

CHICAGO SKY TALKING POINTS
GAME DAY VS. PHOENIX MERCURY, AUGUST 12, 2020
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LAST GAME: The Sky scored a season-low 71 points against the Seattle Storm. It was the first time this season Chicago did not eclipse an 80-point total (previous low of 81 against Minnesota on July 30). Despite the team's struggles offensively, the Sky still had five players post a double-digit scoring total (Quigley (13), Parker (12), Copper (11), Hebard (11), Stevens (10)).

OFFENSIVE PRODUCTION: Chicago ranks first in three major offensive categories throughout its first eight games this season, leading in field goal percentage (48.3%), assists per game (21.3) and 3-point field goal percentage (38.5%). No other team in the WNBA ranks among the top three in each of those categories.

TURNOVER WOES: Chicago ranks 11th in TPG (17.9) and is last in the league in opponent points off turnovers (20.8). Monday's game against Seattle marked the third consecutive time where the Sky allowed its opponent to score at least 20 points off turnovers (previously allowed 28 and 26 to Phoenix (8/4) and Connecticut (8/6) respectfully). The last time the Sky did that was in June of 2018.

A LITTLE BIT OF EVERYTHING FROM THE GENERAL: The Sky is 5-2 this season when guard Courtney Vandersloot records eight or more assists. The 10-year veteran leads the WNBA in assists per game (8.9), four more than second-place Diani Taurasi. Vandersloot has gone five straight games with at least eight assists and is shooting a career-best from the 3-point line (41.4%). She has never finished a season shooting above 40% from beyond the arc.

1000 CLUB: Cheyenne Parker reached 1,000 career points during Monday's game against Seattle, reaching the milestone on her 11th of 12 points. She continues to shoot at a very efficient clip (53.6% from the floor this season) and play a heavy dosage of minutes (at least 23 minutes in every game).

SCORING STREAK: Allie Quigley has reached a double-digit scoring total in every game this season and is the only Sky player who has done so. Over the course of her last five games, she is averaging 15.6 PPG and has played in at least 26 minutes in each of those outings.

COPPER BREAKING OUT: Kahleah Copper continues to log heavy minutes this season, as she has now gone three consecutive games of at least 30 minutes played, and four times in her last five outings. She has scored in double-figures in seven of eight games this season, including five straight. She is shooting over 50% (47-92, 51.1%) from the floor this season, and 33.3% from beyond the arc. Her 14.5 PPG this season is roughly double of what her total career average is (7.1 PPG).

WILLIAMS' SHOOTING IMPORTANCE: When Gabby Williams has shot 50% or better from the floor this season, Chicago is 5-0. Williams has shot 22-36 (61%) from the field and 10-17 (58.8%) from the three while averaging 11.6 PPG in those games.

WORK PAYING OFF FOR STEVENS: Azurá Stevens is averaging career-highs in almost every major statistical category, including minutes (27.6), field goal percentage (49.3%), 3-point field goal percentage (46.2%, shot 11.1% last season), rebounds (5.8), assists (1.6), blocks (1.8) and points (11.6). Her 10-point performance against Seattle on Monday marked the fifth time this season where she recorded a double-digit scoring total.

- **#SKYTAKESACTION:** Chicago Sky players have now committed \$7,570 (\$10/pt, \$100/win, \$50/loss) and have raised \$6,468 for social justice programs from fans and supporters, bringing total contributions to \$14,038.

LOOKING BACK-BEST SKY SEASON STARTS IN HISTORY

AFTER 8 GAMES

7-1 2012
5-3 2013, 2014, 2015, 2019, 2020

2019 RECORD

AFTER 8 GAMES: 5-3

AFTER 9 GAMES

7-2 2012
6-3 2013, 2019

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