CHICAGO SKY TALKING POINTS
GAME DAY VS. CONNECTICUT SUN
FRIDAY, AUGUST. 14, 2020

SKY AT "HOME"
→ Sky is 4-0 as the home team in 2020
→ Chicago was 12-5 at home in 2019
→ Sky's best record at home in a season is 14-3 in 2013

LAST GAME
♦ Chicago outscored the Mercury 52-28 in the paint. The Sky hit 26 of their 42 attempts (62%) in the lane to overcome their worst performance of the season beyond the 3-point line (1-11: 9.1%). Their performance was against the team leading the league in blocks.
♦ Last time a Sky team only made 1 3PT FG was 5/14/17 @ Minnesota.
♦ The 52 points in the paint was the 5th highest total in Sky history (58 is the team record).
♦ Sky grabbed 12 offensive rebounds in the game (tied for the team's most in a game this season – also against Phoenix) and scored 19 2nd-chance points in the game (their high for the season).

SKY VS. SUN – GAME 1
♦ Sky scored 100 points in a game for the first time this season, winning 100-93.
♦ Chicago has scored 100 or more points in each of the last 2 games against Connecticut, winning their last game on 2019 against the Sun 109–104 in OT.
♦ Sky shot 55.2% from the field vs. the Sun in their last game, their best shooting performance of the year.
♦ Chicago drew 25 Sun fouls and shot 32 free throws in their last game – both highs for the season.
    ⇒ The 32 FTs were the most by a Sky team since 6/3/18 when they shot 38 vs. Las Vegas.

CHICAGO VS. CONNECTICUT – ALL-TIME
♦ Sky is 1-0 this season vs. Connecticut.
♦ Chicago took the season series in 2019, winning 2 of the 3 games.
    ⇒ 6/23/19: SKY 93 – Sun 75 (@ CHI)
    ⇒ 7/30/19: SUN 100 – Sky 94 (@ CON)
    ⇒ 9/6/19: SKY 109 – Sun 104 OT (@ CON) *Sky's only OT game of the season
♦ Chicago is 25-28 all-time vs the Sun
♦ The last time Sky swept the season series from Sun was 2013 when they won all 4 games played.

TOP CONNECTICUT PLAYERS VS. SKY

DEWANNA BONNER
22 GAMES   16.3 PPG 43.1% FG%   6.3 RPG

◊ 7 games of 20+ PTS
◊ 2 games of 30+ PTS

ALYSSA THOMAS
18 GAMES   11.8 PPG 48.7% FG%   7.1 RPG

◊ 12 games of double-figure scoring and 2 double-doubles

JASMINE THOMAS
15 GAMES   11.9 PPG 41.9% FG%   4.7 APG

◊ 9 games of double-figure scoring, including 8 of the last 9

SKY SHOOTING
→ Every Sky player is shooting over 40% from the field this season.
→ All but DeShields are shooting above 45% and 6 players are shooting above 50%.
→ 5 Sky players are averaging in double-figures.
→ No Sky team has ever finished a season with more than 4 players averaging in double-figures.

#2 KAHLEAH COPPER

- Leads Sky in scoring (14.4 PPG)
- Double-figure scoring in 6 straight games and 8 of 9 for the season.
    - → Prior to 2020, Copper had never had double-figure scoring in more than 7 games in a season nor more than 3 games in a row.
- Her 10th start of the season for the Sky will tie her career-high for most starts in a season.
- → She had 10 in 2017 for the Sky.
- Averaging career-highs in PPG (more than 2x any other year of her career), MPG, FG%, RPG, APG, SPG.

#14 ALLIE QUIGLEY

- 2ND on Sky in scoring (14.2 PPG)
- Did not make a 3-point FG in last game vs Phoenix.
    - → Her first game this year without a 3 FGM. Had made a 3 FGM in 14 straight games.
    - → In 2019 when she had most 3 PT FGM in WNBA, she made 3-pointers in 31 of 34 games.
- Against Phoenix, Quigley scored 20 PTS or more without a 3-point FGM for the first time in her career.
    - → For her career, Quigley has scored 20 or more points in 33 games.
    - → Three times she had only 1 three-pointer in the game. Every other time she had 2 or more.
- Prior to the Phoenix game, Quigley has made at least 1 three-point FG in each game she had scored 17 or more points (a total of 61 games in her career).
- When you get down to 16 points scored in a game, she scored that twice without a 3-point FG:
    - → 6/24/15 vs. Atlanta
    - → 5/26/16 @ San Antonio

#32 CHEYENNE PARKER

- 3rd on the Sky in scoring (13.0 PPG)
- Enters today's game having made 19 consecutive free throws.
- Scored season-high 20 points (in 23 minutes) in last game vs. Connecticut.

