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## SEATTLE STORM DEFEATED 77-64 BY ATLANTA DREAM IN FIRST GAME OF ROAD TRIP

*Atlanta Pulls Away During Dominant Fourth Quarter; Seattle's Record Stands at 6-11*

**ATLANTA** – In the opening contest of a three-game road trip, the Seattle Storm fell 77-64 to the Atlanta Dream on Tuesday at Philips Arena. The Storm is now 6-11 at the midway point of the season.

**Jewell Loyd** paced Seattle with 13 points – all scored in the third quarter – and **Breanna Stewart** recorded her sixth double-double of the year with 11 points and 11 rebounds. **Sancho Lyttle** scored a game-high 22 points on 11-of-13 shooting for Atlanta, which snapped a six-game losing streak one week after falling to the Storm in Seattle.

Both teams shot just above 40 percent from the field Tuesday night, but rebounding was a major factor in the outcome. The Dream secured 16 offensive boards compared to just four for Seattle, winning the overall rebounding battle 38-27. Atlanta's **Elizabeth Williams** blocked seven shots, the second most in a single game this season.

It was a low-scoring first half for both clubs, as they headed to the break tied 28-28 after turnovers plagued the Storm and poor shooting hurt the Dream. Seattle had five giveaways in the first six minutes of the game, finishing the half with nine turnovers while shooting 42.3 percent. Atlanta shot just 10-for-33 (30.3 percent) from the field, including 0-of-7 from three-point range.

Loyd picked up two fouls in the first five minutes, forcing her to spend much of the half on the bench. Reserve guards **Noelle Quinn** and **Kaleena Mosqueda-Lewis** filled in nicely, scoring four points apiece to keep the Storm within striking distance. After trailing for the entire second quarter, Seattle tied it up with a **Sue Bird** jumper in the final seconds.

Dream forward **Angel McCoughtry**, one of the top scorers in the WNBA, was held to six points on 2-of-8 shooting in the first half. She finished with 18 after guiding Atlanta to a strong second half.

Both teams were more efficient in the third quarter, and it was Loyd who led the way for Seattle. The reigning Rookie of the Year scored nine points in the first three minutes and finished with 13 in the quarter on 4-of-7 field goals. A Loyd three-pointer gave Seattle its first lead since the opening minutes, and the teams went back and forth the rest of the period.

Lyttle helped Atlanta on a 7-0 run to start the fourth quarter, securing a lead that they wouldn't surrender the rest of the way. Seattle's turnover problems returned in the final frame, when it was outscored 25-10. Lyttle scored eight of her 22 points in the fourth.

The Storm and Dream will meet again on Sept. 4 in Atlanta. Seattle next plays at the New York Liberty on Wednesday at 4 p.m. PT.

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