

## Seattle Storm Quotes

Coach Jenny Boucek

*On team's comeback*

“We’re really proud of that; we’re trying to generate more fight, especially defense and rebounding. I thought our team showed great response in that.”

*On Breanna Stewart's transition from college*

“For a player that’s had the success that she’s had, I’ve seen players in the past with similar levels of success in college that had a real hard time handling not winning. At times, an athlete’s identity gets real tied in to their success and it puts them on an emotional rollercoaster when they get to the WNBA. She’s stayed levelheaded. She’s able to talk through hard truths and take feedback and she analyzes herself objectively, but doesn’t beat herself up.”

*On (Breanna) Stewart's development this season*

“She’s adapted in some ways. Early on, it was to the speed of the game, the physicality, and the length. She sped up her shot some and just had to adapt and she is. She’s finding her way of flourishing in our league, and that’s through her versatility. That’s a credit to our team. Our team has been very open minded in integrating her and giving her and us the freedom and creativity to move all around the floor and they just move around her.”

*On (Sue) Bird's late free throw miss*

“To be honest with you, I’d put my entire bank account on her to win any game. I want her right back there the next game.”

## *On Jewell Lloyd*

“You have to remember, she’s very young too. I think she learns best through experience. She’s got unbelievable instincts so we try to stay out of her way as much as possible and let her experience things.”

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### **Sue Bird**

#### *On the game tonight:*

“I think these two teams are two teams that have two different paces of play, and in the first half, really for a majority of the game, we were playing their pace which is a little bit slower. They’re more of a power team, like to get it inside, and we’re more of a transition [team]—like to run and get out and when we finally got to that part of our game, you saw what happened. We were able to open it up a little bit and that was part of the comeback for sure.”

#### *On playing against familiar faces on New York Liberty:*

“Obviously it’s always fun to play against people you know—it’s more fun after the game. It’s always competitive out there and makes for a good game.”

#### *On the importance of being in the 20<sup>th</sup> WNBA season:*

“For a women’s professional league to make it to year 20 says a lot about who we are as a league, what we mean to society. It’s a good sign of things to come. But I don’t think it’s the end—I don’t think we’ve reached our ceiling in terms of what this league can be, but

it is a great sign.”

## **Breanna Stewart**

*On takeaways from the game tonight:*

“I think what we saw tonight, how we played versus the [New York] Liberty — they’re one of the best teams in the league — and taking that to every single game, making sure that we’re focused and ready for every single game.”

*On Rio Olympics coming up:*

“I can’t believe that it’s coming up so quickly — the fact that I’m going to my first Olympics, being able to represent the United States. I’m just unbelievably excited for it and playing in the WNBA is the best way to prepare for it. You’re playing with most of the players that are either going to be your opponent or on your team.”