



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 70-62 loss to the Kansas Jayhawks on Saturday afternoon at the Marriott Center.

Series Results: After Saturday's result, Kansas now leads the series 2-0, with both contests taking place this season (Kansas 1-0 in Lawrence, 1-0 in Provo).

Attendance: 2,317

FIRST HALF

- 10 assists to 7 turnovers
- 28.6% from 3-point range
- 44.4% from the field as a whole
- Outrebounded the Jayhawks 18-14

SECOND HALF

- 7 assists to 5 turnovers
- 9.1% from 3-point range
- 34.3% from the field as a whole
- Outrebounded the Jayhawks 21-20

TEAM NOTES

OPENING HALF SEESAW

The first half saw 12 lead changes and eight ties, with the biggest lead from either team at just four points for the Jayhawks. In fitting fashion, the score was knotted at 31-31 as both teams headed to the locker room.

STRUGGLE FROM DEEP

The Cougars went 3-for-18 behind the arc Saturday (16.7 percent) in an uncharacteristic performance. Entering the game, BYU had been averaging a 37.8 percent clip on 3-point attempts to lead the Big 12, also good for ninth in the NCAA. This was the Cougars' worst shooting performance from behind the arc since going 3-of-18 from three in their 82-50 loss to Oklahoma State.

HOLDING JACKSON IN CHECK

After a monster performance against BYU at Allen Fieldhouse, the Cougars locked down Taiyanna Jackson, holding her to two shot attempts, two points and four rebounds on the night.

TWO IN DOUBLE FIGURES

Despite Gustin's 33 points, only reserve Emma Calvert tallied double figures with 10 points. Prior to Saturday's loss, BYU was 2-0 this season when only two players scored in double figures.

PLAYER NOTES

GUSTIN'S CAREER DAY

Lauren Gustin's 33 points earned the senior a new career-high Saturday. It came with efficient 13-of-21 shooting and 18 rebounds to go along with a block. Her previous career-high point total was 30 at Santa Clara on February 16, 2023.

Gustin scored all of the Cougars' 11 points in the opening period on 5-for-7 shooting, including a triple near the end of the quarter. The first points by someone other than Gustin were scored at the 8:55 mark of the second quarter on a Rose Bubakar floater in the lane.

Her 20 first half points also marked a career high, besting her most recent highest number of points in a half of 14 in a 77-49 win over Weber State on Nov. 10.

BYU CAREER HIGHS

Points: Gustin (33)
Block: Woolston (1)
Steals: Bubakar (2)

BYU SEASON HIGHS

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POSTGAME QUOTES

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“That was a tough one. We can’t come home and shoot 16 percent from three. We had good wide-open looks, so it’s not like we didn’t have good shots. We just need to knock them down. That’s what’s hard when you play at home, you expect those to go in.”

Brandon Schneider - Kansas Head Coach

On Gustin’s performance

“There’s not a player in our conference, or maybe in the country, that plays with a more relentless mentality than she does. When you play that hard, good things are going to happen.”

On playing in BYU’s environment

“We told our team we were going to have to be the toughest version of ourselves for four quarters in order to have a chance to win the game. BYU’s been playing terrific, coming off a really impressive road swing and they’ve been good at home.”