went 13-of-36 from 3-point range in Saturday's win over the Mountaineers. It marks the 17th time this season they have knocked down double figure 3-pointers in a single game.

Triple Down

The Cougars have now made 255 3-pointers on the seasons making them one of nine teams in program history to connect of 250 or more 3-pointers.

The Right Formula

BYU improved to 4-0 this season and 30-5 under Mark Pope when scoring 80-89 points. BYU has won six straight games when scoring over 80 points.

Finishing Strong

The Cougars are 16-0 this season when leading with five minutes remaining in regulation. They have won 19 straight games when holding a lead in crunch time.

Tied On The Boards

Saturday marked just the seventh time (3-4) in the Pope era that BYU has tied in rebounds.

PLAYERS NOTES

Make Noise

Fousseyni Traore scored over 20 points for the first time this season and fourth time in his career as the junior finished with 24 points. He made a career-high 10 field goals while tying a season-high with four free throws.

His six offensive rebounds are the most for the native of Bamako, Mali since he had six in BYU's win over Portland at last season's West Coast Conference tournament. He now ranks ninth in career offensive boards with 208.

Boo You

Dallin Hall dished out a career-high 12 assists on Saturday, making him the first Cougar with 10 or more helpers since Alex Barcello had 10 dimes against Texas Southern on December 20, 2020.

The sophomore is also one of 11 players in NCAA Division I men's basketball to have a game with 12 or more assists and only one turnover this season. His 12 assists are also tied for the fifth-most in a single game in program history.

The Bank Is Always Open

Richie Saunders has now scored in double figures 10 time this season as the sophomore finished with 17 points, knocking down a career-high four 3-pointers.

There Goes That Man Again

Jaxson Robinson went 4-of-9 from 3-point range marking the 18th time the senior has hit three or more 3-pointers as a Cougar which is the 14th most in program history.

SEASON HIGHS

Points: Fousseyni Traore (24)

Field Goals: Fousseyni Traore (10)

3-Point Field Goals: Richie Saunders (4)

Free Throws: Fousseyni Traore (4)

Assists: Dallin Hall (12)

Rebounds: Fousseyni Traore (9)

Offensive Rebounds: Fousseyni Traore (6)

Blocks: Trevin Knell (1), Fousseyni Traore (2)

Minutes Played: Fousseyni Traore (32), Dallin Hall (35)

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Head Coach Mark Pope

Philosophy of 3-point shooting

"It's something that we have been working on all season, all summer. It's been a little staple of BYU basketball for a long time. We have tanked it to the Nth degree right now. We think it's something really important to us philosophically as it's important that we try and stretch teams to guard 21x50 or 18x50. It's an extra 350 feet that they have to guard. With the personnel that we have and the way we play in our skill set, we need to work hard to continue to try and make teams guard space."

Adjustments without Aly Khalifa

"Fousseyni Traore has been a mainstay at BYU. He's been one of the faces of BYU basketball for the last three years. This is a place where we are very comfortable playing but we know our frontline is healthy it's really fun because throw different looks and dynamics on the floor. Fousss knew coming into this game that he was going to have to carry a massive load against one of the elite centers in the league."

Spencer Johnson

Opening Statement

"Man, that was a fun game. Never been to West Virginia. First time for me and I think a lot of guys. Super fun. West Virginia has been playing really, really well at home. They beat Kansas, Texas and Cincinnati. We knew we had a job coming in here that we had to take care of business. Super fun to come on the road and get a win."

Hitting big shots

"It was awesome. It's a testament to our resiliency and our maturity as a team that we can hit the shots we needed to hit. We got the stops that we needed. Super fun."

Fousseyni Traore

Mindset heading into the matchup against WVU's Jesse Edwards

"I'm super grateful for my teammates. They're the ones that made my life super easy by finding me and making easy passes. It was just fun to play with my boys."

Offensive rebounds

"That was our number one thing is wedging. We always talk about that. So I just say, why not try and go every single time to help my team."