POSTGAME QUOTES



SKY GENERAL MANAGER & HEAD COACH JAMES WADE

On tonight's game:

"I mean that's what we need. We need everybody locked in. I felt like we kept on, we stayed persistent in what we wanted to do. And even when it didn't work, we just kept our head down and we kept working and that's what we needed."

On Gabby Williams:

"She looked good. She was locked in. It started with her defense. I felt like she was really disruptive, she was running the floor hard and she was aggressive. So we called her number a few times and she delivered. Once she saw the ball go in a few times, I felt like her confidence was high, and so she kept going."

On Courtney Vandersloot breaking the WNBA single-game assists record:

"You wouldn't find a [more] selfless leader and you can tell in the way she plays. We just wanted to be there for her and make shots for her once we had a feeling that she was going to get that record. I thought it was a good day to get it as far as the week that we had, with the day off, with the boycott and everything. So it was a good energy boost for us. And it's actually a good reward for somebody so selfless and I just appreciate being a part of it."

SKY GUARD COURTNEY VANDERSLOOT

On breaking the WNBA single-game assists record:

"This one feels good, because I absolutely thought this record was untouchable. Shoutout to Ticha [Penicheiro] for setting this one. She set the bar very high. I don't think that this one is going to be touched very often. It's tough to get 16 assists in a game so this one is really special. My teammates were knocking down shots and they were just as happy as I was. It makes it so much more enjoyable for me out there."

On the record-breaking shot be made by Allie Quigley:

"Oh, it puts a little cherry on top, it's really special. I know she was happy for me. She wanted to do that for me. It was initially for Ruthy [Hebard] but the backup plan was always Allie. You can always count on Allie to knock down some late shots so that one was special to see it go in and just to know how happy she was for me, even though she made the shot, that's special. What a group to do that with."

On the \$180 she donated to DonorsChoose off her 18 assists:

"Well, this is the reason why I did this from the beginning of the season. It's just to play off some little successes to make a real difference in our community. So, a big night for that. We'll be completing some projects tonight. The record is great but beyond that helping the kids in Chicago is most important."

SKY FORWARD GABBY WILLIAMS

On the team's defensive effort toward Kelsey Mitchell and Tiffany Mitchell:

"Yeah, that was our game plan. You have to pick and choose what players you want to shut down. Some players are going to get theirs. But we really locked in on them. Allie [Quigley] and Kah[leah] [Copper] did amazing on them. So, yeah I mean it was, it was good team defense, good talking, good communication all around."

On Courtney Vandersloot's assist record:

"I'm so happy for her because I know I think she's gotten it three times now to 15 [assists]. And so special that the last two [assists] were to Allie [Quigley]. Just the way that she reads the floor. Like I know if I cut I know she's going to see me. I know if I run the floor, I know she's going to see me and I think she's the only point guard in the country that you can say that about. I don't want anybody else calling their point guard a point God because we have the one."

On the team maintaining energy:

"Yeah, we just have to appreciate what we do have. I think the last couple games were tough because we were just harping on some things we couldn't control as far as injuries, as far as people. A lot of changes happened within our team so we just said 'hey,' James [Wade] was like, 'this is what we got. And I love what we have. So let's embrace it.' And we just kind of got our mojo back today."

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SKY GUARD KAHLEAH COPPER

On Courtney Vandersloot breaking the WNBA single-game assists record:

"Feels good. It really feels good to be a part of it, to share that moment with her and be able to make baskets when she gives it to you. So, I'm just excited. I'm super happy that she got to accomplish that. It's just great playing alongside her."

On Wednesday's game against Minnesota:

"We're going to watch some film. Really watch the last game and see what happened and try to fix those small mistakes and really try to capitalize so we can win the game."

On the mindset she had heading into tonight's game:

"It's just like your back against the wall. It's like what are you going to do? You're going to come out and you're going to lay down or are you going to come out, and you're going to go throw the first punch? And I think that's what we did. We came out, everybody was aggressive, everybody had the energy. And we just came out fighting. We came out swinging and the game came out in our favor."

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