



2024-25 BYU COUGAR BASKETBALL



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Game 3 || BYU vs. Colorado State || Nov. 13, 2024 || Marriott Center || Provo, UT

The following notes and quotes are from BYU women's basketball's 67-62 win against Idaho on Wednesday at the Marriott Center in Provo.
Series Results: Series tied 2-2
Attendance: 2,876

TEAM NOTES

SECOND-QUARTER WOES

Neither team broke the 10-point threshold in the second quarter, each scoring nine points in the period. BYU went without a made field goal over the final 5:22 of the first half scoring just two points, both from the line. BYU made 3-of-15 field goal attempts and CSU went 3-for-16 from the floor.

FINDING THEIR RHYTHM

BYU outscored CSU 26-12 in the third quarter, taking the lead for the first time since their 2-0 lead in the first quarter. Freshman Delaney Gibb contributed 9 total points off three 3-pointers.

This marks the second-straight game in which the Cougars have outscored their opponent by 14 or more in the third quarter. Against Wyoming, BYU erased a 13-point deficit by outsourcing the Cowgirls 31-6 while shooting 63.2 percent to 8.3 percent for Wyoming. Today, BYU shot 60 percent to CSU's 33.3 percent en route to a 26-12 third-period advantage.

DOMINANT DEFENSE

The Cougars have now defeated two of the projected top three teams in the MWC, as well as both MWC Preseason Co-Players of the Year, with Wyoming's Allyson Fertig last night and CSU's Emma Ronsiek today. Ronsiek was contained to just ten points despite her 39 minutes of play. BYU recorded 34 defensive rebounds, five blocks and six steals, forcing ten CSU turnovers.

EVENING THE SCORE

Despite trailing for almost the entire first half, the Cougars defeated the Rams 69-55 and outscored their opponents 47-27 in the second half. Head coach Amber Whiting now boasts a 35-34 career record, as well as a 1-1 record against CSU after her team's 82-62 loss on Nov. 8, 2022 in her first game as the BYU head coach.

PLAYERS NOTES

JUST WHAT DELANEY DOES

Delaney Gibb scored 19 points against the Rams, with six rebounds, three assists and two steals. This marks her third-straight double-digit scoring performance.

FILLING UP THE STAT SHEET

Amari Whiting had her fingerprints all over this game as she finished with nine points, eight rebounds, four assists and two steals on the day.

LOCKING DOWN THE RONSIEK SISTERS

Hannah and Emma Ronsiek combined to score nearly 70 percent of the Rams' points in the first two games of the season. Marya Hudgis and Lauren Davenport drew the assignment of defending the scoring sisters and held them to a combined 19 points, 21.5 points less than their season average.

BYU CAREER HIGHS

Points: Kambree Barber (6), Brinley Cannon (5)
Rebounds: Delaney Gibb (6), Brinley Cannon (4), Kambree Barber (2)
Steals: Delaney Gibb (2)
Blocks: Brinley Cannon (1)
Field Goals: Brinley Cannon (2), Kambree Barber (2)
3-Point Field Goals: Delaney Gibb (4), Kambree Barber (1)

BYU SEASON HIGHS

Points: Emma Calvert (17), Amari Whiting (9)
Rebounds: Amari Whiting (8), Heather Hamson (4)
Assists: Emma Calvert (3), Kemery Congdon (3)
Steals: Amari Whiting (2), Lauren Davenport (1), Heather Hamson (1)
Blocks: Marya Hudgins (2), Emma Calvert (1)
Field Goals: Emma Calvert (7), Amari Whiting (4), Lauren Davenport (1)
3-Point Field Goals: Lauren Davenport (1)
Minutes Played: Heather Hamson (17)



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QUOTES

Amber Whiting - BYU Head Coach

OPENING STATEMENT

"I'm super proud of our women. They obviously got down, and we shot horrible in the first half, and I just kept telling them, 'Keep shooting. It's eventually going to fall.' It finally did. Defensively, I feel like they were in lockstep. They locked it down. We have our mistakes, but they kept fighting through them. Dav (Lauren Davenport), flying around, did her thing on defense to be able to create helter-skelter, and that's one thing I love about her...I really was happy about my girls and being able to play in the future."

