CHICAGO SKY TALKING POINTS Game Day vs. WASHINGTON MYSTICS Friday, September 4, 2020

RECAP OF LAST GAME

- Sky lost to Minnesota 86-83
- 5th consecutive loss to Minnesota over the last two years
- Sky committed season high 23 turnovers

REVIEWING SKY LOSSES

- 7/30 vs Minn: Napheesa Collier double-double and Rachel Banham 13 points off the bench (5-6 shooting). Sky stopped on multiple shot attempts to tie the game in the last seven seconds
- 8/6 vs Phoenix: Griner, Taurasi, Diggins-Smith and Walker Kimbrough combine for 78 points
- 8/10 vs Seattle: Breanna Stewart 25 points, Sami Whitcomb and Ezi Magbegor come off the bench to combine for 30 points on 12 for 17 from the field. Seattle defense holds Sky to season low 71 points.
- 8/14 vs Connecticut: Sky holds Sun to 38% shooting and 77 points, but Sky offense held to 74 points
- 8/25 vs New York: NY comes into the game last in WNBA in FG shooting, points scored and 3-point FG and explode for 101 points on 56% shooting and 14 three-point FGs. Amanda Zahui B scores season high 22 points
- 8/29 vs Seattle: Storm starting front court combines for 49 points and 28 rebounds. Seattle defense holds Sky to season low 42.6% shooting
- 9/2 vs Minnesota: Damiris Dantas scores career high 28 points on 10 for 13 from the field and 5 for 5 from three. Sky holds rest of team to 37.7% shooting. Sky commits season-high 23 turnovers including a career-high tying eight by Courtney Vandersloot. Sky again miss multiple game tying shots at the end of the game.

MYSTICS SEASON

- Washington entered 1st game this season against Sky undefeated (3-0). Since losing their first game of the year to Sky, Mystics have gone 1-10
- As a team:
 - o Mystics averaging 10.7 PPG less than last year
 - o Mystics shooting 5.4% lower than last year
 - o Mystics allowing 5.8 more PPG more than last year
 - Mystics allowing opponents to shoot 5.6% higher than last year
- Mystics have only four players available from last year's championship team. They have had to replace 77% of the scoring from last season.
- Lost their last 5 games by an average of 10.4 PPG

SKY VS. WASHINGTON

- The Sky went 1-3 against the Mystics in 2019- 1-1 at home and 0-2 on the road.
 - o 6/5 @ Washington: Mystics 103- Sky 85
 - o 6/26 @ Chicago: Mystics 81- Sky 74
 - o 8/23 @ Chicago: Sky 85 Mystics 78
 - o 9/8 @ Washington: Mystics 100 Sky 86
- The Sky won the only game on 2020: 88-86 on 8/1.
 Mystics had the chance to tie with 5.9 seconds remaining, but Courtney Vandersloot stole a pass to seal the win

MIKE THIBAULT

- Career 32-23 coaching record against the Sky
 - o 18-8 with Connecticut (2006-12)
 - o 14-15 with Washington (2013-2019)
- Over the last four seasons (2017-20), Thibault and the Mystics are 9-2 against the Sky





#14 ALLIE QUIGLEY

- 1st on Sky in scoring this season: 15.7 PPG
- 1st in career scoring in Sky history
- Game high 23 points vs Minnesota 9/2. Shot 9-18 for the game but only 2-10 from three
- 30.4% of points this season comes from mid-range shots, 3rd highest in the league
- Scored her 3,000th career point vs Minnesota (currently 3002 points in her career)
- Needs two three-point FGs to reach 400 in her career. She will be the 22nd WNBA player to reach that total
- 4 games of 20 or more points this season- most of any Sky player this season

#2 KAHLEAH COPPER

- 2nd on Sky in scoring: 15.4 PPG
- 10 points vs Minnesota was her 2nd lowest total of the season (behind her only single digit scoring game of six also vs Minnesota)
- Averaging eight PPG vs Minnesota, averaging 16.3 PPG against rest of the league
- 6.4 RPG over last 5 games. Has averaged 2.6 RPG for her career.

#22 COURTNEY VANDERSLOOT

- 3rd on Sky in scoring: 13.2 PPG
- 8th game of the season with double figure assists vs Minnesota (53rd time in her career)
- 6th double double of the season vs Minnesota (35th of her career). Tied for 2nd in WNBA in double doubles this season behind Candace Parker who has eight
- Tied career high with eight turnovers against Minnesota
- Added two more assist records in the Minnesota game:
 - Most Assists in 2 Consecutive games: 30
 - Previously held by Ticha Penichiero: 28 (7/27-7/29/98)
 - o Most Assists in 3 Consecutive games: 39
 - Previously held by Ticha Penichiero: 38 (8/3-8/8-02)
- Vandersloot already holds the WNBA record of most assists over 4 games: 50 (7/20-7/31/18
- Has eight of WNBA's 17 double figure assist games in 2020

#32 CHEYENNE PARKER

- 4th on Sky in scoring: 12.6 PPG
- Vs Minnesota, best game since returning from injury. Scored 20 points on 9 for 15 from the field with career-high 15 rebounds.
- Was averaging 7.5 PPG over the previous 4 games
- 2nd double double of the season and 2nd 20point scoring game of the season
- Held scoreless and without a shot in the 4th quarter by Minnesota
- Season high 4 blocks vs Minnesota

OTHER SKY PLAYERS

- Gabby Williams: Consecutive double figure scoring games ended at 3 and consecutive starts ended at 3
- Gabby Williams: Starter vs Bench

	Games	PPG	FG%	RPG
Starter	3	14.3	50%	5.3
Off Bench	15	6.3	41.5%	3.9

- Ruthy Hebard: Has shot 50% or better from the field in each of the last 11 games and 14 of the 18 games this season
- Ruthy Hebard: Shooting 70.8% from the field over the last 11 games (34 for 48)



RANKINGS / LEAGUE LEADERS

2019 SKY RECORD AFTER 18 GAMES: 10-8 **2019 SKY RECORD AFTER 19 GAMES:** 11-8

CHICAGO WASHINGTON

1st SHOOTING: 49.4%

5th 3PTM: 136

1st ASSISTS: 21.8 APG

2nd SCORING: 87.5 PPG

4th BLOCKS: 4.1 BPG

4th 3PTM: 138

4th FT%: 81.4%

COURTNEY VANDERSLOOT:

1st ASSISTS: 9.4 APG

ALLIE QUIGLEY:

4th 3PTM: 38

CHEYENNE PARKER:

5th FG%: 52.2% **MISCELLANEOUS**

- The Sky is shooting 49.4% 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.
- Mystics 11th in scoring: 78.6 PPG (finished 1st in 2019)
- Mystics 10th in shooting: 41.5% (finished 1st in 2019)
- Mystics 11th in rebounding: 32.3 RPG
- Mystics last in blocks: 2.1 BPG
- Mystics 11th in Opp FG%: 46.6%
- Mystics 11th in Opp 3 Pt FGM: 8.1 per game
- Mystics last in Opp 3 Pt FG shooting: 38.7%
- Sky 1st in Opp Rebounds: 31.5 RPG
- Sky 11th in turnovers: 16.2 per game