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WASHINGTON MYSTICS vs. SEATTLE STORM

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MYSTICS HEAD COACH **MIKE THIBAUT**

(On the game)

"We have great battles here. Seems like every year it's this kind of game. Last year's game came down to the last possession or two. They're a good team who is only going to get better. I hate to think what (Breanna) Stewart is going to be like in the next couple of years. Her and (Jewell) Loyd together – holy smokes. But given all of the stuff we've been through the last couple of weeks with all the injuries and getting people back ... this is a great road win."

(On Ivory Latta's first game back)

"I felt like she was going to have a good shooting night tonight because for two straight days she's made everything. She had a bounce to her so I thought it was a situation where she could give us a jump start off the bench, which we haven't had offensively. That was huge for us."

(On the team's composure)

"Yeah, we gave them nine points in about a 3-minute period in threes after they'd gotten an offensive rebound. We'd done a great job on the boards up until then. When the momentum is slipping on the road you feel like oh my, but the couple plays we made to get fouls at the end, then Ivory's three. We made really good defensive stops in the overtime, which was a big key. They're going to keep getting better. It's fun to watch two young teams like that who have huge upsides to them. When you're young, you wonder about your poise, but tonight it was good."

MYSTICS GUARD **IVORY LATTA**

(On the game)

"It was a really good game and I'm proud of the team. We fought hard together through adversity and still came together. We had some ups and downs, but through it all, everybody stayed focused. We stuck to the game plan and came out with a big win."

(On how her first game back felt)

"I'm like a little kid in a candy store. When coach called my name, I looked at him and thought, 'Is he serious?' I was so nervous. Then when I got out there and touched the ball, everything went away. I have to give thanks to my teammates. They kept telling me I could do it and that they believed in me and to just go out there, play my game and have fun. They gave me all the energy I needed tonight."

(On the team's poise)

"Yes, we kept our composure. Coach always tells us that basketball is a game of runs – we're going to make ours and they're going to make theirs, but it comes down to which team is going to stay composed, stay focused and execute down the stretch, get the rebounds ... I'm proud of the team. We did a great job tonight."

MYSTICS GUARD **TAYLER HILL**

(On the game)

"I saw a team come together in the end and we stuck together when (Seattle) made their run at the end of the game."



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(On what the difference was at the end)

"Just us playing together and our communication. It was key that we communicated. In some of our losses, we separated, but tonight we came together and communicated and pushed each other through."

(On Ivory Latta's return to the floor)

"It's a big difference with Ivory. She's our veteran point guard and our captain. It's good to be back on the floor with her because she's making big plays. Even if she's not making shots, she's out there directing us."