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LOS ANGELES SPARKS vs. SEATTLE STORM

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STORM HEAD COACH **JENNY BOUCEK**.....

(On second quarter response)

"We've worked really hard at a mentality and our defense and rebounding. Going back to the old Storm days, that's what kept us in games for many years. Although we have a lot of offensive talent on this team, we still need to have really solid defense and rebounding as our foundation. I felt like we did a really great job in hanging in there and not getting discouraged. In the past, with this team, when we don't make shots, it effects our energy on the defensive end and we stayed pretty solid defensively, despite the fact that we were a little anemic for a while offensively."

(On Crystal Langhorne's performance)

"So many things about Lang's game were impressive. I haven't seen anybody guard Ogwumike better one-on-one than what Lang did, especially spurts there; that was really great to see. But her rebounding, her boxing out, her decision making, her poise on the offensive end of the floor, and she's always been a premier scorer when she gets enough touches. She put in a ton of work over the break and I was glad to see her get some reward for that on both ends of the floor. She played an incredible game."

STORM GUARD **SUE BIRD**

(On beating Los Angeles)

"This was a huge win for us. After a long break you never really know what it's going to be like when you step on the court again. It's great that it was against a great team because we get to measure up to them, and they have their record for a reason, but a win is a win and we really need them right now."

STORM GUARD **JEWELL LOYD**

(On the team working together)

"We knew we had to come back and make a push here and this was a team win tonight. We had really good practices leading up to this game and it's surprising because we didn't have the best offensive night like we're used to but that's something that we can always fix and it's all about defensive for us and we came out strong tonight."

STORM FORWARD **CRYSTAL LANGHORNE**

(On the Olympic Break)

"That month we got a lot of good work in. We knew Breanna, Sue, and Ramu were going to come back ready to play and we just wanted to be ready for them."

(On what worked for tonight's win)

"Our rebounding was huge for us tonight. We've really been focusing on boxing out and not giving people second chances and getting those offensive rebounds for ourselves."