



VISITOR QUOTES

SAN ANTONIO STARS vs. SEATTLE STORM

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STARS HEAD COACH DAN HUGHES

(On the game)

"Seattle's ability to play in transition totally separated it. When we turned it into a half-court game, then I felt like it was more a back-and-forth affair that we wanted to create. They got some transition points, that created some threes so that really separated things."

(On Moriah Jefferson's game)

"She's been a real joy to watch evolve. And because of our situation with losing (Kayla) McBride, we have to ask her to score. So not only is she facilitating, she's becoming a basketball player that also takes on some of the scoring load."

(On the upcoming Olympic break)

"For us, we need a little restart. We're a young team with an average age of about 26. We'll take that period to kind of evolve us a little bit in ways you don't normally get. Then we'll play an 11-game schedule and see if we're the better for it. There's usually a team or two that comes strong out of that break and we want to be that team because we're young. We're really in a building situation for the future."

STARS GUARD **MORIAH JEFFERSON**25 POINTS, 5 REBOUNDS

(On the game)

"I think we fought well in the beginning and then there was that spurt where (Seattle) went on a run. Our half-court defense is really good, but they just killed us in transition. When that happens, they get easy buckets and you're not going to be able to beat the other team."

(On her having to take on more of the scoring load with Kayla McBride's injury)

"It's tough. Any time you lose a player like Kayla it's really hard on the team. She was our top scorer so when she leaves, it's not just me, everybody has to step up. You see a lot of guys taking shots more than they normally would and adjusting to that. You have to take what you got. We don't have her for the rest of the season so we need to figure it out and keep going from there."

(On playing against Breanna Stewart with Geno Auriemma watching courtside)

"I didn't even know he was here until I heard them announce it. When I'm on the court, it's basketball. I'm not thinking about the left or the right. After, it was kind of weird seeing him over there and not coaching me. I enjoy it. It's fun and it's a new chapter of our lives and we have to keep pushing to get better every day."

(On the team's focus going into the Olympic break)

"Building chemistry. We're a really young team. Everybody here has only been here one or two years and then we have a few veterans. It's tough just jumping right into it, especially for me coming out of college. I think it's a good time for us to gain momentum, to learn about ourselves and get better."