



**Post Game Notes and Quotes**  
**Chicago Sky 95, Tulsa Shock 70**  
**June 5, 2010**

<b>Team</b>	<b>High Points</b>	<b>High Rebounds</b>	<b>High Assists</b>
Chicago	Fowles 32	Fowles 13	Canty 6
Tulsa	Crossley 20	Braxton 9	Lacy 7

- Attendance at tonight's game: 4549.
- The Sky (4-4) recorded their franchise-record fourth win in a row tonight.
- The Shock (3-4) move to 1-1 on the road this season. The Shock was previously on a two-game win streak.

**Key Run of the Night**

In the fourth quarter, the Sky went on a 25-4 run to open up a 93-65 lead. Sky guard Tamera Young had seven straight points during the run.

**Sky Highlights**

- Sylvia Fowles had a career-high 32 points in the win. Her previous high was 23.
- Fowles's 32 points was the 3<sup>rd</sup> time a Sky player has scored 30-plus points, 2<sup>nd</sup> behind Jia Perkins's 39 points in 2007.
- The 25-point margin of victory was the highest in Sky history.

**Shock Notes**

- The Shock was 4-0 against the Sky in 2009.
- Scholanda Robinson scored 15 points off the bench in the losing effort.
- Shanna Crossley was 5-6 from behind the arc and finished with 20 points.

**CHICAGO SKY**

**SKY COACH STEVE KEY QUOTES**

*On the team's recent play:*

It's a great statement game. We feel like we are finally knocking down some big shots. Shameka Christon had her best offensive night since joining the Sky, and it definitely helped. Sylvia Fowles is playing like the player we know she can, and that's given us huge confidence.

*On getting back to .500:*

I think it's a matter of time. The chemistry wasn't there because we had only been together for six or seven days, and it has taken time to get used to each other. Once we got

comfortable, and started believing in our own discipline, got more focused, and the results speak for themselves.

*On the dynamic of Sylvia Fowles and the Sky shooters:*

The way we put this team together since last year was key. We led the league in three-point shooting last year, and we expect to increase upon that this year. When Sylvia is on her game, she demands a double or even triple team, and when that happens, we have open shooters on the wing and that should be a big key for us.

### **#34 SYLVIA FOWLES, CENTER**

*On getting comfortable with the team:*

Rest has been huge for us. I felt like we have been playing just OK as a team, but we knew we could play better. The coaches have really looked to me to lead on the floor, so I've made some adjustments to rebound some more, and once I did that, everything else just got put into perspective.

*On finally playing healthy:*

This is the first year I have played in the WNBA where I feel 100%, and I'm really looking forward to the rest of the season.

*On the change from 0-4 to 4-4:*

We knew this would come. We had a lot of new faces, and still learning each other's games, we just had to get on the same page, see what was going to work for us, and it started to click.

### **#33 CATHRINE KRAAYEVELD, FORWARD**

*On four game losing streak turned four game winning streak:*

Although we lost those four games in a row we weren't playing bad, we were playing pretty good but we were having a lull in one part of the game. Maybe our third quarter wasn't as good and the other teams were taking advantage of it. So I don't think there is one thing where all of a sudden we were clicking. We were playing all those games we just couldn't finish, but these past four games we have been able to take advantage of our strengths and we have been playing four quarters.

*On team's strengths:*

That's a huge strength of ours; we have so many different people who can do so many different things. You take one thing away and someone else is going to come up and do what they do.

### **TULSA SHOCK QUOTES HEAD COACH NOLAN RICHARDSON**

*On the team's energy in the back-to-back:*

We didn't have it. We're just out there going through the motions. We're dead. Some of the games we got back-to-back at least we can get there the day before we might have everything, at least energy. This is our first back-to-back and I haven't seen anything like it.

*On defense late in the game:*

We went into what we call our scramble defense and I saw us not getting to the balls and when you see them not getting to the ball there is a problem and that problem is they just didn't have the energy.

*On Sylvia Fowles 32-point performance:*

Fowles is a very good basketball player. Anytime they get it to her she is a tremendous player. Not many people would have been able to stop her tonight and I guess most nights. She's an excellent player you know you can't guard her one-on-one and tonight she had her go against our team.

## **#20 MARION JONES, GUARD**

*On Sylvia Fowles's 32-point performance:*

She was getting good position and she's an incredible athlete obviously, and they were getting her the ball they were seeing her and we weren't doing a good job of using our help defense.

*On lack of energy and late arrival to Chicago:*

It was tough. We played really hard last night, we had a really good game in Tulsa to turn around and get to bed late, wake up early and get in almost three o'clock... it's not excuses because everybody has to do that. You just have to find the energy to play hard the entire 40 minutes. Some things were lacking for us tonight.

## **#23 PLENETTE PIERSON CENTER**

*On what she saw in the game:*

I don't think many people expect me to shoot jumpers. I have worked on it all season. In Detroit, I actually didn't need to do it last year. That's what is. Everyone is expecting you to drive and when you come out here and hit jumpers, things you haven't done before, it kind of eventually broke up.

*On accomplish on court:*

I just go out there and play hard. If I have to give my body up for a play, that's what I have to do. Sylvia is a big force inside and we needed a lot of help to stop her and we still didn't do a good job at that, but she's a great player and great players are going to get baskets. That's nothing against her, she played really hard and we just have to find a way next time.

*On timing on arriving in Chicago:*

Especially on a back-to-back, I think getting into the city at 3 o'clock and playing a 7 o'clock game, there's no time to rest or go through your pregame ritual and eat and do the things you need to perform. Not to use that as an excuse, we still came out here and played hard, I think our team played as hard as you could playing on a back-to-back and the second game. Hopefully next time we will learn from this and get into the city a little earlier and do what we have to do.