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CHICAGO SKY vs. SEATTLE STORM

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STORM HEAD COACH **JENNY BOUCEK**.....

(On what changed in the second half)

"We didn't change a single thing technically and I told them at half time I couldn't even adjust anything technically until we started getting the energy that we needed to play with. We started the game really flat and let them get comfortable, let them get hot, and then we had a huge hole that we had to try to dig our way out of and I was pleased with the effort on the comeback, it was a heck of a comeback but we were unfortunately in a huge hole because of our anemic start, in particular defensively."

(On her perspective of Chicago's last play)

"Isolation for Delle Donne. We were ready to run at her on any one-on-one penetration but she just rocked Stewart back and pulled. But Stewart will learn from that, she doesn't usually let something happen twice and I think she'll learn a lot from that. But it wasn't about that play. When you're at the end of a close game it comes down to players making plays, that's just what it comes down to. If we had taken care of our business early the way that we needed to then I don't know that it would have come down to one shot."

STORM GUARD **SUE BIRD**

(On adjustments made after half)

"It wasn't really about adjustments, they came out on fire. It felt like they didn't miss there for a while. It's up to us not to get off to slow starts like that, not to dig ourselves into a hole because, as far as the comeback goes, that was just us playing our game and in the beginning we didn't."

(On rebounding)

"Sometimes this league is extremely balanced and teams separate themselves like LA and sometimes teams separate themselves on the other side of it. But, for the most part, any night, any day, anybody can win. It's really about the team that comes out, has the energy, has the focus, and plays hard. That's really what the difference is. It comes down to rebounds and loose balls and not necessarily shots made or missed. I think today they just came out with a lot more energy than us and with that they were able to kind of gain momentum and make that huge lead."

STORM FORWARD **BREANNA STEWART**.....

(On the difference between first and second half)

"We were down thirty and we started off very slow and they made us pay for it in every way possible. I think that being able to come back from that was huge but if we would have never got ourselves in that hole what would have happened? What would have been the outcome of the game then?"

(On her frustrations in first half)

"It was incredibly frustrating. I thought offensively we were getting good looks but our defense was not where it needed to be. They got a lot of offensive rebounds, second-chance points, and we knew that wasn't what it was supposed to be."

(On being a part of what would have been the greatest comeback in league history)

"It was a lot of fun. It was fun to compete like that and that's what we want to do every single night. Not be down by thirty to compete, but to be in the game at the end."