

POSTGAME QUOTES



SKY GENERAL MANAGER & HEAD COACH JAMES WADE

On if he's said anything recently to Azurá Stevens that has motivated her during the last two games:

"I mean, we told her to not think so much. We want her to just play and be herself."

On Courtney Vandersloot:

"She's the head of our state. She's been able to create, get in the lanes and make good decisions whether that be putting the ball in the basket or making sure that the offense gets ran or either dropping it down for a dime. She's been doing everything for us these last, I mean, it's the whole season she's been doing a lot for us but these last two games she's been really aggressive and I love it."

SKY GUARD COURTNEY VANDERSLOOT

On how the Sky keeps momentum going from here:

"I think after every game we have to take things that we did well, and grow off those. We won the game, but we weren't exactly happy with how we played so we got to learn from this game. We fouled them [New York] too many times. If we send teams to the free throw line that many times we're not going to win a lot of games so we have to find a way to defend without fouling and that will start against Indiana."

On the MVP talk surrounding her:

"I feel two ways about it. One, I'm obviously honored because those people that are talked about MVP, this is the world's best league and if you're talking about the MVP of that league I mean that's something special. But also, it's just conversation. It's just chatter, it's controlled by the media. To me, I just want to win games. I want to be in a position to win a championship so I'm not really that concerned about it, especially now. Ask me at the end of the season then maybe I'll have a different answer but right now I'm focused on one thing and that's winning games."

SKY FORWARD AZURÁ STEVENS

On her first quarter performance:

"No justice, no peace. I mean I just wasn't overthinking. I think that's been the thing that's helped me the most. Besides obviously like my teammates setting me up really well and pretty much making it really easy for me to score, like just catching the ball and then like going to work. I just wasn't thinking and I think that's really helped me to just play my game."

On her game's versatility:

"I mean I think just because of how versatile my game is like I'm still learning with different matchups, how to exploit them. A couple plays, like I can take bigger girls but sometimes I can use my quickness around them or when I'm posting up against a guard like sometimes all I need to do is turn and shoot. I'm still learning that, how to be more savvy with my game. But I think because I have so many different ways of scoring really, it's easy to overthink it instead of just playing within the flow. I think what's really helped me though is being like here in Chicago, like we really played like as a team and played well together. And so it's really just like know your role and stick to it and don't overthink that. That's I think what's really been helping me is just staying within myself. And like doing whatever I do, just keep doing that. That's really been working."

SKY GUARD ALLIE QUIGLEY

On having Courtney Vandersloot as a teammate on and off the court:

"It's awesome. We've been doing this for seven years and just to be able to watch her grow as a player. We kind of both started in, not similar situations, but our careers have kind of taken off together. Just to watch her get the recognition that she deserves, I see all the hard work that she does every single day, she literally never takes a day off, both of us, so it's just been amazing to watch her. And hopefully we can just keep the wins coming, for both of us but especially for her, it doesn't feel as good unless we're winning."

On relying on the production of the bench:

"It's huge. I think that it's kind of been seen all season long. I think we have five in double figures most games, maybe six, seven sometimes so it's just the way we play. We don't have, you know, one or two big time scorers every other night, another person is gonna step up so it just shows that everyone on the roster can play and we can use them so it's been really helping us."

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