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MINNESOTA LYNX vs. SEATTLE STORM

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LYNX HEAD COACH **CHERYL REEVE**

(On the game)

"It's what we expected in a home opener. Seattle is one of the more difficult places to come to on a home opener. I thought there were times when both teams played really well – great runs back and forth. Then for us, I think we shot 32 percent in the second half, but to still find a way to win the game on the road in a really tough place is what we're proud of. We made some big plays, made some big stops and ultimately, winning here is really hard so we're pleased."

(On how reassuring it is to have a veteran group to close out games)

"It's a group that's been together, but we played people more minutes than we have all season. But these guys have been here and done this before here in Seattle. It's a hard building, they're making runs, the place gets loud so we just had a group that has been here a number of times so I thought our execution was really good when it counted."

(On any second half defensive adjustments on Breanna Stewart)

"(Rebekkah) Brunson is somebody that does that to people that she faces so she really took that challenge on. I thought our schemes in the first half weren't so good. We probably waited a little too long to adjust, but we got in here at halftime and talked about some better ideas on how to defend. It was creating problems for us with (Stewart) setting ball screens and they were picking apart some of our schemes. She's a heck of a player, but in the end, I think it was just a matter of Brunson being really determined. When she does that, she's just so hard to play against."

LYNX FORWARD **REBEKKAH BRUNSON** 12 POINTS, 7 REBOUNDS

(On the defensive adjustments vs. Breanna Stewart)

"We actually played the same way in the second half as we did in the first half. (Stewart) is a good offensive player so we wanted to make everything difficult for her. We did a great job of doing that."

(On the team's developing chemistry)

"We got our full group together a little bit late. From the first game, we had some people rolling, but now everybody is getting involved, everybody is doing what they're good at, doing what's necessary to help us win games, especially games like this. Every shot is not going to go in and we're going to have to play great defense. Now we're at a point where we're getting comfortable with each other defensively and we're making it hard for other teams."

LYNX FORWARD **MAYA MOORE** 17 POINTS, 8 REBOUNDS

(On the game)

"Both teams played really hard. It was a great home opener as far as energy and both teams competing. It was a game of runs, although we had a bit of a stalemate there in the third quarter where both teams were going as hard as they could, but shots weren't falling. But fans that know basketball know that we're two good defensive teams so we try to make it hard on each other. We made plays down the stretch and came together and had to execute. We got some stops and made some timely baskets. I'm so proud of the way Seimone (Augustus) was finding people. Our post players stepped up big with Brunson hitting that jumper and



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Sylvia (Fowles) hitting that and-one plus another turnaround in the middle of the paint that cushioned it for us. It was a solid basketball game."

(On how the team is coming together)

"Every day, I think this group wants to take advantage of the time that we have together. There are several staple players that have been here for a while now, but we have a lot of new players. The other half of our team is new and haven't been a part of a whole season with the Lynx so they're hungry to get it right, to get it together with those of us who have been here for a while. We want to make sure we're clicking on all cylinders. Today wasn't a perfect game for us and we know that's going to happen when you're on the road, but we fought through it, we stayed together. That's the main thing with us – making sure we're communicating and staying together. We can get over a lot of humps that way."