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## DALLAS WINGS vs. SEATTLE STORM

### KEYARENA | AUGUST 31, 2016

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

##### **(On tonight's defensive game)**

"I was really pleased with that tonight. We obviously broke down in the third quarter and we let them get a lot of momentum in that quarter. But, I was really proud that we were able to regroup between quarters and reestablish our defense. We got our defensive rhythm going and when we get it going, it leads to a good offensive rhythm. It's been a big area of growth and emphasis for us because we haven't been able to rebound the way we wanted to this year.

##### **(On Taku's performance)**

"I had a lot of confidence in Tok from last year and I think it's taken some time for her to adjust to her new role. Clearly she has adjusted and her minutes were huge tonight; but it doesn't even show up on the box score. But, she was all over the place defensively and was really a big part of us having that stretch where we were getting consecutive stops was her activity defensively."

#### STORM GUARD **SUE BIRD** .....

##### **(On tonight's win)**

"This was a big game. Because it's at home, because it's against a team that, if we would have lost, would have had the tie-breaker on us, also a team that is trying to get that last playoff spot as well. This one was big. Every game is big, but this one was just as important as any other game."

##### **(On tonight's defense)**

"This was a really weird game. It didn't ever feel like there was much of a flow to it on either side. There was a little bit at the beginning, obviously a little for them in the third quarter, but other than that it was just a grind out game. In the past we haven't been successful when the game is played that way but tonight I think we showed a ton of resilience; especially since we started the second half so poorly."

#### STORM FORWARD **BREANNA STEWART**.....

##### **(On importance of tonight's win for playoff contention)**

"We know that we want to protect our home court and Coach talked a little bit about that a little before the game and at halftime, every game is important for our playoff push and we wanted to make sure we got this one."

##### **(On losing first two and winning last on record with Dallas)**

"The fact that they had our number two games prior to this one, we wanted to make sure we showed them that we are a different team post-Olympic break."

#### STORM GUARD **JEWELL LOYD**.....

##### **(On what tonight's win means)**

"Tonight's win means a lot. I think it just shows how tough and how much better we've gotten since the beginning of the season and there have been a lot of close games where we've missed box outs or we didn't finish. Today we just really locked in. They went on a run and we just kept focused and kept talking to each other. That communication let us build confidence and finish it out."