



# BYU MEN'S BASKETBALL

NOTES AND QUOTES | NO. 21 BYU AT OKLAHOMA | TUESDAY FEBRUARY 6, 2024

The following notes and quotes are from No. 21 BYU's 82-66 loss against Oklahoma Tuesday evening at Lloyd Noble Center in Norman, Okla.

**Series Results:** Oklahoma leads 3-2

**Attendance:** 6,834

## TEAM NOTES

### *Second Half Struggles*

In its five Big 12 losses, BYU has been outscored by a combined 72 points in the second half.

### *Not Our Night*

The Cougars fell to 2-3 on the season when making less than 10 3-pointers in a game.

### *The Road Trip*

With tonight's setback to Oklahoma, BYU has yet to win back-to-back road games in the same season since February 2021.

### *All Tied Up*

For the first time this season and sixth time under fifth-year head coach Mark Pope, BYU was tied at halftime after Miles Uzan's layup in the final seconds to make it 34-all.

## PLAYERS NOTES

### *First Half Fouss*

Fousseyni Traore finished with 11 points in the first half marking the first time in his career he has scored in double figures in consecutive first halves in his career. The junior finished with a game-high 21 points, marking the first time in his career that he has scored 20-plus in back-to-back games.

### *Rebound Machine*

Traore recorded his 600th rebound of his career with his first rebound of the game. The junior also had two offensive rebounds giving him 210 for his career which is tied for the eighth-most in program history with former All-American Gary Trost (1987-88, 90-93).

### *Homecoming*

Robinson extended his team-high 3-point streak to nine games with a corner three at the 11:42 mark in the first half. The senior finished with eight points in his first game in his home state.

### *Shooter Spencer*

With his two 3-pointers, Spencer Johnson has now hit 127 triples during his time in Provo moving into a tie for 16th on the all-time 3-point list with Terrell Lyday (1999-01).

### *Knell Is The Name*

Trevin Knell had a career-high three steals in 23 minutes of action.

## SEASON HIGHS

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**Steals:** Trevin Knell (3), Dallin Hall (2)

## CAREER HIGHS

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**Head Coach Mark Pope**

***Opening Statement***

"Congratulations to Oklahoma. I'm proud of our guys for competing. We didn't play well but the guys competed and I'm proud of that."

***On traveling in the Big 12***

"This is the first time we've had back-to-back road games. Travel is great. Everyone in this league is blessed that we are able to travel well. Norman is an unbelievable town so it was a real pleasure to be here for a couple days."

***On the second half performance***

"You always credit the other team. I thought they had a well thought out approach to what they were going to give us and not give us. It was one of those really frustrating nights in terms of finishing for us. But that happens, and you need to be able to overcome it. We couldn't quite overcome it tonight."

***On Jaxson Robinson playing at home***

"Jaxson is a vet. He's a terrific basketball player and he means so much to our team. We're putting him in a lot of tough positions. I'm having him play the one, two, three, and four right now. We're asking a lot of him and he's done a great job this season."

**Dallin Hall**

***On the second half performance***

"I thought they had a good game plan. Being back to back on the road. Obviously there's a bunch of factors, but it just wasn't our night."

***On game to game competition in the Big 12***

"It's fantastic, I love it. Every night is a battle. You're playing against the best players in the country on a consistent basis and that's all you can hope for as a competitor. What's awesome is that we get to deal with this frustration tonight, tomorrow get fresh again, and then we have just as big a game this Saturday. That is what's awesome about this league."