



POSTGAME QUOTES



Sunday August 28, 2016
Minnesota Lynx vs. Seattle Storm

Minnesota Lynx Head Coach Cheryl Reeve

Opening statement...

"I told Jenny [Boucek] I was really glad we were done playing them. They just pose so many challenges and their offense is just terrific. It took everything we had to be able to gut out a win, which is what this league is like when we've got people vying for playoff positions and really, really hungry, so I appreciated after a first half that was probably subpar for us. Probably more than anything just turning the ball over and giving them easy baskets off of 11 fastbreak points, but not making it very difficult for them to score. In the second half, we were way better in that area and I thought the defense was really pretty solid."

On Rebekkah Brunson...

"I told her, it's fitting that she's the number one because it's a huge part of her identity. Offensive-rebounding, she'll tell you this, it's a 'want to,' and if you're around Brunson, you know the size of her 'want to.' It's pretty huge. She knows it's vital to our team when she does that and I'm just happy that it happened for her in a Lynx uniform because she's done amazing things for this team in that area. I was really proud of her and to be able to do it in front of a home crowd, I think was really fun and she got the recognition that she deserved."

Minnesota Lynx Forward Rebekkah Brunson

On becoming the all-time offensive rebounding leader...

"There are some goals we want to accomplish this year and I think throughout the season, our goals have remained the same – everything else is a bonus."

On passing Taj McWilliams-Franklin...

"It's fun, I might send her a little message tonight."

On the game...

"[Seattle] is a good team. They're a really good team. I just know that there were a lot of things that we wanted to do coming off of the last game – we didn't play the way we wanted to play, we didn't accomplish the things we wanted accomplish. First and foremost we wanted to fix those things and I think we did a pretty good job of that tonight."

Minnesota Lynx Forward Maya Moore

On Anna Cruz returning...

"We're excited to have Cruz because she brings that energy for us defensively and offensively. She just adds to our team chemistry. Again, she just gives us energy which is a great asset to have on the bench."

On returning from Rio...

"It's a transition. I think more so just emotionally coming off such a high of winning a gold medal and playing so hard for each other on the biggest stage. Then it's over and those feelings in your body kind of think 'okay, it's offseason time now,' but you're like no, we have to ramp it up and get ready to finish the season. So there's an adjustment there. Some of us fighting some colds just because our schedules were thrown off going internationally to home and just trying to get our bodies adjusted a little bit to the pace of the season. We're doing it together, bit by bit, we'll continue to get better as the season continues."