

# VISITOR QUOTES

## CHICAGO SKY vs. SEATTLE STORM

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CHICAGO SKY HEAD COACH **POKEY CHATMAN** .....

**(On the goal going into today's game)**

"Our goal was to get better in some different aspects of play. And the goal is always to win. I try to tell this team all the time that our strength is really in our numbers. Because of certain circumstances, we have to play with and without certain people. And they seemed to handle that adversity. I knew coming in here to Seattle -- it's one of the toughest places to play. But the goal was basically to win the game and get better in some individual areas because we have some holes to fill, and they've been doing a pretty good job of that. Overall, I'm pleased with the fact that we're getting out of here healthy and we'll have a day off tomorrow then prepare for our game on Sunday."

**(On how they'll prepare for the Phoenix-Atlanta winner in the playoffs)**

"I think if you ask many coaches, it's really 65 to 70 percent about us and what we're trying to do. Not many teams are going to reinvent the wheel on either side of the ball come playoff time. They'll tweak some things. The assistant coaches do a good job of that guesswork. We'll work on some aspects of play for ourselves that will help against both of those teams. Then we'll still have time to prepare and get ready for either one."

**(On Elena Delle Donne's injury)**

"The surgery wasn't yet a week ago ... it was Tuesday morning. Part of her not being here today was because of the travel and swelling. I'll probably have a better update after the one week (mark). I know part of it was she wanted to stay back and it's one of those things where she can rehab and rehab and see how she responds to it. That's why when people ask me, I say I really don't know when (she'll be back) because it's just something where we have to see how she responds. We kind of go into it as she's not there and everything else is gravy."

**(On her impressions of Breanna Stewart's first season)**

"She's a phenomenal player. Nothing she's accomplished has been a surprise to me. She's a superstar. I think it's a perfect match being here with Sue (Bird). I had the pleasure of coaching Sue for a few years in Russia and I think she's the best point guard to play the game. Maybe I'm biased, but I don't think so. Just that tutelage with Breanna ... Sue can teach her aspects of the pro game that, even though she was so dominant in college, there are things she hasn't seen. So having Einstein Bird to help you with those things really helps."

SKY GUARD **CAPPIE PONDEXTER** .....

**(On her impressions of the game)**

"First of all, it was a long trip for us. It's always a long trip from Chicago to Seattle. For being shorthanded, I thought we competed for the most part for probably two and a half to three quarters. I saw some good things, I saw some bad things, but it's the end of the regular season. Everything that happened is behind us now and it's a new season."

**(On the team's mindset going forward)**

"What it has been the majority of the second half of the season – a never give up attitude. I think that's what we displayed today even though we were shorthanded."

**(On preparing for their next opponent)**

"You always watch the game. You see things and learn things by doing that. But coach is right, at the end of

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the day, it's really about us. We don't know who we're going to play yet so it's a waiting game in that aspect and then we have to prepare. The way we prepare is to worry about the things we can fix and control."