# CHICAGO SKY TALKING POINTS Game Day vs. NEW YORK LIBERTY Thursday, August. 20, 2020

#### **SKY IN CLOSE GAMES**

- Sky is 5-1 in games decided by 3 or fewer points.
- In 2019, the team was 2-3 in games decided by 3 or fewer points.

#### **BEST START**

• The Sky's 8-4 record ties its best for 12 games in team history. The 2013 team also started 8-4 on their way to a 24-10 record.

# **RECAP OF LAST GAME**

- Sky outscore Aces 25-12 in the 3rd quarter
- Sky held an 11-point lead in the 4th with 2:30 remaining before an 11-0 Aces run tied the game at 82 with :13.6 seconds to go.
- Sky held A'ja Wilson, the 2nd leading scorer in the WNBA entering the game, to 11 points and 3 for 12 shooting- her worst shooting performance against a Sky team (previously 4 for 12)
- Sky held Aces to 38.2% shooting for the game- the 3rd consecutive game they have held an opponent under 40% shooting
- Sky limited the Aces to 36 points in the paint (on 18 for 41 shooting- 43.9%) after allowing them 46 points (on 23 for 44-52.3%) in their first meeting
- Sky's 10 blocked shots in the game was the team's most since 8/5/17 when they had 11 vs Atlanta

#### **DEFENSIVE TURNAROUND**

	Record	PPG	Opp FG%	Opp 3FG%
1st 8 Games	5-3	86.3 (10th)	46.9% (11th)	39.9% (12th)
Last 4 Games	3-1	74.3 (3rd)	39.2% (2nd)	28.8% (3rd)

### **#2 KAHLEAH COPPER**

- Sky leading scorer: 14.3 PPG
- Season high 17 shots vs Las Vegas
- Double-figure scoring in all but one game this year. The 11 double-figure scoring games are more than any other season in her career (7 in 2019 & 18, 6 in 2017 & 16)

# **#14 ALLIE QUIGLEY**

- No. 2 scorer on Sky: 13.9 PPG
- Vs. Las Vegas- 1st game this season not in double figures
- Shooting 25% from three over the last 4 games (4-16). Had shot 51.7% from three the previous 5 games while hitting three 3-pointers in each of the 5 games
- 1st time since 2016 she is averaging below 40% three-point shooting

# **#32 CHEYENNE PARKER**

- No. 3 scorer on Sky: 13.7 PPG
- Missed her 1st game of 2020 vs. Las Vegas. Last game she missed 7/30/17. Had played in 79 consecutive games.
- Vs. Atlanta: Second game of the season coming off the bench for the Sky. Sky is 2-0 in those games.
- Sky with Parker not starting is averaging 37.5 bench points. In the games she starts, the team is averaging 19.9 bench points per game
- Shooting career high 54.2% from the field in 2020

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#### #22 COURTNEY VANDERSLOOT

- No. 4 scorer on Sky: 12.2 PPG
- Career-high 15 assists vs. Las Vegas (3rd time in her careerprevious 7/20/18 vs Dallas and 8/10/18 vs Connecticut)
- One off WNBA record of 16 held by Ticha Penichiero (6/29/98 Sac @ Cle and 8/3/02 Sac vs LA). 15 assists have been achieved 6 times in WNBA history, Penichiero twice, Cappie Pondexter once and Vandersloot three times)
- In the Las Vegas game, Vandersloot also tied the Sky record for assists in a half (10) and assists in a quarter (7)
- In the Las Vegas game, Vandersloot recorded her 32nd career double-double and 50th game of 10 or more assists
- Over last two games, she is averaging 67% from the field and 60% from three
- Needs 12 assists to reach 1800 for her career (only 4 other players have reached that number in their career- Bird, Penichiero, Whalen and Taurasi)
- Needs eight minutes of play to reach 8000 for her career

# **#30 AZURÁ STEVENS**

- No. 5 scorer on Sky: 10.4 PPG
- 14 points vs Las Vegas was most since 15 vs Dallas 8/4/20
- Five blocks vs Las Vegas tied her career high
- Has not hit a 3-point FG in last 4 games (0-7)
- 30 minutes played vs Las Vegas was most since playing 35 @ Min 7/30/20

# **OTHER PLAYERS**

- Stefanie Dolson: 28 minutes vs Las Vegas is most for the season
- Dolson: 11 points vs Las Vegas is her season-high
- Dolson: Sky is 2-0 when she starts
- Diamond DeShields: Shooting 50% or better for the last two games
- Gabby Williams: Played under six minutes vs Las Vegas, lowest of any game in her career
- Williams: Zero points and zero shots vs Las Vegas. Last time she
  went without scoring in a game was 8/29/19 vs Dal. She has never
  previously had a game in the WNBA where she failed to attempt a
  shot.

# **SKY CAREER SCORING**



⇒ Both Allie Quigley and Courtney Vandersloot are getting close to overtaking Sylvia Fowles for career scoring leadership (2,927 points).

# **RANKINGS / LEAGUE LEADERS**

2019 SKY RECORD AFTER 12 GAMES: 6-6 2019 SKY RECORD AFTER 13 GAMES: 6-7

# **CHICAGO**

# NEW YORK

1st SHOOTING: 49.7% 2nd ASSISTS: 21.5 APG 2nd BLOCKS: 4.3 BPG 3rd 3-POINT FGM: 90 5th SCORING: 85.9 PPG 5th REBOUNDS: 34.2 RPG 5th 3-POINT %: 35.7% 5th FT SHOOTING: 80.1%

VANDERSLOOT – 1st ASSISTS (8.6 APG) STEVENS- 1st BLOCKS (1.9 BPG, tied with Brittney Griner of PHX) 2nd FT SHOOTING: 81.4% 4th REBOUNDS: 34.5 RPG 4th BLOCKS: 3.8 BPG 5th 3-POINT FGM: 87

# Liberty Season Recap:

- Liberty is 1-10 and in last place in WNBA
- Liberty has lost last 5 games
- Seven of Liberty's losses are by double figures
- Last two games were losses by 30 and 41 points
- Seven of 13 players on Liberty roster are rookies
- Liberty is last in the WNBA in PPG: 72.5- over seven points less than the 11th place team
- Liberty is last in the WNBA in FG%: 36.4%- the only team under 40%
- Liberty is last in the WNBA in 3FG%: 28.9%- the only team under 30%
- Liberty is last in the WNBA in Turnovers: 18.6 per game

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