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**Mercury vs. Storm**  
**May 08, 2016**  
**Talking Stick Resort Arena**  
**Mercury 70 | Storm 76**

**MERCURY HEAD COACH SANDY BRONDELLO .....**

**(On how the team chemistry has been so far...)**

“I mean obviously we still have a lot of work to do, but we’re adding three key players, three starters to the team starting tomorrow, so that will help. We got a lot of rookies in camp and they’re still learning a totally new system for us, but it takes time, to get the chemistry that we need. We had a few too many breakdowns tonight, but they’re things that are very fixable. I’m happy with where we’re at the moment.”

**(On what the focus of preseason was...)**

“It’s defense. You wouldn’t have probably have thought it tonight, but defensively just trying to learn a new system basically. We just broke down in too many spots, which we shouldn’t have. But you know that’s a focus, it always has been a focus, we think about defense first and hopefully offense will get played out of that. And we didn’t shoot the ball well tonight and we allowed them too many open looks, but like I said, it’s very fixable, it’s preseason that’s what it’s all about.”

**MERCURY FORWARD PENNY TAYLOR ..... 9 POINTS | 2 REBOUNDS**

**(On how the team has gelled so far...)**

“It’s obviously a good start. We’ve had two preseason games so far so it’s a good way to work on things. We’re obviously not there yet, so we keep moving forward and working on the things that are important to Sandy and try to fix up our problem areas.”

**(On what Coach has emphasized most in preseason...)**

“I think defensively we’re really trying to work on having a team defense and a team concept. You know that’s new for some people and we’re all still getting used to it, so I think that’s the main goal at the moment.”

**MERCURY FORWARD MISTIE BASS ..... 14 POINTS | 6 REBOUNDS**

**(On how new players integrated so far this season...)**

“They’ve actually done really, really well. You know Sandy does through a lot at us very quickly and you know they’ve really caught on. They’ve spent extra time just making sure they get all our plays down and you know they work hard so I think a lot of that showed in our first preseason game. They played really really well. You know it’s going to be a growing thing for them but they’re doing really well and they’re really positive and I think they can contribute a lot to our team.”

**(On the chemistry developing amongst the team..)**

“Everything’s been wonderful. When we lost two players everyone was like “Aww”. You know we’re a close knit team, but I think that goes from top to bottom. You know the way the coaches are, the way the leaders are with this team. It’s just, we’re a close knit team.”