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Mercury vs. Storm
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Talking Stick Resort Arena
Mercury 80 | Storm 81

MERCURY HEAD COACH **SANDY BRONDELLO**

(On what this loss means to the team)

“Obviously I’m disappointed, we showed a lot of promise in that first quarter. I thought we came out with a sense of urgency defensively, and that was an area we needed to improve on those first two games in the losses. We moved the ball on offense and that’s the way we played and the next three quarters we just went away from that for whatever reason. I obviously credit Seattle, they’ve got a great, young talented team and they put us on our back foot a little bit, but we’re a better team than we showed tonight. We have to keep working, the games don’t get any easier. We have to keep working, we have to make sure we stay together, we have to make sure we hold each other accountable, and we get ready for Minnesota.”

(On the high expectations for this star-studded team)

“Champion players don’t make a championship team. If you’re not on the same page, you’re not going to win. I don’t think we’re quite on the same page just yet, but I know we’re capable of getting there. These players in the locker room, they hate losing. They’re winners.”

MERCURY CENTER **PENNY TAYLOR** **15 POINTS | 7 REBOUNDS**

(On losing the lead and ultimately the game)

“Any loss is tough, but we played in such good spurts throughout the game. Obviously Jewell made two really tough shots at the end, we defended well, but she just had a great game. It is disappointing because we showed some really great stretches both on the offensive end and defensive end.”

MERCURY GUARD **DIANA TAURASI** **23 POINTS | 6 ASSISTS**

(On Jewell Loyd’s play)

“She played great. She’s going to be a heck of a player in this league for a long time. She can do so much on the court, grab so much attention. She was awesome...Our goal was to limit her, and we didn’t do that as a team. She pretty much got whatever shot whenever she wanted it.”

(On playing Minnesota next)

“They’re defending champs. We’re 0-3. You can either think about the whole year in or try to climb out of it. And we’re going to try to climb out of it in desperation...Rome wasn’t built in a day. We can be frustrated, we can look at it in a lot of different ways, but that’s not going to change the 0-3 start, it’s not going to change the things we have to fix. We’ve been in this locker room a long time, a lot of these players, and the last thing we’re going to do is lay down.”