

Friday July 22, 2016  
Minnesota Lynx vs. Seattle Storm

### **Minnesota Lynx Head Coach Cheryl Reeve**

*Opening statement...*

"I just told the team I was really, really, really pleased with our defensive intensity and effort. The team that we just played is a super, super offensive team – really hard to play against. When you've got Bird, Loyd, and Stewart, who are all three exceptional players. I think the schemes that they run are hard to defend. Anytime you have a face-up four that stretches the defense, it can be challenging for a team like ours that likes to protect the paint. We didn't practice, all we had was shootaround today and we just kind of identified the areas that we felt like were really important. I just thought we had great focus on those areas. The number one thing I was happy with was opponent field goal percentage of 38.6% - that was not easy to do.

*On Sylvia Fowles' game...*

Offensively we were just okay. [Sylvia] was just outstanding, she carried us, she willed us. [Sylvia] had 10 deflections in the game of the 25 that we had. She was just very engaged. We needed her points around the basket, just really attracting a lot of attention down there and 44 points in the paint, I think it was 18 second-chance points. Those were all things that were needed by our team tonight, we just couldn't get much going on the perimeter."

### **Minnesota Lynx Guard Renee Montgomery**

*On the game...*

"I'm going to be [the Olympians] biggest fans while they're out there, but to get that sixth-straight win, I mean, that's huge. You don't want to be sitting at home for 30 days thinking about the last few games, so I'm very happy with how we ended [before] the break."

*On her second half...*

"Just high energy, at all times, trying to put them under duress and we didn't really shoot the best in the world but I think it's just our energy kind of overcame it."

*On getting boards & work in the paint...*

"Yeah, I think Sylvia [Fowles] held it down in the paint today. She was incredible, just so aggressive and [she's] so hard to guard when she's like that. [Natasha Howard], she did the same thing, so when they're playing like that and getting going, it really helps because we weren't making a lot of jump shots."

### **Minnesota Lynx Forward Sylvia Fowles**

*On what she's looking forward to in Rio...*

"Just experience with the group of young ladies that we have. Every team has been somewhat different and this team is somewhat different, so just enjoying every second with these young women and making sure we connect on every point and making sure we have fun doing it."

*On having Coach Reeve as an assistant coach...*

"It's different, but I'm looking forward to seeing her in that red, white and blue instead of these Lynx colors. Hopefully not too much changing when we get out there."