

# POSTGAME QUOTES



## SKY GENERAL MANAGER & HEAD COACH JAMES WADE

### On the team's defensive effort tonight :

"We got a chance to play them. We got some practice time and I appreciated the effort from all 10 players. It helped having Stefanie [Dolson], because she's a communicator, she's a talker. So it kind of gave us energy, gave us life on the defensive end. And I think we executed the game plan to where we wanted. The coaches did a good scout, and we followed the scout. We executed it and I was pleased with our effort."

### On the offensive production:

"Our offense is predicated on movement so we're going to create some disadvantages whether that be at two or three. So we were able to get into the lane, and get layups. And so we figured that's what they were giving us. I mean a lot of teams are going to be on us at the three so we'll just drive it if they're going to do that. We didn't shoot the ball well from three but we shot 55% from the field. That's probably one of our most efficient games if you take the three-point line out of it. So, we're actually pleased with that part. I don't think it's too many games [that] we'll go one for 11. We'll adjust but hopefully next game they won't put that much pressure on us to drive and we can make some more shots."

### On slowing Brittney Griner down:

"I mean, the thing is we have more bodies and we were fresher. To have Cheyenne [Parker] by herself that's a big load for her. To have Stefanie Dolson in there with her and then be able to throw Ruthy [Hebard] in there for a few minutes I think that helped throwing multiple bodies at her."

## SKY GUARD ALLIE QUIGLEY

### On what she saw from Phoenix's defense:

"I think my teammates were setting good off-ball screens and then off of pick and roll, I was just trying to be a little bit more aggressive when the shot clock was going down and just finding any way to get the shot off. Struggled a little bit in the first half but just tried to stay positive and confident and luckily it followed in the second [half]."

### On what has been working for her the last few games:

"Just I think finding my rhythm the more we play games. And the more you have good games offensively you bring that confidence and aggression into the next game so I just think I've been a little bit more aggressive and shooting every single day, and just getting into a better rhythm."

### On donating \$20 for each 3-point field goal she makes to the Salvation Army:

"Unfortunately, I didn't make any threes today on my announcement. But I think all of us had talked along with our team initiatives with Sky Takes Action and we just wanted to do something more and I think I was trying to focus on Chicago and my hometown of Joliet. Just trying to find an organization that does really great work in the area of justice and then the youth because those are the two main areas that I wanted to focus on and after a lot of research and talking to family and people that have really worked with them and the heads of the organization, just seemed like a really good fit. Their values and where they see us putting our money and our donations kind of matches with what I was feeling so I'm excited about that and I hope a lot of people can join and help donate."

## SKY GUARD KAHLEAH COPPER

### On defensive preparations for tonight's game:

"We changed our ball screen, defensive scheme, and it worked in our favor. We wanted to keep them on the side and that's what we did, we came out with a defensive intensity. And when the bench came in they kept it going so that was perfect."

### On what was working for the team:

"I think that we just remembered that last game. They [Phoenix] punched us and we never recovered. And I think we wanted to come out and we wanted to punch. I think we did that with our defense and then we know we're a great offensive team so that's going to flow for us but we got stopped so we were planning in transition."

### On if rebounding was a big focus during practice yesterday:

"Yeah, we wanted them to get one shot. One shot then we wanted to go down the other end and play our basketball."

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## SKY CENTER STEFANIE DOLSON

### On what was working for the team:

“Well, first of all it felt so good to be back. I’m so happy, finally. I think it was just a huge team effort. We moved the ball really well on offense. We never quit on plays which is something that we’ve been harping on a lot, missed layups, fouls that weren’t called. We just kept playing. Defensively, we contained [Brittney] Griner, which was a huge team effort. So I’m really proud and happy to be back with this team.”

### On Brave Space Alliance:

“I’m super excited. I think black trans women are a community that I don’t think is talked about enough. Gabby [Williams] kind of went out and reached out to them and we’ve connected and I’m really excited for the beginning of a great relationship with them to just spread that awareness and make sure that people, when they’re talking about Black Lives they’re also talking about black trans women. So I’m excited. I’ll be donating two pairs of shoes to be auctioned off. The ones that I wore in the first game and then I’m having another pair of shoes that my teammates are actually designing and creating themselves that will be auctioned off and then anything that’s what they’re sold for I’ll match, and it will all go to Brave Space.”

### On the camaraderie of the WNBA and its players:

“Yeah, it’s been awesome. I think it’s weird like I was just saying like when you see people off the court. But the camaraderie has actually been there. People might have tough games but you see them the next day and we all kind of know that the situation we’re in is really weird to be seeing teams right after or the next day when you play them. But to see people like

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