



VISITOR QUOTES

PHOENIX MERCURY vs. SEATTLE STORM

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MERCURY HEAD COACH **SANDY BRONDELLO**

(On the game)

"It starts with our starters – we're just not getting enough effort. There's no defensive intensity. I don't know why – that's something that we've been good at in the past, but it's been an issue for us all season long. Credit to Seattle. They really moved the ball and have a lot of different options, but we just didn't execute the scout. And that's on us. We have to take a hard look at ourselves."

(On playing Minnesota next)

"No game is easy, especially Minnesota, especially on their home court. This is our third time (playing them) in eight games, which isn't perfect for us, but it's an opportunity for us to show some heart. That's what it comes down to."

(On if Seattle has their number this season)

"Look, they're a good, young team. (Breanna) Stewart is really good and (Jewell) Loyd has break-out games against us, but we just don't play defense. We're giving them wide open threes and not executing the scout. We're not defending the three-point line above the break. We let anyone shoot. We didn't help, we gave up offensive rebounds ... you name it. We're just poor in a lot of spots. The onus is on us. The only people that can change it is us. But Seattle is a great, young team. Jenny (Boucek) had them moving and playing well together. We have to change it soon, otherwise we're going to be too far behind."

MERCURY GUARD **PENNY TAYLOR** 19 POINTS, 5 ASSISTS

(On the game)

"I think Seattle had a great game. They moved the ball really well and played together. They spread us out and we struggled to defend."

(On the team's lack of defensive intensity)

"It's something we're working on, but obviously needs some improvement. I think we're still learning how to play with each other again and how to have each other's backs on the defensive end as well as on the boards."

(On their next game at Minnesota)

"This will be the third time (playing them) in the first two weeks. We look forward to facing them and it's another great challenge for us, especially on the defensive end."