



NO. 6 CHICAGO VS. NO. 7 CONNECTICUT

SINGLE-ELIMINATION ROUND



SEPTEMBER 15, 2020
IMG ACADEMY
BRADENTON, FLORIDA
HOME OF THE 2020 WNBA POSTSEASON

2020 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
July 26	Las Vegas Aces	W, 88-86
July 28	Los Angeles Sparks	W, 96-78
July 30	Minnesota Lynx	L, 81-83
August 1	Washington Mystics	W, 88-86
August 4	Dallas Wings	W, 82-79
August 6	Phoenix Mercury	L, 86-96
August 8	Connecticut Sun	W, 100-93
August 10	Seattle Storm	L, 71-89
August 12	Phoenix Mercury	W, 89-71
August 14	Connecticut Sun	L, 74-77
August 16	Atlanta Dream	W, 92-67
August 18	Las Vegas Aces	W, 84-82
August 20	New York Liberty	W, 101-85
August 22	Indiana Fever	W, 87-76
August 25	New York Liberty	L, 99-101
August 29	Seattle Storm	L, 74-88
August 31	Indiana Fever	W, 100-77
September 2	Minnesota Lynx	L, 83-86
September 4	Washington Mystics	L, 69-79
September 6	Los Angeles Sparks	L, 80-86
September 9	Atlanta Dream	L, 89-97
September 11	Dallas Wings	W, 95-88

2020 POSTSEASON

September 15 Connecticut Sun 6:00p CST

INJURY REPORT

QUESTIONABLE: STEPHANIE MAVUNGA (KNEE)

NOT WITH TEAM: DIAMOND DESHEILDS (PERSONAL)

NOT WITH TEAM: AZURÁ STEVENS (KNEE)

PREVIOUS STARTING FIVE



Courtney Vandersloot | Guard | 10th Year | Gonzaga

2020 Stats: PPG: 13.6 | APG: 10.0 | FG%: 49.1

Notes:

- Finished averaging a career-high in points (13.6, previously set at 12.5 PPG in 2018)
- Broke Ticha Penicheiro's record for most assists in a game (18, previously set by Penicheiro twice at 16) on August 31 against the Indiana Fever



Allie Quigley | Guard | 12th Year | Depaul

2020 Stats: PPG: 15.4 | FT%: 91.9 | FG%: 44.8

Notes:

- Averaged 15.4 PPG for second time in last three years
- Shot a career-best 91.9% from the free throw line (minimum 10 attempts)
- Scored in double figures in 20 of 22 games this season



Kahleah Copper | Guard/Forward | 5th Year | Rutgers

2020 Stats: PPG: 14.8 | RPG: 5.5 | FG%: 49.6

Notes:

- Averaged 14.8 PPG, more than double her career average through four seasons (6.7 PPG)
- Scored in double figures in 20 of 22 games this season



Ruthy Hebard | Forward | Rookie | Oregon

2020 Stats: PPG: 5.7 | RPG: 3.9 | FG%: 68.2

Notes:

- Enters first postseason coming off a career-high 22-point, eight rebound game against Dallas where she shot 9-12 from the floor
- Has shot a FG% of 50% or better in 15 straight games



Cheyenne Parker | Forward | 6th Year | Middle Tennessee

2020 Stats: PPG: 13.4 | RPG: 6.4 | FG%: 55.4

Notes:

- Shot a career-high 55.4% from the field this season (previous best 53.1% in 2018)
- Made more 3-pointers this season (15) than she had throughout the first five years of her career (11)

TONIGHT'S OPPONENT: CONNECTICUT



CONNECTICUT SUN

ALL TIME: Sky is 25-29 all-time vs. SUN

LAST CHICAGO WIN: 95-88 vs. DAL on 9/11

LAST CONNECTICUT WIN: 85-70 vs. PHX on 9/7

2020 MATCHUPS

Sat. August 8 W

Fri. August 14 L

CHICAGO 100, Connecticut 93 (@ CHI)

Chicago 74, CONNECTICUT 77 (@ CON)

SERIES NOTES

- Tonight's game is the first time that the Sun and Sky will square off against each other in the postseason.
- The Sun is one of six teams in the WNBA that the Sky has never played in the playoffs.
- In the regular season, Chicago has won three of its last five against Connecticut.

