

POSTGAME QUOTES



SKY GENERAL MANAGER & HEAD COACH JAMES WADE

On what Washington was able to do defensively against the Sky tonight:

"They played."

On adjusting mindset and not getting the results he's wanted:

"I just need us play harder, make an effort, and be able to sit down and guard somebody."

On his biggest focal point heading into Sunday's game vs. Los Angeles:

"You gotta be able to guard somebody."

SKY FORWARD CHEYENNE PARKER

On her individual performance and what was working for her:

"I've known from the first time we played against them that they couldn't guard me on the block, so I just made my presence known early. We just... It's unfortunate that we just lost tonight, but we have to find a way to come together on the court and get it done. But, we knew early to get the post presence was vital."

On what Washington did to have such a strong first quarter:

"They were the aggressor. They were aggressive from the beginning of the tip, and we weren't, and that's what has been hurting us past the past few games, is how we start."

On what message she wants to convey to rest of her team:

"That we just have to get back to finding ourselves. We just talked to the locker room and our general [Courtney Vandersloot] Sloot was just like, 'This sucks, yeah, this is a horrible feeling, but we have to we have to find our identity again and get back to playing Chicago basketball.'"

On if it was one thing in particular Washington did on offense or defense to disrupt, or if Mystics just wanted it more:

"I think was a little bit of both. I think the one thing that we struggled with was, for one, most of the most of the players that would make shots, we didn't make certain shots that we usually make. That definitely contributed to lack of points on the board, but then we also give them confidence early. They played confidently from the beginning of being on the game and we didn't respond right away. We gave them the opportunity to get confident, so that's what hurt us, I think, just that early aggression."

SKY CENTER STEFANIE DOLSON

On what Washington did defensively to slow them down:

"Honestly, I think they were rushing us. We didn't make a lot of good decisions on offense and didn't take great shots. We weren't making all of our shots tonight, but that doesn't excuse anything. It was just a rough night."

On the key to making a quick turnaround before Sunday's competition:

"We just got to be professional. We knew coming into this season it was gonna be a game every other night. This one hurts. We got to learn from it, but we have a game in another day, so, you know, it's a quick turnaround and we got to start scouting and get ready for that game."

On falling to the Mystics, a team that was ranked 11th in league standings heading into tonight's game:

"I don't think it was anything that they did, you know, our defense has to be better than it is. They were in the second to last place team I think, and we let them score pretty easily. We have to be better on defense. We know we can score on offense, so it's really just focusing on our defense."

On expecting to be given tougher competition on Sunday against LA, a top playoff contending team:

"Yeah, of course. Obviously, we know how good they are, we just have to make sure we're ready and we will be ready. Like I said before, we know it's a quick turnaround so although this one hurts a lot, we just got to learn from it and move on. Because there's still some games left that are important. A lot of games left that are important and at this point, we know we made the playoffs, but it's about getting a good spot in playoffs."