

CHICAGO SKY TALKING POINTS

Game Day vs. INDIANA FEVER

Monday, August 31, 2020



RECAP OF LAST GAME

- Sky was beaten by Seattle 88-74
- Seattle defense held Sky to 42.6% shooting (were leading the league with 49.5% shooting entering the game) and 19% from three (were averaging 37.1% going into the game, 3rd best in the league)
- Sky played its third consecutive game with only eight players available

LAST GAME VS. INDIANA

- Sky defeated the Fever 87-76 on 8/22
- Sky took a 17-point lead in the first quarter and the Fever could get no closer than seven points for the rest of the game
- **Kahleah Copper** scored a career-high 26 points
- Fever shot a season high 53.7% from the field, but were hurt by the 22 turnovers it committed
- Both teams played the game with only eight players each due to injuries

TWO STRAIGHT LOSSES

- Sky suffered back-to-back losses for the first time this season
- 15 games without back-to-back losses to start a season is the longest stretch by a Sky team in its history. The longest streaks prior to this season were 10 in 2019 and nine in 2012
- Last time the Sky lost back to back games was 8/27 and 8/29/19

#2 KAHLEAH COPPER

- Leads the Sky in scoring: 15.4 PPG
- Has scored in double figures in all but one game this season including last 13 in a row
- Scored a career-high 26 points vs Indiana last meeting
- Tied her career-high with 36 minutes vs Indiana
- Other career-high sets vs Indiana: Offensive Rebounds (3) and FG Attempts (19)
- 2nd 20-point scoring game of the season and 4th of her career
- Averaging 33.3 MPG, 20 PPG, 47.9% FG shooting and 6.3 RPG over last three games

AZURÁ STEVENS AND DIAMOND DESHIELDS

- The pair was averaging 18.3 PPG and 7.7 RPG
- Stevens was averaging career highs in PPG, FG%, 3FG %, RPG, APG and SPG
- Stevens had a season high 25 points in her last outing
- Stevens is currently tied for league in blocks (1.8 per game) with Brittney Griner

#14 ALLIE QUIGLEY

- 2nd on Sky in scoring: 15.1 PPG
- Tied career-high with 29 points vs NY on 8/25
- Has scored in double figures in all but one game this season
- Held to 11 points vs Seattle. Took only eight shots, tied for fewest in a game this season
- Needs 40 points to reach 3,000 points for her career



#22 COURTNEY VANDERSLOOT

- 3rd on Sky in scoring: 13.3 PPG
- Held to nine points by Seattle stopping her double figure scoring streak for the season at seven
- Season-high 23 points vs Indiana 8/22
- Has recorded six of the WNBA's 13 double figure assist games in 2020 including 15 assists vs LV 8/18
- Has nine or more assists in each of the last 5 games
- Scoring career-high 13.3 PPG (previous high 12.5 in 2018)
- Averaging 10.4 APG over last 5 games
- WNBA Player of the Week twice this season

#32 CHEYENNE PARKER

- 4th on Sky in scoring: 12.6 PPG
- Averaging 8.3 PPG over last three games (since returning from injury). Had been averaging 13.7 PPG prior to her injury

#15 GABBY WILLIAMS

- Started last three games
- Double figure scoring in last two games
- Averaging 35 MPG as a starter
- Averaging 6.3 RPG as a starter

OTHER SKY PLAYERS

- **Stefanie Dolson:** Scoreless vs Seattle in 21 minutes of play (0-4 from the field)
- Dolson: Shut out only three other times in her career: 7/13/16 Was @ Pho (0-3 from the field), 6/30/19 @ Las Vegas (0-2 from the field) and 8/18/19 vs Las Vegas (0-3 from the field)
- Dolson: Next steal will be 100th of her career
- **Ruthy Hebard:** Shooting 69.2% from the field over her last 9 games.
- Hebard: Career-high 3 steals vs Seattle



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

2019 SKY RECORD AFTER 16 GAMES: 8-8
2019 SKY RECORD AFTER 17 GAMES: 9-8

RANKINGS / LEAGUE LEADERS

<u>CHICAGO</u>	<u>INDIANA</u>
1st SHOOTING: 49.1%	3rd FT SHOOTING: 81.5%
1st ASSISTS: 21.3 APG (Tied SEA)	5th REBS/GAME: 33.7 RPG
2nd SCORING: 87.0 PPG	KELSEY MITCHELL-4th SCORING: 18.5 PPG; 1st in 3-POINT FG: 41
4th BLOCKS: 3.9 BPG	JULIE ALLEMAND-3rd ASSISTS: 5.3 APG; 4th in 3-POINT SHOOTING: 49.2%
4th 3-POINT%: 36.0%	
5th 3PTM: 122	
VANDERSLOOT – 1st ASSISTS (8.8 APG)	
ALLIE QUIGLEY-5th 3PM: 32	

MISCELLANEOUS

- The Sky is shooting 49.1% 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.
- Fever has lost 5 of last 6 games
- 7 of Fever's 10 losses have been by double figures.
- In spite of shooting 29 FTs vs New York 8/25, Sky is still last in the league in FT attempts at 15.3 per game
- Fever allow the most FT Attempts per game in the league: 22.2 per game
- Fever is last in the league in steals: 5.1 SPG
- Fever force the fewest turnovers per game in the league: 11.6
- Sky 2nd in the league in Points in the Paint: 37.5 per game
- Sky give up fewest 3 Pt FG per game (6.3). Sky gave up 14 to NY last game, the 2nd highest total in a game this season in the WNBA. In the other 15 games, the Sky allows 5.8 3FGM per game
- Fever allow the fewest 3-point attempts per game: 17.7