

Seattle Storm Head Coach Jenny Boucek

(On if getting off to slow starts has been a pattern this season...) “I think we’ve been inconsistent all year – where we have lapses, especially defensively and you can’t afford to do that in this league. The teams are too good.”

(On rallying back late in the game...) “We got the level of urgency we needed to have defensively, but it just took us way too long to get there.”

(On missing shots tonight...) “As long as we’re taking good shots ... I didn’t think we took great shots all night, but when we take great shots I’m OK with that whether they go in or not. We were not sound defensively tonight, and we went through stretches where we didn’t take great shots.”

(On Dearica Hamby’s late offensive rebound off Moriah Jefferson’s missed free throw...) “That’s another area that we need to get better at is defensive rebounding. We’re not where we need to be. That’s just part of our defense is not what it needs to be, and that includes finishing plays with the rebound.”

(On whether she was proud of her team’s fight after battling back from a 13-point second half deficit to trail 71-70 with under one minute remaining...) “I’m definitely proud that we did not give in to that. There’s plus and minus to that though. Plus, we didn’t give in. Minus, what would have happened if we had gotten to that level earlier? But I give San Antonio a lot of credit. They played extremely hard, extremely hungry. They took it right to us and got us on our heels early.”

(On the Stars not playing like a team that entered with a 1-7 record...) “No, not at all, but I knew that coming in because I’ve watched enough film to know that they’re a lot better than their record.”

(On if she was aware that the Stars excelled at scoring in the paint...) “That was a big difference in the game tonight is we just could not contain them. So, them having 44 points in the paint was a big problem.”

(On Moriah Jefferson...) “She’s a really good young player. I really like her. I like her energy, aggressiveness. She’s just going to keep getting better.”

Storm Guard Jewell Loyd

(On if she liked the shots she and her teammates were getting tonight...) “Offense is offense. We’ve got to do a better job on the defensive end. They had a lot of putbacks. Obviously, that last rebound kind of hurt us. We want good looks, we got good looks, but we can’t always depend on the offense. We’ve got to hold down the defense.”

(On Coach Boucek’s postgame message to the team...) “Just we gave up momentum early and then didn’t play how we wanted to play until late. It just

came down to defense.”

(On if she liked the position the team was in trailing 71-70 with less than one minute to go...) “We definitely had a chance. We just came up short.”

(On where the team stands 11 games into the season...) “We still have a long way to go to be where we want to be. Offensively and defensively, we have stretches where we play our game and then we have tendencies to go back and relax a little bit. But we’re still learning and we’re still growing. Luckily, we have another game coming up soon. We just have to keep getting better.”

(On if she was pleased with her individual performance tonight...) “As of right now, no. Obviously, we lost. There’s always things – making layups, (reducing) turnovers or stuff like that. But I’ll go back, watch it over and see.”

(On Stars rookie Moriah Jefferson...) “She played a good game. Obviously, I played against her in college. She had a good game.”

(On if she’s seen growth in Moriah Jefferson’s game since college...) “I mean, she’s shooting way more than she did in college. She always did that in AAU. So for me, I’ve seen her do that before just obviously not at this level because it’s the first time playing against her.”

Storm Forward Breanna Stewart

(On facing her former collegiate teammate Moriah Jefferson for the first time...) “It was really different. Just someone that you’re used to playing with and then now, we’re on different teams. It’s just what happens. Obviously, she’s going to do really well here in San Antonio.”

(On if she and Moriah Jefferson communicated a lot leading into the game...) “No. No, there wasn’t any talk. The only talk we talked about was hanging out with each other if we had the time after.”

(On if Moriah Jefferson’s career-high scoring night wasn’t a surprise to her...) “Well it seemed like right from the get-go she was being aggressive and attacking the basket. Her speed is hard to keep up with.”

(On if she liked the looks she and her teammates were getting tonight...) “Yeah. I think for the most part, we were getting good looks at the basket and they just weren’t going in. That happens sometimes. Obviously, there was a lot we could have done better in this game and we have another quick turnout, Thursday.”

(On if getting outrebounded 45-32 was largely due to missing a high amount of shots...) “I think that they were being the aggressors. And yeah, obviously, there’s going to be more defensive rebounds on our end when we miss that many shots but we could have been attacking the basket too I guess.”

(On Kayla McBride's late three-pointer that pushed San Antonio's lead to 75-70...) "That was the dagger. The (Dearica Hamby) offensive rebound. We needed to get that."

(On positives that can be taken away from tonight's loss...) "I guess it's still somewhat early. It's getting to be in the middle of the season almost. We want to win games, so we need to do that."

(On the first 11 games of her WNBA career...) "It's been flying by. I think that going into the season so quickly, it can't help but go by so fast. You know, it's already June."

(On how much fun the 11 games have been thus far...) "It's been a lot of fun. This is what you wanted to do. You want to play in the WNBA."