LAST GAME VS. CONNECTICUT

- Sky scored below 80 points for the second of its last three games at the time.
- Chicago was led by **Cheyenne Parker and Allie Quigley**, who scored 33 points total (17 & 16 respectfully) on a combined 12-21 (57%) shooting.
- Sun pulled in 12 offensive rebounds, scoring 13 second chance points.
- Chicago committed 15 turnovers, but Connecticut only scored eight points off of those takeaways.

CONNECTICUT SEASON RECAP

- Lost first five games of season, went on to win 10 of next 17.
- Three of its wins came against teams that reached the 2020 WNBA Playoffs.
- One of two teams to clinch a postseason berth despite having a record below .500.

LEAGUE LEADERS



1st in FG% 49.1%
2nd in APG: 21.8 APG
3rd in PPG 86.7 PPG
3rd in BPG: 4.0 BPG
5th in 3PT%: 35.1%

COURTNEY VANDERSLOOT

- 1st in WNBA in ASSISTS: 10.0 APG

ALLIE QUIGLEY

- T4th in WNBA in 3PT FGM (46)
*tied with Skylar Diggins-Smith

CHEYENNE PARKER

- 5th in WNBA in FG%: 55.4%



1st in OREBS: 10.0 ORPG
2nd in SPG: 9.2 SPG
3rd in RPG: 35.5 RPG

DEWANNA BONNER

- 3rd in WNBA in POINTS: 19.7 PPG

ALYSSA THOMAS

- 2nd in WNBA in REBOUNDS: 9.0 RPG
- 1st in WNBA in STEALS: 2.0 SPG

BONNER VS. CHICAGO

- ❖ In four career games vs. Sky in the playoffs, Bonner is 3-1.
- ❖ Bonner has averaged 13.5 PPG in her career against Sky in the postseason.
- ❖ She has scored in double figures in three of those four contests (all with Phoenix Mercury).

TEAM COMPARISONS



PPG	86.7	3 rd
FG%	49.1	1 st
3P FG%	35.1	5 th
FT%	81.7	7 th
OREB	7.3	10 th
DREB	26.3	5 th
REB	33.6	9 th
APG	21.8	2 nd
TPG	15.6	10 th
SPG	7.5	8 th
BPG	4	3 rd
OPP PPG	84.1	7 th
OPP FG%	45.3	8 th
OPP 3P FG%	36.7	8 th
OPP FT%	77.7	1 st
OPP DREB	24.1	2 nd
OPP OREB	8.1	6 th
OPP REB	32.2	2 nd
OPP APG	19.6	8 th
OPP TPG	14.5	7 th
OPP SPG	9.1	11 th
OPP BLKS	3.3	5 th
PTS OFF TO	15.0	10 th
2ND PTS	9.9	8 th
FBPS	6.2	8 th
PITP	38.1	2 nd
OPP 2 nd PTS	9.2	3 rd
OPP FBPS	7.6	11 th
OPP PITP	36.6	10 th
OPP PTS OFF TO	18.1	10 TH

80.4	10 th
42.7	10 th
31.2	11 th
75.5	12 th
10.0	1 st
25.5	7 th
35.5	3 rd
18.3	9 th
14.0	5 th
9.2	2 nd
3.1	8 th
79.9	2 nd
44.3	4 th
33.0	3 rd
81.9	9 th
25.9	6 th
7.0	1 st
33.0	5 th
18.4	4 th
15.8	3 rd
7.5	5 th
3.7	8 th
16.8	5 th
13.5	1 st
6.8	6 th
37.5	3 rd
8.8	1 st
5.1	3 rd
34.5	6 th
13.9	2 nd

NEWS, NOTES, TALKING POINTS

LAST GAME: The Sky ended the regular season by breaking its four-game losing streak with a win over the Dallas Wings. It was the fifth time Chicago scored at least 90 points this season. **CHEYENNE PARKER** led the Sky in scoring, dropping 23 points while pulling in seven rebounds. **RUTHY HEBARD** scored a career-high 22 points with seven rebounds, shooting a highly efficient 9-12 from the floor.

POSTSEASON BUBBLE BASKETBALL: Chicago picked up its first stretch of back-to-back winning seasons since 2015 and 2016 (20-14 & 12-10), which was also the last time it went two consecutive years with a winning record. This year marks the fifth time in Sky franchise history that the team will play in the postseason.

