

POSTGAME QUOTES



SKY GENERAL MANAGER & HEAD COACH JAMES WADE

On the second half struggles:

"They just wanted it more. There's nothing I can say. We gave them confidence and they were able to make shots, and we weren't in place. And now you have a team that's down and you have another team that's happy in their locker room. But this is what you get when you don't do what you're supposed to do."

On the offensive performance

"We weren't good offensively. We made some shots but we weren't enforcing anything. We weren't driving the basketball. We were just taking shots. I don't think we were good offensively. We were under our averages in everything statwise, so it wasn't us. It was poor to me."

On what the team can learn from this loss

"They've just got to want it. We've got to execute, one on one things like one on one defense. Not always depending on help. So if they don't learn it, like we'll go home early, if we don't learn what we're supposed to learn from it. If a team that shoots 39% from the field shoots 54% from the field then everybody's going to have field day on us. But we gave them confidence early. They made a run in the second quarter and they didn't look back. After we were playing catch up and you just can't play catch up in the WNBA."

SKY GUARD ALLIE QUIGLEY

On the second half:

"We made too many mistakes and they were just too comfortable. They had too many wide open threes in the first half. I think they just used that confidence and brought it into the second half. They were just too comfortable. We didn't apply enough pressure on defense."

On staying consistent:

"I think it's just bringing the intensity on defense. You can't win a game when they score 100-something points. No matter what, no matter how good you do on offense if they score 100. So I think we need to focus on our defense and then just being a little bit more consistent on offense."

On her four 3-point field goals still going to a good cause:

"Definitely, it's something to look forward to. It's not something right at this moment I'm thinking about but later on yeah it'll be something positive, at least something positive that came out of it."

SKY GUARD COURTNEY VANDERSLOOT

On the last play of the game:

"That was not the design. I felt like I had nothing else. The five second call was going to come next. So, that was the last resort."

On the quick turnaround:

"Absolutely. If you make adjustments and get better and you learn from it. I've always said that in this league games come so fast one one bad loss can turn into two really quick if you don't nip it in the bud right away. We know we got to take tonight and take it to the gut."

This one hurt. And [we've got to] learn from it and be better next game. We've got another game and we can't let this game get away from us."

On preventing comebacks:

"We've got to dig deep and put together a complete game, especially against teams like New York. We knew they were going to play hard for 40 minutes, no matter the score. So I think we relaxed a little bit, and they kept fighting. They took momentum of the game and we kind of never got it back. So, we have to put together a complete game, a 40 minute game. We know that to win games in this league, you have to play well for 40 minutes and like I said, we didn't do that tonight."

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On what the team needs to do to get back to the winning momentum:

"We've just got to come out and play hard from the beginning and hold on to leads. Really just mature and the fact that once we're beating someone by 15 to really put our foot on their necks and don't let them come back in the game."

On one thing she'll pull from this game:

"Just remember that this is the WNBA. No matter how many wins, just got to come out respecting your opponent, and just playing hard."

On Allie Quigley:

"She hit big shots. Everybody had a tough shooting day. But I think defensively, we've got to step it up. We can't give up 100, 99, whatever it was. You can't give up that many points, period."

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