



BYU COUGAR BASKETBALL



NOTES AND QUOTES | BYU VS. HOUSTON | WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024

The following notes and quotes are from BYU women's basketball's 64-54 win over the Houston Cougars on Wednesday night at the Marriott Center.

Series Results: After Wednesday's win, BYU is now 1-3 all-time against Houston. (1-1 in Provo, 0-2 in Houston)
Attendance: 1,760

FIRST HALF

- BYU shot 36% from deep going 4-11
- 41.4% from the floor as a whole going 12-29
- Six assists on 12 made field goals
- BYU was out-rebounded in the first half 18-22
- The Cougars had eight turnovers in the first half

SECOND HALF

- BYU made five of 11 3-pointers good for 45.5%
- The Cougars go 11-30 from the field as a whole for 36.7%
- Nine assist on 11 made field goals
- The home Cougars out-rebounded the visiting Cougars 20-18
- The Cougars had 10 turnovers in the second half

TEAM NOTES

SENIOR NIGHT SPECTACLE

BYU is now 8-2 on senior nights over the past ten seasons.

HOT START

The Cougars opened up the game on a 10-0 run over the visiting Cougars. Freshmen Kailey Woolston and Amari Whiting accounted for all 10 points. BYU shot 46% from the field in the first quarter, the most since the win over UCF (58.3).

DEFYING THE FIRST QUARTER 8-BALL

This is the first game in which BYU has held the lead after the opening quarter since leading 22-11 en route to knocking off No. 18 Baylor, 78-66. BYU is 4-0 in Big 12 play when leading after the opening ten minutes.

LOCKED DOWN HEADED INTO THE LOCKER ROOM

The Cougars exited the first half with the lead 32-25, scoring the highest total over the last four games in the opening half. BYU is now 13-2 when leading at the half this season.

WIRE TO WIRE

BYU led for all 40 minutes of the game. Their largest lead of the night was 16 when they led 57-41 with 7:47 left in the fourth quarter.

PLAYER NOTES

SHARP SHOOTING WOOLSTON

Kailey Woolston scored the first eight points of the game for both teams going two-for-two from deep and three-for-three from the field in the first three minutes. The freshman finished the night with four 3-pointers. She has made at least four 3-pointers 10 times this season.

SENIOR NIGHT SHOW-OUT

Gustin scored 19 points through the contest, the most by a senior since Malia Nawahine on February 2, 2018 (23). Gustin's stat line includes 19 points, 17 rebounds, one assist and one steal to propel the senior to her 28th double-double of the season and the 84th of her career.

DAVENPORT FROM DEEP

Lauren Davenport was three-for-four from deep on the night. The junior has made at least three 3-pointers in four contests this season.

BYU CAREER HIGHS

Steals: Steals: Calvert (2; 3rd time this season)

BYU SEASON HIGHS

Steals: Calvert (2; 3rd time this season)
3-Pointers: Lauren Davenport (4th career game)



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POSTGAME QUOTES

AMBER WHITING - BYU HEAD COACH

OPENING STATEMENT

"I'm so incredibly proud of our girls. They had the sole purpose and mission of fighting for the seniors and sending them out on a good note at home. They did just that and I couldn't ask for anything else."

ON KAILEY WOOLSTON'S PERFORMANCE TONIGHT

"Now that it is out that she is leaving on a mission, I feel like she may have experienced mixed emotions and pressure associated with that. I just pulled her aside yesterday and said, 'Look, I don't care what's happened the last three games. Just shoot,' and she did."

ON THIS OUTING AGAINST HOUSTON COMPARED TO FIRST MEETING

"Last time we played Houston we had 25 turnovers. This time we had 18 this time and eight in the first half. So, I feel like the turnovers came late in the game and weren't necessarily from the press, more from fatigue. I am not sure how many we had in the front court, but I don't think there were very many. So, taking care of the ball is one nature of the beast."

ON LAUREN GUSTIN AND KAYLEE SMILER

"They have been such good leaders for the younger players. I just really appreciate what they have given to our program. They have meant the world and they chose us. Smiler could have graduated and left as a grad transfer and Lauren went into the portal and they both came back. They chose us and I really appreciate that."

RONALD HUGHEY - HOUSTON HEAD COACH

OVERALL STATEMENT

"Hats off to Amber for having her team ready to handle the pressure that we brought. They really did a good job of moving without the basketball. They made things really tough for us. Gustin did a good job of getting in the inside and was making sure she was available for them all the time. The thing that I didn't expect for us was to have 21 turnovers against a team that wasn't pressing us. After the Iowa State game, I knew they would come in knowing they had the opportunity to redeem themselves on a special night like tonight."