

Seattle Storm Head Coach Jenny Boucek

(On how that third-quarter surge by Dallas doomed their chances)

“Yeah, third quarter was real bad. Turnovers, fouls, we were just out of sorts. We gave them a lot of momentum in that quarter.”

(On why Langhorne and Stewart were less effective in the second half)

“We were throwing it away. We were turning the ball over. We weren’t getting it to where we wanted to get it. We weren’t letting our offense create for us. We just lost our poise offensively.”

(On missing their last 11 three-pointers of the game)

“Yeah, we have good shooters. I didn’t think we took bad shots. If our defense is doing what it’s supposed to do, you can play through that. Our defense is not where it needs to be. I think that is the biggest issue more so than anything offensively.”

Seattle Storm Forward Breanna Stewart

(On them playing catch up after the third quarter)

“Yeah, third quarter, obviously that’s when every team wants to go on a run, first quarter and third quarter. They got to the free throw line way too many times in that quarter, got a lot of and-ones. It was kind of defeating and hard to kind of bounce yourself back from, but we were up at half and we should have built on that, and we didn’t.”

(On what positives they take away from this game)

“I don’t know. We’re continuously kind of kicking ourselves. When we have the game, we get down by too much and then we have to play catch up. In this league, you can’t do that. You can’t play catch up. It’s a lot of games and there’s not a lot of rest or recovery. It’s kind of just like you have to figure out what you can do in your mind differently for the next game.”

(On her and Langhorne’s play in the second quarter)

“We just want to be aggressive and we felt that we had a mismatch in the post. We were able to attack both in the paint and with some three shots.”

(On if Dallas made adjustments in the third quarter is why she and Langhorne didn’t score as much as in the second quarter)

“Yeah, I think that’s something they focused on. We were trying to really emphasize scoring in the paint and that’s what every team does.”