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STORM HEAD COACH **JENNY BOUCEK**

(On what the 16-point comeback says about the team)

"It says we're a young team to get down 16. It shows what we are capable of doing. I was concerned that we might think we played the top-three teams in the league and have a little bit of relaxation. Every team in this league is good. Washington is a playoff team and they're a very good team. I just think it took us awhile to get to the level that we needed to get to. Hopefully we'll learn from this, that you must respect every player and every team in this league. I don't think it was conscious, I don't think it was major, but it was subtle enough to get us in a hole."

STORM FORWARD **BREANNA STEWART**

(On what the comeback says about the team)

"We fought back. It seems like in three of four games from this year, we've fought back and I think now we need to keep ourselves out of that hole. If we came out stronger in the first and second quarters, things would have been a little different. We are a young team, we're still learning, it's just we have to be quicker."

(On missing shots capable of making)

"We definitely did miss a lot of shots in the first half. That's been a common theme. Shots just aren't falling. Eventually, they have to, right? Even today, we lost, but I felt myself getting into a better groove shooting-wise. The shots that I get seem to be good ones."

(On playing against former teammates)

"Anytime I'm able to play with teammates I played with in college is always cool. For Steph and Bria, I played two years with them at UCONN and did great things there and I know they are going to continue to do great things at this level."

STORM GUARD **SUE BIRD**

(On what the comeback says about the team)

"It's funny. I think the fact that we were down 16 is what is more telling in terms of a young team and that's just that you can't relax at any point in this league. You really can't. Three, four, five possessions of a lull can end up being a 15-point lead like that. That's really more what we're going to learn from. Is it really great that we came back and didn't give up? Absolutely, but we're a young team and they shouldn't get tired, right? We're going to look at that and take some good from that, but we really need to focus on starting off much better."

(On not knocking down shots)

"Sometimes that's going to happen. It's unfortunate but it's going to happen. We did get good looks, so that is the good news, we just weren't making them. But that's when you have to have your defense to rely on. That's when you can't let teams go off the way they did early on. Hopefully if you're not making your shots you can still stay within five points and not let the lead balloon a little bit. That's where energy and coming out with a certain level of it really comes into play."