

NOTES & QUOTES

BYU 99 BAYLOR 94

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FOSTER PAVILION

WACO, TEXAS

TEAM NOTES

NOTHING TO SEPARATE 'EM

For the second time in the past three games, BYU was tied at half, 41-41. In fact all three of the ties during the Kevin Young tenure have been with teams tied at 41-all.

THREE STRAIGHT

The Cougars have won three straight over the Bears and now lead the all-time series 8-6. Tuesday's win was also BYU's first in Waco.

EXTENDING THE LEAD

The Cougars had a game-high 12-point lead with 8:32 remaining in regulation marking the first time they held a double digit lead since their win over Utah on Jan. 10.

OWNING THE PAINT

The Cougars scored a season-high 64 points in the paint as they shot 3-of-19 from 3-point range. It was the first time BYU scored 90 points with three or fewer 3-pointers since a 92-62 win over Saint Louis on Nov. 21, 2026.

SCORE MORE POINTS, WIN THE GAME

With 99 points against Baylor, BYU improved to 111-6 since 2000-01 when the Cougars scored between 90-99 points. It was also their sixth win over the same time frame when allowing between 90-99 points.

NEVER GOING TO GIVE YOU UP

The Cougars have now won 70 straight games when leading with five minutes remaining in regulation.

NOT TODAY

BYU avoided its first five-game losing streak since the final five games of the 2004-05 season with the win over the Bears.

SEASON HIGHS

Points: Robert Wright III (30)

Field Goals: Robert Wright III (12)

Free Throws: Kennard Davis Jr. (7)

Rebounds: Khadim Mboup (10)

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PLAYER NOTES

DYNAMIC DUO

The duo of AJ Dybantsa and Robert Wright III became the first Cougars to score 30 points in the same game since Jan. 14, 1984 in a win over Utah. Devin Durrant finished with 34 and Brett Applegate had 32 in the 113-105 win over the Utes.

They also became the first duo to scored 30-plus in a Big 12 game since 2008 when Kansas State's Bill Walker (31) and Michael Beasley (44) did it against Baylor on Feb. 23, 2008.

RECORD BREAKER

AJ Dybantsa is now the BYU freshman record holder in free throws made and attempted after going 7-of-8 from the charity stripe.

REWRITING THE HISTORY BOOK

With his 36 points, AJ Dybantsa now owns four of the Top 5 scoring performances by a freshman in program history. Prior to this season only Danny Ainge had scored 36 points while Dybantsa has done it three times with seven games remaining in the regular season.

KEEPS IT GOING

Tuesday marked the 17th time this season that AJ Dybantsa scored at least 20 points, tied for the 15th most in a single season in program history. It is the second-most by a freshman, one behind tying Danny Ainge.

LIKE HE NEVER LEFT

In his return to Waco, Robert Wright III finished with a career-high 30 points going 12-of-21 from the field, 2-of-5 from three and 4-of-6 from the free throw line. He also had four steals, four rebounds and three assists.

ENERGIZER BUNNY

Khadim Mboup brought the energy off the bench tonight as the redshirt freshman tied a career-high with 10 rebounds, four of those coming on the offensive glass.

ICE IN HIS VEIN

Kennard Davis Jr. scored in double figures for the sixth time this season as he went 3-of-6 from the field and a season-best 6-of-7 from the free throw line. Entering tonight's game, the junior had attempted 8 free throws on the season.

THOSE ARE HIS REBOUNDS

Richie Saunders has now recorded multiple offensive rebounds in nine of his last 10 games as he had four of BYU's 12 offensive boards. The Cougars finished with 16 second chance points.

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HEAD COACH KEVIN YOUNG

Was it the type of game you expected?

"You never know in the Big 12. Every game is hard. Every team has good players, coaching and atmospheres. I will have to look at the film to see what exactly happened but they made a little run, I thought if Richie (Saunders) doesn't pull the trigger on the last three in the corner then we win by 10 or 12 and the game is over. Give them credit for staying in the game at the end but I loved that our guys showed resiliency on the road. Things have been tough sledding for us but to have that type of poise on the road is great. Unfortunately for us, it feels like every night that someone is having a career night. Tounde (Yessoufou) was incredible."

Robert Wright III's performance and conversation heading into the game

"Robert (Wright III) is very mature. I honestly wasn't worried about him at all. He is very level headed and composed player. I thought he handled it great. He had an unbelievable game."

"I have to give the Baylor fans credit as they were classy. They went at him in a way that I thought was good. I thought the way Rob responded by having a tremendous game and helping us pull it out in the end was pretty cool."

How badly did you need the win?

"It goes without saying that we needed a win extremely bad. Every season is different. There is diversity, you aren't going to steamroll the Big 12. Did I think we would ever get to a point where we dropped four straight. I did not. I am proud of the guys for their response. Even in the Houston game, I thought we battled against a high-quality opponent. There was a lot we drew from that for this game. It's a long season for a reason, you got to ride the wave and I am just proud of how our guys just gutted this out."

Forcing Baylor into turnovers and not turning the ball over

"We have had 11 turnovers in our last two games. We only hit three 3-pointer and still scored 99 points, that is crazy. AJ was efficient. Rob was extremely efficient as well. When the three's start falling for us the lid is going to blow off this thing."

AJ DYBANTSA

Battle with Tounde

"I was focused on getting Rob the win just like we got the win for Keba and Richie down there at Utah. I have known Tounde for some time. We were on the same McDonald's All-American team. We are just competitors and I will see him at the next level for sure."

Performance driven by losing streak

"I didn't expect to drop four straight but you have to deal with adversity, it makes us stronger. This was a must win for us. I didn't want to come out of here until .500 in the Big 12."

ROBERT WRIGHT III

Expectations of crowd and how you blocked it out

"It definitely was what I expected as I remember when we played LJ (Cryer) last year. I thought I handled it pretty well."

Forcing Baylor into turnovers

"We came off playing Houston so they probably got us ready if I am being honest."

Emotions coming back to Waco

"I just wanted to get a win. Coming here to shootaround I didn't really feel anything but as I came out to warm up I felt some emotions seeing some old managers and coaches. I am glad I got a win."

Hyping up the BYU crowd

"I was happy to have so many people there rooting for our team."