#22 COURTNEY VANDERSLOOT

- Tied for 4th on the Sky in scoring (11.4 PPG).
- Held under 8 assists in a game for only the 2nd time this season vs. Phoenix.
- Reached double-figures in scoring for the 5th time this season vs. Phoenix.
- Averaging 2.3 turnovers per game, which is 2nd lowest of her career.
    - → Lowest is 1.6 per game in 2016.

#30 AZURÁ STEVENS

- Tied for 4th on the Sky in scoring (11.4 PPG)
- Averaging career-highs in every offensive category.
- Had blocks in 7 straight games before being shutout vs Phoenix.
    - → Career high in blocks is 9 straight games in 2018.

#15 GABBY WILLIAMS

- Averaging a career-high 8.6 PPG.
- Needs 8 more steals to reach 100 for her career.
- When Williams shoots 50% or better from the field, Sky is 6-0.
- After averaging 2 3PT FGM per game over the first 5 games, has gone 0-7 over the last 4 games.
- After averaging 24 MPG over the first 7 games of the season and not playing less than 20 in any game, has averaged only 17.5 MPG over the last two games.

#31 STEFANIE DOLSON

- In her first game back from injury, scored 8 points and had 9 rebounds in only 15 minutes of play.
- Shot 4-4 from the field vs. Phoenix.
- In 2019 and 2020, Chicago is 6-2 in games that Dolson has 8 or more rebounds.

- Needs 1 more 3 PT FGM to reach 100 for her career.
- Needs 46 points to reach 2,000 for her career.
- Needs 2 games played to reach 200 for her career.

SKY CAREER SCORING

⇒ Both **Allie Quigley** and **Courtney Vandersloot** are getting close to overtaking **Sylvia Fowles** for career scoring leadership.

TOTAL POINTS AS MEMBER OF SKY

SYLVIA FOWLES	2,927
ALLIE QUIGLEY	2,786
COURTNEY VANDERSLOOT	2,762
ELENA DELLE DONNE	2,155
EPIPHANNY PRINCE	2,125
CANDICE DUPREE	2,100
JIA PERKINS	2,058

SKY TURNOVERS

- Chicago continues to have issues with protecting the ball; they have had 16 or more turnovers in each of the last 4 games (including 20 or more in 3 of the 4).
- Sky has allowed 20 or more points off TOs in each of the last 4 games (and 6 of the 9 games this season).
- The last time a Sky team allowed 20 or more points off turnovers in 4 straight games was Jun 27, 2009 –Jul 7, 2009.
- Chicago ranks 11th in TPG (17.7) and last in opponent points off turnovers per game (20.9) in 2020.

RANKINGS / LEAGUE LEADERS

2019 SKY RECORD AFTER 9 GAMES: 6-3
2019 SKY RECORD AFTER 10 GAMES: 6-4

CHICAGO | CONNECTICUT

1st ASSISTS – 21.1 APG | 5TH ASSISTS – 18.2 APG

1ST SHOOTING – 49.0% | 2ND STEALS – 10.0 SPG
→ record pace for a Sky team, previous best being 46.2% in 2016.

2nd SCORING – 86.8 PPG

3rd 3PT FGM – 71

3RD 3PT FG% – 36.8%

4TH FT% – 80.3%

5th. REBOUNDS – 34.1 RPG

5TH STEALS – 8.8 SPG
*record pace for a Sky team, previous best being 8.7 SPG in 2012.

BONNER – TIED 1ST STEALS (2.6 SPG)
*tied w/ Lexie Brown.
BONNER – 4TH SCORING (18.7 PPG)
THOMAS – TIED 1ST REBOUNDS (9.7 RPG)
*tied w/ Sylvia Fowles and Candace Parker.

VANDERSLOOT – 1ST ASSISTS (8.4 APG)
STEVENS – 2ND BLOCKS (1.6 BPG)

JONES – 3RD SHOOTING (60.6%)

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