

POSTGAME QUOTES



SKY GENERAL MANAGER & HEAD COACH JAMES WADE

On the last 30 seconds of the game:

"Yeah, we just didn't execute. I think it wasn't the end of the game. I think it was all throughout the game. We didn't value basketball enough, and it hurt us, came back to bite us."

On what the Sky needs to do to regroup:

"We just have to learn from our mistakes. But this is something that has been a constant for us. And no matter if we talk about it or we don't talk about it's just, we have to grow up."

On Stephanie Mavunga:

"She's going to be fine. She just got with us this morning but she's going to be fine."

SKY GUARD ALLIE QUIGLEY

On the team's vocalization on the court:

"We went into the game feeling really good, really positive. Obviously a huge game. Last [game] against Indiana had us all feeling really good. I think just our play on the court just kind of emotionally drained us. You know, when we throw the ball 15 times to them in the first half, it kind of like punches you in the gut every single time. So it's unfortunate that we were doing it to ourselves so I think that's kind of where our energy [is] coming from. We just have to be more disciplined on offense and rebound on defense."

On if she takes any solace for getting back into the game late:

"Yeah, just like it shows that's what's inside of us that you know what we can do when we decide we want to do it, you know. But that's just not how a 40-minute game works. You can't just throw the ball to them 15 times in the first half and then just switch it up and expect to win. But, you know, we have to take some positives from coming back from 18 [points] and just know that if we're more disciplined in the first half, then it's a totally different game."

On if they have more focus in these last four games knowing what's at stake:

"Yeah, I mean we know it now too. It's just about not talking about it but doing it on the court so we know what's at stake. We know every single game matters, the seeding. It's just about doing it on the court now."

SKY FORWARD CHEYENNE PARKER

On what she was talking to the team about tonight:

"I was just trying to get us going. Like, we were making a lot of mental mistakes on offense, just turning the ball over. Doing things that we've already talked about and that we know we're better than. You know, we just made some really bad mental mistakes so I was just trying to uplift our team and get us going and get us, turning it around, you know, just trying to get some time to turn the pace around."

On what she was seeing on the court:

"Well, there's a lot of things that we've got to clean up, you know on defense. Just transition defense is really huge for us, if we want to get far in the playoffs, if we want to see any success we have to clean up our transition defense. Most of the time the transition defense comes from turnovers so if we clean up our turnovers then the transition defense usually will play itself out. We can get back and get turned around in a sense."

On the team's energy tonight:

"Well, when we first started off the game our energy lacked a bit. And, I think throughout the game it did pick up, but because we didn't start with the energy that we needed I think that's the reason why we didn't come out with a win tonight. If we had came out with [the] energy that we needed because we knew how important this game was then we would've almost definitely taken care of it."

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On what she saw from the team tonight:

"We turned the ball over, like we just gave it to them and they probably converted on all of them. I think we had over 20 turnovers. That's too much. That's too much. We still shot 49%. We still got good shots and shots that we wanted but [we] gave them the ball too many times."

On what the Sky needs to do to get itself prepared for upcoming competition:

"We just have to refocus. Not let one [loss] turn into two, let it pile up. I think we got to let this one go, and just focus on the next one."

On the team fighting back into the game:

"We're never out of games, ever. It sucks that we always put ourselves in positions where we're down and then we come all the way back in the game, then we don't finish it. But we just got to find a way to start these games better, control the stretches and control other teams' runs."

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