



BYU MEN'S BASKETBALL

NOTES AND QUOTES | NO. 19 BYU AT OKLAHOMA STATE | SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2024

The following notes and quotes are from No. 19 BYU's 93-83 loss to Oklahoma State on Saturday, Feb. 17, at Gallagher-Iba Arena in Stillwater, Okla.

Series Results: Series tied 4-4

Attendance: 7,360

TEAM NOTES

First Half Fiasco

BYU trailed by a season-high 15 points at halftime, 49-34, after allowing the Cowboys to shoot 61.3 percent from the floor and 57.1 percent from 3-point range. The Cougars only made two of their 16 attempts from beyond the arc.

Off From The Start

Saturday marked the first game this season that the Cougars never held a lead as the game also featured zero ties.

Lucky No. 8

The Cougars connected on eight 3-pointers for a fourth straight game. They last hit 10 or more triples in their win over West Virginia going 13-of-36 from deep.

Not A Good Sign

BYU allowed over 90 points for the first time this season as the Cougars have now lost six straight games when the opponent scores 90-plus.

Fine From The Line

BYU went 13-of-15 from the free throw line, shooting more than 13 percent better than its season average (73.5).

PLAYERS NOTES

Fouss On The Loose

Fousseyni Traore has scored in double figures in four of BYU's last six second half as the junior had 15 of his team-high 17 points after halftime. In 12 minutes of work, Traore was 6-of-7 from the floor and 3-of-3 from the charity stripe.

Extending The Streak

Jaxson Robinson extended his 3-point streak to 12 games when the senior connected one of BYU's six second half makes from beyond the arc. The native of Ada, Okla. moved up to 16th on the all-time 3-point attempt list passing current teammate Spencer Johnson.

Dishing It Out

Dallin Hall has multiple assists in all 25 of BYU's following his four assist performance against the Cowboys.

SEASON HIGHS

Minutes Played: Dallin Hall (36)

CAREER HIGHS

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Head Coach Mark Pope

Opening Statement

"Huge kudos to Oklahoma State, I thought they played great. We really didn't have answers. They were terrific sharing the ball. They were terrific shooting the ball. Jamyron Keller stepped in the starting lineup and took incredible advantage of that opportunity. Ton of credit to them. Proud of guys, we had fight but didn't have answer for this team tonight."

Scouting Jamyron Keller

"He shot it great. He was 8-for-8 today and was 1-of-15 since December from the 3-point line. That's a credit to him. That's what you do when you have an opportunity, you go and seize it. It's a real credit to him so he should be super proud. That's how you respond as an athletic and he certainly did that really well tonight. He played a tremendous game and with a ton of confidence and physicality."

Were you surprised on how Oklahoma State handled the speed of the game?

"No, it's a really athletic team. It's a guard heavy team. They put four guys on the floor that can shoot it, pass it, get to the rim and are really explosive. We expected this to be a game with a ton of space and a ton of athleticism. It proved to be exactly what I thought."

Oklahoma State's 3-point defense

"We need to give them a ton of credit. They played great and we were 8-of-35 from the 3-point line. They did it while keeping us off the free throw line. Ton of credit to Oklahoma State."

Coaching and playing the Big 12 environments

"It's awesome. This league is awesome. As a coach or athlete, you couldn't ask for anymore. It's heaven. If you want to compete then this is where you want to be and if you don't get to be here then you feel sad. It's a real blessing for us to be able to be in the league."

Trevin Knell

What kept you from closing the gap on them in the second half?

"We were right there. We were knocking on the door on their 10-point lead that they had for most of the game. They made really, really gout shots. That's something we are going to hone in on going into next week is that we just need to guard our yard and guard without fouling. There were a couple of times they got to the rim and finished on an and-1. If we could have limited those, we would have been right there."