



BYU MEN'S BASKETBALL

NOTES AND QUOTES | NO. 25 BYU AT KANSAS STATE | SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2024

The following notes and quotes are from No. 25 BYU's 84-74 loss to Kansas State on Saturday afternoon at Bramlage Coliseum in Manhattan, Kansas.

Series Results: K-State leads 5-4 overall and 3-0 in Manhattan

Attendance: 9,117

TEAM NOTES

Can't Regain Momentum

For second straight road game BYU did not lead as the game only featured one tie.

Down At Halftime

BYU dropped to 1-4 this season when trailing at halftime.

Looking To Find Their Range

BYU was held to a season-low six 3-pointers as the Cougars went 6-of-31 from beyond the arc.

Wedge!

12 of BYU's 19 offensive rebounds came in the second half. The 19 offensive boards are the second-most in a game this season and most since their season opener against Houston Christian.

PLAYERS NOTES

Getting The Extension

Jaxson Robinson knocked down the Cougars first 3-pointer of the game for the Cougars extending his 3-point streak to a team-high 14 games. The senior also moved up to 14th on the single season 3-point attempt list tying his 178 attempts from last season.

He Can Dish It Out

Aly Khalifa dished out all five of his assists in the first half marking the ninth time this season that he has had five or more assists in a single game. Khalifa also tied a season-high with two blocks.

Finding His Groove

Noah Waterman scored 12 points on Saturday giving him two more points than he scored combined in BYU's first five Big 12 road games. He was one of two Cougars to make multiple 3-pointers.

SEASON HIGHS

Steals: Dallin Hall (2), Richie Saunders (3)

Blocks: Aly Khalifa (2)

CAREER HIGHS

Steals: Richie Saunders (3)



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Head Coach Mark Pope

Opening Statement

"Tons of credit to Kansas State. They played a great game and they were really, really physical. They contain the turnover issues for the vast majority of the game until the last few minutes. They shot the ball extremely well. Arthur Kaluma was a pro. Congratulations to them. Super frustrating for us but a lot of credit goes to Kansas State."

Arthur Kaluma's performance

"He is a really talented player. He was great getting to the free throw line and he shot the ball great from the 3-point line. He's really physical and explosive. He can extend the play with Eurosteps and extra steps. He's a terrific player."

Most dangerous part of Kaluma's game

"That's why he is complicated because he has a lot of parts of his game that are most dangerous. He's a really, really talented veteran player playing at a high level. He's a three level scorer and tremendous at earning himself possessions at the free throw line. He made shots tonight He's a really challenging cover for everybody."

Aggression on the offensive glass

"It's a major point of emphasis for us all year long. It helps us when we don't shoot the ball well, we offensive rebound the ball really well. That's a double edged sword for us."

Season low six 3-pointers

"I'm not sure exactly. We did not shoot the ball well tonight. It is never a defining feature for us winning or losing. I was pleased with our guys effort but it was just one of those nights in the Big 12. It's hard."

Travel plans before playing at Kansas on Tuesday

"We will fly home and then we jump on a plane on Monday to get to Kansas. "

Spencer Johnson

Mindset on getting to the offensive glass

"That's something that we really work on. We go to the offensive glass every time. It really helps to offset when we are not hitting shots. Just go every time."