

CHICAGO SKY TALKING POINTS

Game Day vs. INDIANA FEVER

Saturday, August 22, 2020



BEST START

- The 9-4 Sky record ties its franchise best through 13 games. The 2013 team also went 9-4 on its way to a franchise best 24-10 record.
- The team twice had 4-game winning streaks in 2019.
- The Sky is 3-2 in 2020 against teams with .500 or better records. It is 6-2 vs teams below .500.

RECAP OF LAST GAME

- Sky scored 101 points, its most in a game in 2020
- Sky starters scored 82 of team's 101 points
- Sky's 11 three-point FG were the most by the team since hitting 12 vs Washington 8/1/20
- The Sky's victory over the New York Liberty marked the first time this season that the team has won three games in a row. Chicago's 101 points was its highest of the season, and the second time it reached the century mark (CT 8/8). The Sky was led by **Azurá Stevens** (team and season-high 25 points), **Courtney Vandersloot** and **Allie Quigley**, both of whom scored 19 points on a combined 16-28 (57.1%) shooting. Chicago's starting five of Vandersloot, Quigley, Stevens, **Kahleah Copper** and **Stefanie Dolson** scored 82 of the team's 101 points.

SKY VS. FEVER

Sky was 2-1 vs Indiana in 2019

6/15/19: Sky 70 – Indiana 64 at Indiana

6/21/19: Indiana 76 – Sky 69 at Chicago

7/21/19: Sky 78 – Indiana 70 at Chicago

The Sky is 18-36 all-time vs the Fever. It has won four out of the last six games against the Fever.

SKY OFFENSE

- The Sky reached 100 points in a game for the 2nd time this season against New York on Thursday. It reached 100 points three times in 2019.
- The Sky shot better than 50% from the field for the 3rd consecutive game and fourth out of five vs New York
- The Sky has shot 50% or better from the field in seven of the 13 games in 2020
- The Sky is shooting 49.9% from the field in 2020. The team's record is 46.2% in 2016. The all-time WNBA record for FG% in a season is 48.7% by Los Angeles in 2016.
- Sky and NY Liberty are the only two teams in the league to have five players scoring in double figures for the season

BLOWOUTS

- The win over New York was the fourth time this season the Sky has won by 16 or more points
- The Sky had two wins by 16 or more points in 2019

BLOCKS

- The Sky has had five or more blocks in a game in five of the last six games. It has averaged 6.0 BPG over that stretch.
- Over the first seven games of the season, the Sky averaged 2.9 BPG.

#14 ALLIE QUIGLEY

- Tied for 1st in Scoring- 14.3 PPG (Kahleah Copper)
- Answered from her first single digit scoring game vs Las Vegas with a 19-point performance
- Three 3-pointers vs New York was her most since 8/1 @ Seattle
- Season high five assists vs New York
- Season high five rebounds vs New York

#2 KAHLEAH COPPER

- Tied for 1st in Scoring- 14.3 PPG (Allie Quigley)
- 10 consecutive double figure scoring games, 12 out of 13 for the season
- Has shot 50% or better from the field in 10 of 13 games this season
- Has made no free throws over the last three games (0-1 from the line)

#32 CHEYENNE PARKER

- 3rd in Scoring- 13.7 PPG
- Missed her 2nd consecutive game vs New York with an ankle injury
- Last game she missed prior to this injury was 7/30/17. Had played in 79 consecutive games.
- Vs Atlanta on Aug 16: 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

#22 COURTNEY VANDERSLOOT

- 4th in scoring- 12.7 PPG
- Against New York, second consecutive game of double-figure assists, sixth in 2020 and 51st of her career
- Against New York, fourth double-double of the season, 33rd of her career
- Last five games averaging 14.8 PPG on 57.4% from the field and 40% from three
- **Needs two assists to reach 1800 for her career (only four other players have reached that number in their career- Bird, Penichiero, Whalen and Taurasi)**
- Season-high four steals vs New York (Vandersloot is Sky all-time leader with 353 for her career)
- Last two games are the fifth time in her career she has had 25 total assists in over two consecutive games. She did it once in 2017, twice in 2018 and once in 2019.
- Her career high-assists over three consecutive games is 36 (7/20 through 7/25/18).



#30 AZURÁ STEVENS

- 5th in scoring- 11.5 PPG
- 25-point scoring performance against New York was the second best of her career (26 points for Dallas vs Ind 7/5/18)
- Has had only three 20-point scoring games in her career
- 25 points is season-high for any Sky player this season
- Made her first 3-point FG since 8/10 on Thursday
- Shooting 55.9% from the field over her last three games
- Career-high 36 minutes vs New York
- Needs five points to reach 500 for her career

OTHER PLAYERS

- **Diamond DeShields:** If she misses the game vs Indiana (listed as questionable), it will be her first DNP in her career. She has played 81 consecutive games since being drafted by the Sky.
- **Stefanie Dolson:** Season-high four blocks vs New York
- Dolson: Has not made a free throw since the season opener when she was 5-5. Is 0-2 over the last five games she has played. Sky is 5-1 in games she's played in this season.
- Dolson: Needs 17 points to reach 2000 for her career
- **Ruthy Hebard:** 2nd double-digit scoring game of 2020 vs New York
- Hebard: Sixth consecutive game of 50% or better shooting from the field. Has shot 66.7% over those six games.
- Hebard: Career-high 23 minutes vs New York

⇒ 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 13 GAMES: 6-7

2019 SKY RECORD AFTER 14 GAMES: 7-7

<u>CHICAGO</u>	<u>INDIANA</u>
1st SHOOTING: 49.9%	2nd FT SHOOTING: 81.8%
1st ASSISTS: 21.7 APG	5th 3-POINT %: 36.1%
3rd 3-POINT FGM: 101	5th REBS/GAME: 34.3 RPG
3rd SCORING: 87.1 PPG	KELSEY MITCHELL-3rd SCORING: 19.0 PPG
3rd BLOCKS: 4.3 BPG	JULIE ALLEMAND-3rd ASSISTS: 5.4 APG;
4th 3-POINT%: 36.7%	5th in 3-POINT SHOOTING: 52.3%
VANDERSLOOT – 1st ASSISTS (8.7 APG)	KELSEY MITCHELL-1st in 3-POINT FG: 35
STEVENS- 1st BLOCKS (1.8 BPG, tied with Brittney Griner of PHX)	Fever Season Recap: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lost two of last three by 14 or more points (14 to LA and 22 to Connecticut) but beat 1st place Seattle by six (only its 2nd loss of the season) in last game • Five of team's seven losses are by double figures • Allows the most FTs per game (21.9 per game) • Last in WNBA in forcing turnovers (11.4 per game) • 10th in the league in points allowed (87.2 per game) • 11th in the league in points off turnovers (12.3 per game) • Last in league in fast break points (3.1 per game) • Allows most points in the paint (39.5 per game)

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