

POSTGAME QUOTES:

Stars Coach Dan Hughes

(On the loss tonight...)

“For us we were just too streaky. We had some pockets where we did somethings, we had pockets where we struggled. Points in the paint were a big one for us. For them to outscore us by 10 in there was a big story for me. I just don’t think defensively we were quite at the level we have been. Offensively we were ok but we didn’t get the consistency on both ends to play a good basketball game so it was too streaky.”

(On bench scoring being big down the stretch but still no result...)

“That’s basketball. You have to make your opportunities defensively and give Seattle credit. It was like you said, the people they needed to do what they did, they did. Defensively it’s our job to deal with that but both teams offensively had a decent flow. We knew we would have to guard well against them. Their strength is their offensive end but we were just too streaky.”

Stars Player Moriah Jefferson

(On playing Seattle Storm and Breanna Stewart a second time this season)

“We lost. I mean, I don’t think anything mentally was different. We had the same focus. I think as a team we lost focus in too many moments of the game. They had a couple of runs on us. The first time we played them we started off the game well, and this time we didn’t. We had to try to dig ourselves out of a hole the whole game.”

(On Storm players hitting key shots to keep and extend the lead)

“I mean, that’s part of basketball. That’s why you can’t start off the game the way we did. You can’t expect to come back. You can’t expect to start slow. That’s what warm-ups are for. We

have to be ready by the time we step on the court. And after that, ball's up and you have got to go out and get a play."

Stars Haley Peters

(On lack of free-throw attempts and Seattle's defensive game plan...)

"They were congested, they had a lot of people in the lane and I think we weren't looking as much into the paint, but it's something we have to be persistent at even if teams are trying to take it away. They're trying to take it away for a reason and so we need to be looking for ways to get into the paint and to score."

(On difference between Stars defense tonight vs first time against Seattle...)

"I think that when they went on a couple of runs, we gave up some easy transitions and some of that started on offense with some of us not making the best decisions. But I think a lot of it was we gave up some easy baskets in transition and they went on a couple little runs where we didn't do a good job defensively."