

Atlanta Dream vs. Seattle Storm Postgame Quotes

July 5, 2016 – 7 p.m. at Philips Arena – Atlanta

Atlanta Dream Head Coach Michael Cooper

Opening Statement...

“Seattle is a very good basketball team and they are not indicative of their record, but so are we. I thought the things that we did tonight like staying with our defense, schemes that we wanted to run, and moving the basketball definitely helps us. With 16 turnovers that means we’re not being a selfish basketball team and it means we’re a very good basketball team. It doesn’t hurt to rebound either. We had Sancho Lyttle with us and she hadn’t been asserting herself but we were asking that of her tonight and she did it. When Lyttle plays well, that gives us a better chance to win because it lets everyone else add on to what they have already established.”

On tonight’s success...

“Defense... and some of our offense. I’ve been giving this team the freedom to shoot and sometimes the ones that shoot the ball a lot tend take it on themselves to make shots, but that’s not what wins games. You have to move the ball, have continuity, take the ‘team shot’ and not just their shot. I thought we did that extremely well tonight”

On stopping Breanna Stewart...

“Sancho Lyttle played.”

Elizabeth Williams

On anchoring the defense...

“We know when we rebound well against teams it helps us both offensively and defensively. The rebounding was big today.”

On stopping Seattle offense...

“We don’t want anyone to score on us like they did last week. Every one of us took some pride in ourselves, in our team and in our defense. We said to ourselves ‘Hey, we’re not going to let that happen again’. I think the effort

by everyone was amazing.”

Sancho Lyttle

On tonight’s performance...

“We stuck to the plan tonight. Previously I think since we were losing a couple we stopped believing in ourselves and tonight we just got back to where we were at the beginning of the season. We came up with a win.”

On guarding Breanna Stewart...

“She’s their go-to player. When you are facing against that you just have to stick with them. It is easier when there is a go-to player defensively because when teams don’t have that you really have to be focused on everyone on the floor. It was my job tonight and I just had to stay there.”