

# Postgame Notes & Quotes

**Los Angeles Sparks 74, Chicago Sky 67**  
**Staples Center, Los Angeles, CA**  
**September 10, 2011**

## Notes

- With the win, the Sparks improve to 15-19 overall and 10-7 at home
- With the loss, the Sky slip to 14-19 overall and 3-12 on the road
- The Sparks set a franchise-best in three-point field goal percentage (.396)
  - The previous record (.379) was set in 2004.
- DeLisha Milton-Jones led the Sparks with 15 points on 6-for-10 shooting.
  - “Sunshine” reached several milestones in her 13th WNBA season, during which she was the only Spark to start all 34 games.
    - Earlier this year she passed Mwadi Mabika for second all-time on the Sparks career scoring list behind Lisa Leslie and now has 3,693 points while wearing the purple, teal and gold.
    - Milton-Jones will enter 2012 ranked 10th on the WNBA’s all-time scoring list (4,863) and fifth all-time in steals (550) after passing Yolanda Griffith earlier this year.
- Sparks guard Kristi Toliver chipped in 11 points and four rebounds.
  - Toliver averaged new career highs this season in points (11.2) and assists (2.9)
- With the loss, the Sky failed to match the club record for victories and will play their season finale in Seattle against the Storm.
- Los Angeles went 2-0 against the Sky this season and lead the all-time series 8-4
  - The Sky have failed register a win inside STAPLES since July 1, 2007.
  - With the loss Chicago becomes the only team to be swept by L.A. in 2011.
- Leading the Sky with 18 points and 11 rebounds, Sylvia Fowles notched her 21<sup>st</sup> double-double of the season.
  - Fowles currently ranks second in the WNBA in double-dips, trailing Connecticut Sun post player Tina Charles (22).
- With her fifth rebound, Fowles became the Sky’s all-time leader in rebounds passing Candace Dupree’s mark of 980.
- With her first assist, Courtney Vandersloot set a new club record for assists in a season passing Dominique Canty’s 2007 mark of 123.
- Among the crowd at STAPLES Center was Los Angeles Lakers head coach Mike Brown.

## **Postgame Quotes:**

**Sparks head coach Joe Bryant:** "I was happy that we played good defense and helping out No. 20 [Kristi Toliver] through the quarters and just played good basketball."

(About the season) "It was decent season but we lost our star player for 15 games. You have some things to fix that have been going on like turning the ball over and defensive rebounding. The last five six games we have kind of corrected that."

(Next season outlook) "Number one trying to keep a healthy Candace Parker, and like I said turnovers and controlling the boards."

**Sparks forward DeLisha Milton-Jones:** "I really wish that we would be participating in postseason play but you have to play the cards that were dealt. We had plenty of opportunities this season to solidify our spot for ourselves but we fell short numerous times and hopefully it's a lesson learned."

(Looking forward) "Come into training camp and have a new found focus and find our identity on the team and put all of our effort on the defensive side because that is how you win games and ultimately win championships."

**Sky head coach Pokey Chatman:** "Our focus was to win the game. It's about making progress, correcting mistakes, and growing as a team. Several things we were playing for as well, in terms of winning more games than we won the previous year. We lost the shot at winning more games that were won [in a season] in franchise history. I give credit to LA. Their veteran players did a good job and made plays when they needed to make plays."

**Sky center Sylvia Fowles:** "We just wanted to come out and play to the best of our ability. We really didn't have anything to play for we just wanted to play to get better. I felt that they got off to a pretty good start. As the game went along they had some key players who came in the game, picked them up and had high energy."