SHE STANDS ALONE: **COURTNEY VANDERSLOOT** became the first player in WNBA history to average 10 APG in a season. She won her fourth consecutive WNBA Peak Performer Award on September 14. Vandersloot is now tied with **DIANA TAURASI** for most consecutive seasons with earning the honor (Taurasi did so in scoring from 2008-11). She averaged a career-high 13.6 PPG and 10.0 APG. Vandersloot enters the postseason playing her best basketball of the season, as she has gone 11 straight games with at least nine assists and has posted a double-double in five of her last six games. She announced on August 12 that she will be donating \$10 for each assist she records this season to DonorsChoose, an organization that helps cover the cost of classroom supplies for teachers across the country. Her donations will carry over to the postseason. She contributed \$2,190 in the regular season and with the overwhelming support from her fans she easily surpassed her \$5,000 goal. Vandersloot led the WNBA in APG.

OFFENSE MAKES HISTORY: Chicago broke the all-time record for highest FG% in a season (49.1%), previously set by the Los Angeles Sparks in 2016 (48.7%). It finished second in the league in APG (21.8), just behind the Seattle Storm (21.9). Sky finished third in PPG (86.7), blocks per game (4.0) and fifth in 3-point percentage (35.1%).

TURNOVERS TELL THE STORY?: The Sky ranked 10th in both TPG (15.6) and opponent points of turnovers (18.1). In its two games against Connecticut this season, Chicago averaged 18 turnovers. Interesting enough, Sky won the game where it committed 21 turnovers, whereas it lost the tilt against the Sun when it gave the ball away 15 times.

MOST IMPROVED CANDIDATE: **KAHLEAH COPPER** averaged 14.8 PPG this season, and shot a career-best 49.6% from the floor. Her PPG in 2020 was more than double the average she had within the first four years of her career (6.7). She was one of two Sky players to post a double-digit scoring total in 20 of 22 games this season, the other being Allie Quigley. Copper also had three 20+ point outings this season, more than the total from her previous four years combined (2).

CHICAGO'S ALL-TIME HOUSEHOLD: **ALLIE QUIGLEY** became the Sky's all-time leading scorer during the game against Minnesota on September 2, surpassing Sylvia Fowles (2,927 points). Her wife **COURTNEY VANDERSLOOT** passed Fowles for No. 2 all-time during the game against Atlanta on September 9. Quigley reached a double-digit scoring total in 20 of 22 games this season. She shot a career-best 91.9% from the free throw line (minimum 10 attempts). The 12-year veteran donated \$920 off her 46 made 3-point field goals this season (\$20/per), which went directly to her hometown of Joillet, Illinois' Salvation Army. Quigley and her fans raised \$3,234, which helped provide funding for a food pantry, Christmas/holiday presents, interview clothing for clients seeking new employment, one month of transportation for a client, a month of intensive casework for two clients and setting up utilities, purchasing food and furniture for clients as they begin a new life.

HEBARD FINISHES AMONG ELITE IN FG%: **RUTHY HEBARD** shot 68.2% from the floor this season, including going 15 straight games of 50% or better to close out the season. She scored a career-high 22 points on 9-12 shooting and pulled in eight rebounds in the regular season finale against Dallas. Her double-double on August 31 was the first to be done by a Sky rookie since Diamond DeShields scored 23 points and brought in 11 rebounds against the Atlanta Dream on June 27, 2018. Hebard is the ninth rookie in Sky franchise history to record a double-double.



2020 CHICAGO SKY ROSTER

No.	Name.	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	DOB	Years Pro.
1	Diamond DeShields	G	6'1	163	3/5/95	2
2	Kahleah Copper	G	6'1	160	8/28/94	4
3	Alexis Prince	F	6'2	178	2/5/94	2
14	Allie Quigley	G	5'10	145	6/20/86	11
15	Gabby Williams	F	5'11	180	9/9/96	2
22	Courtney Vandersloot	G	5'8	138	2/8/89	9
23	Stephanie Mavunga	F	6'3	205	2/24/95	2
24	Ruthy Hebard	F	6'4	185	4/28/98	R
30	Azurá Stevens	F	6'6'	180	2/1/96	2
31	Stefanie Dolson	C	6'5	240	1/8/92	6
32	Cheyenne Parker	F	6'4	210	8/22/92	5
51	Sydney Colson	G	5'8	140	8/6/89	6