ON BYU'S DEFENSIVE STRUCTURE AGAINST THE RONSEIK SISTERS

"We knew we had to take care of them, and that was our focal point, but we couldn't just guard with one person. It's got to be all five. You saw people were collapsing, people were stunting, people were doing things to help each other out. Essentially, it was Marya and Dav that stepped up on Emma to lock her down. She still did her thing, but I felt like she couldn't do anything without us at least being there. She didn't have any wide open, nothing easy."

ON HOW EMMA CALVERT'S POST GAME AND THE TEAM'S OFFENSE CONTRIBUTED TO THEIR WIN

"We knew we had an advantage inside. We were settling for a lot on the out in the first half, and once we got to the inside, I feel like it opened up the outside and gave us a little bit more breathing room."

ON LAUREN DAVENPORT'S DEFENSE AGAINST #21 EMMA RONSEIK

"Coming out of timeouts, I could hear her when Josh [Edwards] is doing matchups, saying, 'I got 21.' That's one thing I love about Dav, is she's going to stick her nose in and do whatever it takes for the team."

ON WHAT ABOUT HER TEAM ENCOURAGES HER ABOUT THE FUTURE

"They have a lot of fight. That's one thing I love about them. They're going to fight tooth and nail ... There's a lot of accountability going on. It's not pointing fingers ... I like that they're coming together in the tough moments, instead of going their separate ways."

ON THE COLLECTIVE LEADERSHIP OF THE TEAM

"There's a whole bunch of them that step up. The veterans see things, but the younger ones are in there fighting, too ... There's a lot of taking accountability, and that helps stem what's going on in the locker room."

AMARI WHITING - SOPHOMORE GUARD

ON WHAT WENT ON DURING HALFTIME TO TRIGGER AN EXPLOSIVE SECOND HALF

"I think a lot of our girls are hungry for it. We'll be in the locker room, and we just talk about what's killing us, what adjustments we need to make. We all like to win, so I think we just come out fighting. It's good for us to get a little bit of a breather, regroup, get our focus in and just come out. I think we have a lot of good leaders on our team that pitch in and talk about what we see and what we think we need to do, and that helps us get going."

ON WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SURROUNDED BY GOOD SHOOTERS AS A POINT GUARD

"It makes my job easier. I feel like I have a lot of opportunities when I come off pick-and-rolls or get downhill. I know someone will relocate or space out or pick and pop for Emma. You have to guard all of us. You can't just pick and choose. I think my game's more downhill, so it puts a lot of pressure on the big (center and power forward positions), and I can easily hit a shooter in the corner ... It's nice. I love it."

LAUREN DAVENPORT - SENIOR GUARD

ON WHAT TRIGGERED THEIR SECOND-HALF DEFENSIVE PLAY

"I thought we had good defense the whole game. I think that's what held us together the first half, so I think we just continued that in the second half, especially with [Emma Ronseik]. [Hannah Ronseik] played more minutes the second half, and I thought we held her as well. Going into halftime, all of us were saying, 'Keep on [Emma Ronseik]. Don't let her get her shots.' That was the main goal, and I thought we did a good job."

ON IF SHE LIKES HER SEASON REPUTATION AS A "DEFENSIVE MONSTER"

"[Coach Whiting] likes defense, so yeah. I only had one shot attempt the whole game, but I don't care because we won."

ON CHANGING THEIR MOMENTUM IN THE SECOND HALF

"Last year, it was a reputation for us to have really bad third quarters, and we have totally flipped that around. I love how we come out in our third quarter, and it adds so much energy towards the end of the game."