



Visitor Quotes

<p>Mercury vs. Storm May 20, 2016 Talking Stick Resort Arena</p> <p>Mercury 80 Storm 81</p>

STORM HEAD COACH JENNY BOUCEK.....

(On Jewell Loyd’s game-winning shot):

“When it comes to the end of games, in this league, the defenses are so tough, the coaches are so smart that a lot of times it’s going to be a broken play and a player or teammate making a play out of a broken play and that’s what happened.”

(On Loyd taking advantage of the defense on her go-ahead shot):

“She can score. That was still not a very high percentage shot, but we’ll take it.”

(On how she felt about her team’s momentum throughout the game):

“We’re really just trying to focus on ourselves right now. We are a young team, we’re new together and so when we start focusing on other teams or big picture stuff it just is a little overwhelming for our group right now. So we’re just trying to stay very centered, very focused, very narrow and focus on taking shape the way that we want to take shape.”

STORM GUARD JEWELL LOYD..... **30 POINTS | 6 REBOUNDS**

(On what was going through her mind when she took her go-ahead shot):

“Well the play was drawn up for me to attack the basket but I came off and (DeWanna) Bonner was just kind of sagging off of me so I was trying to get a good shot and attempt at the rim.”

(On her career-high 30-point performance):

“It’s really my teammates. They encourage me to take good shots, they put me in situations to score. There were a couple transition baskets that helped me get into a good rhythm, but it’s really my teammates.”

(On how the Storm was able to win a close game after being outscored in the first quarter):

“We’re just really relentless. I think today showed, not just everyone but ourselves, that we can fight back. And we can get down and fight back. We just made them take really hard shots and just stuck with it. We got it down to close numbers, we could overcome any deficiencies from the first quarter. So for us we just need to keep battling and that’s what happened tonight.”

STORM GUARD SUE BIRD **17 POINTS | 5 REBOUNDS**

(On the Storm’s guard play tonight):

“I mean Jewell is playing really well. I was just saying earlier a game like tonight, of course you see the 30 points and game winner, and you think, ‘Oh that’s an amazing game.’ But Jewell has actually been playing at that level all training camp. Her and Stewie (Breanna Stewart) are probably the two bright spots of our last game where we got beat by L.A. So this is really becoming the norm so this is great. She’s matured in her game, you could tell the minute she got back from Europe, and it’s paying dividends.”