GENERAL MANAGER & HEAD COACH: JAMES WADE

ASSISTANT COACHES: OLAF LANGE, EMRE VATANSEVER

DIRECTOR OF BASKETBALL OPS / STRENGTH & CONDITIONING: ANN CROSBY

HEAD ATHLETIC TRAINER: MEGHAN LOCKERBY

PRONUNCIATIONS

Kahleah (**Kuh-LEE-ah**) Copper (**Cop-PURR**)

Ruthy Hebard (**HE-bird**)

Stephanie Mavunga (**mah-VOONG-guh**)

Cheyenne (**SHY-ann**) Parker

Azurá (**azz-ur-RAY**) Stevens

Courtney Vandersloot (**VAN-der-SLEWT**)



COURTNEY VANDERSLOOT 2020 TIMELINE

July 26, Las Vegas Aces

- Became the Sky's all-time leader in seasons played with the team, her 10th season with the franchise
- She surpassed Tamera Young (nine seasons)
- Reached a double-digit assist total for the 46th time in her career

July 28, Los Angeles Sparks

- Registered her 1,000th career field goal during 3rd quarter
- Finished with a double-digit assist total for the 47th time in her career
- Recorded 30th career double-double (11 points, 10 assists), first of the season

July 30, Minnesota Lynx

- **Passed Becky Hammon for fifth all-time on WNBA assists list.**

August 4, Dallas Wings

- Posted a double figure assist total for the 48th time in her career
- Recorded her 31st career double-double (14 points, 10 assists), second of the season

August 6, Phoenix Mercury

- Led the Sky in scoring for the first time this season (21 points, a then season-high)
- Posted a double-digit scoring total for the third time in her last four games

August 8, Connecticut Sun

- Reached a double-digit assist total for the 49th time in her career (11 assists)

August 12, Phoenix Mercury

- **Announced she will be donating \$10 for each assist she records this season to DonorsChoose in addition to her \$10 donated for every point as part of #SkyTakesAction**
- Was first of six games where she shot 50% or better from the field and scored at least 12 points

August 18, Las Vegas Aces

- Tied Sky franchise record for most assists in a half (10). Contributed to 11 of the Sky's 18 field goals in the first half
- Reached a double-digit assist total for 50th time in her career
- 15 assists was her season-high and tied for her career-high (she's done it 3 times)
- Recorded her 32nd career double-double (15 points, 15 assists), third this season
- Became first player in WNBA history to have a 15+ point, 15+ assist, 5 rebound game

August 20, New York Liberty

- 10 assists gave her 25 over the last two games, the 5th time in her career she posted at least 25 assists in back-to-back games (Sky record)
- Posted a season-high four steals
- 19 points, 10 assists led to her 33rd career double-double, fourth this season

August 22, Indiana Fever

- Reached 1,800 assists with her second of the game
- One of five players in WNBA history to reach that feat (Sue Bird, Ticha Penicheiro, Diana Taurasi and Lindsay Whalen)
- Season-high 23 points

August 25, New York Liberty

- Scored a double-digit total for the seventh consecutive game
- Recorded at least nine assists for the fourth straight outing

August 29, Seattle Storm

- Recorded at least nine assists for the fifth straight outing

August 31, Indiana Fever

- **Set the WNBA record for most assists in a single game (18)**
- 34th career double-double, fifth this season (13 points, 18 assists) and 52nd game with a double-figure assist total

September 2, Minnesota Lynx

- 35th career double-double, sixth this season (13 points, 12 assists) and 53rd game with a double-figure assist total
- Second time this season she went back-to-back games posting a double-double



COURTNEY VANDERSLOOT 2020 TIMELINE, CONT.

September 4, Washington Mystics

- 36th career double-double, seventh this season (16 points, 11 assists) and 54th game with a double-figure assist total
- Posted a double-double for the third consecutive game as well as registering at least nine assists for the eighth straight outing.

