

# Postgame Notes & Quotes

**Chicago Sky 78, Washington Mystics 65**  
**Allstate Arena, Chicago, IL**  
**July 5, 2011**

## NOTES

- The Sky ended a three game losing streak and is now 5-6 overall.
- Chicago has won both matchups with Washington this season, four straight overall against the Mystics and six out of the last seven.
- The Sky led by as many as 17 points late in the second quarter and led by 11 at the half.
- Sylvia Fowles scored a season high 34 points to lead the Sky in scoring, one point away from tying her career high of 35.
- Fowles also recorded a season high 16 rebounds.
- .Epiphanny Prince, who leads the league in steals, swiped 5 more on the night. She also scored 14 points.
- The Sky outrebounded the Mystics 38 to 27.
- The Sky outshot the Mercury 48.1 to 38.9%.
- Alana Beard, Crystal Langhorne and Monique Curry all did not suit up for the Mystics due to injury. Dominique Canty was out for Sky.
- The Sky had 18 points off the bench; the Mystics 21
- Michelle Snow recorded her 320th block of her career with 56.9 seconds in the 2nd quarter. She is now ninth all time on the WNBA.
- The Mystics outscored the Sky in fast break points 17 to 5.
- The Mystics and the Sky each had 34 points in the paint.
- Marissa Coleman led the Mystics with 14 points while Matee Ajavon and Jasmine Thomas had 11.
- The Mystics were only 1 for 13 from three point range.

## **POSTGAME QUOTES**

### **Chicago Sky Head Coach Pokey Chatman**

*(On the game)*

"We talked about playing a physical game and being in attack mode. When you look at the stat sheet we won in areas on the boards and we got to the free throw line we didn't settle for jumpers, we were efficient in the paint. Anytime you can get to the free throw lane and attack it does something special."

*(On the focus of the game)*

"Opening and closing because we always talk about it and call it those it empty minutes. In the flow of the game, like in Phoenix we gave up 7 points in 57 seconds and we try to eliminate some of that, negative game flow and I think we did some of that. I always tell the team when a coach has to take a timeout, whatever you do when you come out, it really can deflate the opponent when you come out there and attack."

*(On motivating team in the timeout)*

"It really goes back to the basics of things, it wasn't anything magical, we were just reiterating what had gotten us off to great start, and reminding them of the defensive schemes. They scored 12 points in the first quarter and 12 points in the second quarter, because they had 24 at the half, and just reminding them at the half of all the hard work they had done."

*(On Sylvia Fowles)*

"I thought that everything was finally on the same page. Our perimeter was on the same page as Sylvia, she was posting and sealing and asking for the ball. I thought she was tremendous in our pick and roll, she was sprinting to screens and her man was late and couldn't help. I just thought she played at a high level physically."

*(On ending a losing streak)*

"It was huge. It wasn't just ending it, but how we ended it and how we played and what you can take away from it because often times when you lose a game it sometimes takes you a day to find the positive stuff. But I remember some positive stuff. Michelle and Syl down low, I thought Sloot played well in Phoenix. There were some positive things we wanted to build on, I thought most importantly for us was for us to stick to our defensive schemes."

### **Chicago Sky Center Sylvia Fowles**

*(On receiving the world championship ring)*

"My mindset going into practice this week, I had to redeem myself I wasn't playing the way I was capable of playing and I felt like I was letting my teammates down."

"I've been getting some insight from my teammates and I all I had to was carry it out to the floor and that is exactly what I did"

*(On what the win means)*

"It means a lot just to redeem myself and as a team and to know that we are still here and we still have the opportunity to compete with anybody"

"I think we showed a lot of guts tonight as a team and a lot of people stepped up coming off the bench"

*(On Epiphanny)*

"Piph plays a major role on the team, she gets us going even when even the game is lost. She carries the team."

"She means a lot not just the way she plays but just to hear her off the court makes a difference"

### **Chicago Sky Guard Courtney Vandersloot**

*(On winning)*

Feels good you always get down a little bit after three loses but it feels good to come home have a couple games at home and get a good win,"

*(On Epiphanny)*

"She does it all for us, people don't realize how good she is on defense and how much she can run the floor."

"She really takes a lot of weight off my shoulders."

"I know when she has the ball the ball is in good hands."

### **Washington Head Coach Trudi Lacey**

*(On Kraayeveld)*

"We guarded her! Last game we didn't, we left her open in corners and gave her wide open looks and she is a great shooter so she is going to hit those. Tonight it was a different story. We just fouled way too much. Fowles had 34 points and half on them from the free throw line that was the difference for us."

*(Adjustment at half time)*

"Well I talked to them for sure. We were just really out of sync offensively in the first half and in the second half we decided to pound the ball inside and push the ball in transition so we were able to play better offensively in the second half. We did do a good job protecting the ball. I think the difference for

us was we put them on the free throw line too much and then when we got to the free throw line we did not hit our free throws.”

*(Points in the paint / preparing for Sylvia)*

“She is just a monster of a player, we got in early foul trouble and we were playing with a very short bench. I think it was just a combination of things and she makes it tough for us. She is just a great player.”

#### **Washington Guard Nicky Anosike**

*(Guarding Sylvia)*

“We had a game two nights ago and did not have a lot of time to prepare for her. When you play a great player you have to switch up some things”

*(Scoring in the paint)*

“We have to finish inside and try and take it inside so it can open it up on the outside, but once it started to open up on the outside we didn’t knock down shots that we should have and that was the game plan for sure.”

#### **Washington Forward Marissa Coleman**

*(On the Game)*

“You never feel to great after a loss, but we did some good things. We let them get a lot of easy lay ups, put them on the free throw line and we were not converting on the opposite end on offense.”

*(Adjustment at half time)*

“I think it is just a trend. We play one half well and the other half not so well, so we just need to put a full game together.