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Indiana Fever select Lauren Cox



INDIANAPOLIS – The Indiana Fever selected forward Lauren Cox from Baylor with the third overall pick in the 2020 WNBA Draft on Friday night.

Cox joins Teaira McCowan (2019) and the current vice president of basketball operations and general manager, Tamika Catchings (2001), as the only players in franchise history taken with the No. 3 overall pick.

“We are extremely excited about having Lauren Cox join our organization,” Catchings said. “She does a little bit of everything, which will allow her to play in different positions with different players.”

The three-time All-American, two-time Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year and 2020 Big 12 Player of the Year capped her senior season as one of four finalists for the Naismith National Player of the Year, one year after helping the Baylor Bears to a national championship.

The 6-foot-4 forward from Flower Mound, Texas finished her career with 1,570 points; 982 rebounds, which was good for the ninth most in school history; 363 assists and the second most blocked shots in school history, 302, while starting 95 of 131 games played from 2016-20. During her playing career at Baylor, Cox also recorded the seventh most double-doubles, 35, in program history.

This past season, she became the second player in NCAA women’s basketball history since 1999 to compile at least 1,500 points, 975 rebounds, 300 blocks and 300 assists along with Breanna Stewart.

With USA Basketball, Cox helped earn gold medals during the 2015 FIBA U19 World Cup, 2014 FIBA U17 World Cup and 2013 FIBA Americas U16 Championship.

Along with her sister, Whitney Cox, a freshman at Lubbock Christian University, she earned the USBWA’s Pat Summitt Award for Courage for their advocacy to youth with Type 1 Diabetes (T1D). Both players have used their diagnosis and platform to inspire and care for youth also suffering from T1D. Last summer, Cox was a mentor in the JDRF Foundation Children’s Congress in Washington, D.C., where children living with T1D meet with lawmakers to advocate for research and help them understand the disease.

Cox is the first player ever selected in franchise history from Baylor.

Cox was also the nation’s No. 1-ranked overall player and at her position by ESPN HoopGurlz and All Star Girls Report (ASGR) coming out of high school in 2016.

Cox is expected to speak with media via Zoom on Saturday beginning at 10:30 a.m. ET ([CLICK LINK HERE](#)). Please email Ryan Stevens (rstevens@feverbasketball.com) for any additional questions.

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