September 6, Los Angeles Sparks

- 55th game with a double-figure assist total (15)
- Third time this season she recorded at least 15 assists

September 9, Atlanta Dream

- 56th game with a double-figure assist total (11)
- 37th career double-double (22 points, 11 assists), eighth this season
- Eighth career 20-point, 10-assist outing (1st this season)
- 10th straight game that she recorded at least nine assists

September 11, Dallas Wings

- 57th game with a double-figure assist total (12)
- 38th career double-double (15 points, 12 assists), ninth this season
- 11th straight game that she recorded at least nine assists

2020 Season

- Led WNBA in assists per game (10.0)
- Averaged a career-high 13.6 PPG
- Earned WNBA Eastern Conference Player of the Month honors for first time in her career (August, averaged 13.6 PPG, 9.5 APG)
- Averaged 30 minutes or more per game for the fourth consecutive year.
- Won WNBA Peak Performer for the fourth straight season and fifth time in her career

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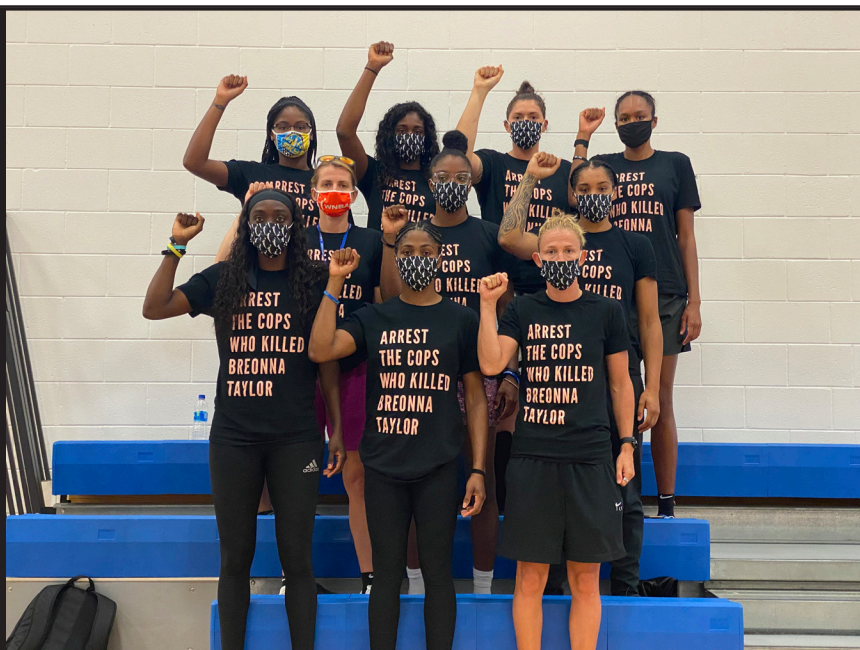
“If Jacob Blake was a dog, and the police were to shoot him seven times in the same spot, we would have a lot more people up in arms. So what does that tell you about my value?”

- Sky GM & Head Coach James Wade

“We’ve just been hurting and now people are hurting again too. It’s not, ‘Oh, let’s join the movement because it’s what we’re doing!’ This is our lives! Now people are feeling our pain. People are hurt too. It’s not joining a movement, we’re hurt.”

-Sky forward Gabby Williams

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#SKYTAKESACTION TOTALS

RUNNING TOTAL * AS OF 4:24P CST, SEPT. 14, 2020 *

\$109,705

TEAM POINTS, WINS, LOSSES

\$100/WIN, \$50/LOSS, \$10/POINT

TOTAL: \$20,780

TRIPLED TO \$62,340 COURTESY OF SKY OWNER MICHAEL ALTER, MINORITY OWNER JOHN ROGERS, BOB ARTHUR AND SUSAN ANDERSON OF MAGELLAN CORPORATION.

COURTNEY VANDERSLOOT ASSISTS+ FANS

\$10/ASSIST (\$2,190)

FANS: \$4,591

TOTAL: \$6,781

ALLIE QUIGLEY 3-POINT FIELD GOALS+ FANS

\$20/3-POINT FIELD GOAL (\$920)

FANS: \$2,314

TOTAL: \$3,234

ATHLETES FOR JUSTICE (FAN CONTRIBUTION)

TOTAL: \$12,665

PLAYER AUCTIONS

TOTAL: \$3,905

- Gabby Williams, Courtney Vandersloot, Allie Quigley and Stefanie Dolson all auctioned off pairs of game-worn shoes as part of their collaborations with their respective charities. Kahleah Copper auctioned off a pair of game-worn jerseys.