

# CHICAGO SKY

## POSTGAME NOTES & QUOTES

### CHICAGO SKY (6-3) vs PHOENIX MERCURY (5-4)

BRADENTON, FLA. | HOME OF 2020 WNBA SEASON | AUGUST 12, 2020

					FINAL
	PHO	14	22	14	21
	CHI	17	25	22	25
					<b>89</b>

#### LEADERS

CHICAGO

#### POINTS

QUIGLEY (20)

#### REBOUNDS

DOLSON (9)

#### ASSISTS

VANDERSLOOT (5)

PHOENIX

DIGGINS-SMITH, CUNNINGHAM (25)

GRINER (6)

DIGGINS-SMITH (4)

### KEY RUNS

- After a tight 1st quarter, Chicago opened the first 5 minutes of the second on a 11-6 run that put its lead to 8 (28-20).
- Phoenix responded with a 9-4 run that cut Chicago's lead to just 3 points with under 3 minutes to play in the opening half.
- The Sky opened the first 5 minutes of the 3rd quarter on an 14-2 run that pushed its lead to 10 (56-40).
- The Mercury opened the 4th quarter on a 6-0 run to start the final frame, cutting the Sky's lead to eight (64-56).
- Chicago kept the league's best offense in Phoenix to just 71 points on 41.5% (27-65) shooting. Conversely, Chicago shot 1-11 (9.1%) from the 3-point line.

### KEY STATS

- The Sky outscored the Mercury 28-8 in the paint during the first half. It finished the game with 52 points in the paint nearly, doubling Phoenix's total (28).
- Chicago had another strong game from the charity-stripe, shooting 16-20 with five players at 100%.
- The Sky outrebounded the Mercury 38-28, including 26 defensive rebounds.

### CHICAGO NOTES

- This was the eighth consecutive game where the Sky's starting five featured **Courtney Vandersloot**, **Kahleah Copper**, **Allie Quigley**, **Azurá Stevens** and **Cheyenne Parker**.
- With her start tonight, **Cheyenne Parker** has set a career-high for most starts in a single season (8).
- Center **Stefanie Dolson** made her return to the floor tonight after sitting out the last seven games with an ankle injury. She scored eight points on 4-4 shooting with nine rebounds.
- **Courtney Vandersloot** recorded only one assist during the first half for the third time this season (0 vs. Minnesota on July 30, 1 vs. Washington on August 1).
- **Kahleah Copper** extended her double-digit points streak to six games tonight off her 16-point performance. She has reached double-figures in eight of nine games this season. In addition, **Allie Quigley** (20 points) pushed her double-digit points streak to nine games (every game this season).
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### PHOENIX NOTES

- Head Coach **Sandy Brondello** coached against her husband, Chicago Sky Assistant Coach **Olaf Lange**, for the 2nd time in a WNBA game.
- Phoenix's 14 points in the first quarter was its lowest of the season for the opening frame (previously 15 against Atlanta on August 4).
- **Brittney Griner** passed Mercury Assistant Coach **Chasity Melvin** for 43rd on WNBA all-time scoring list in the 1st half.
- Phoenix went over four minutes in the third quarter without scoring, which allowed Chicago to create a 16-point lead.