

Atlanta Dream vs. Seattle Storm Postgame Quotes

September 4, 2016 – 6:00 p.m. at Philips Arena – Atlanta

Atlanta Dream Head Coach Michael Cooper

Opening statement...

“In this league it is very interesting, unlike the NBA, usually teams do well after getting some time off. I think the last four or five days benefited us in rest purposes. Being able to get Sancho [Lyttle] back as well as being able to develop our defense and to be able to get our offense back into the flow of things was important. This game was a tough one to lose. You’ve got to come play every single game.”

On Seattle’s energy...

“Seattle is a team that a lot of people say aren’t very good because they don’t have enough depth or talent, but the one thing that the team has is that they come and compete. and they play hard. We matched that effort for the first two or three minutes of the game. Then it fell off. When you don’t have effort and energy it messes up your pick-and-roll coverages, ability to rebound, run in transition and do what we do best. You have to give a lot of credit to Seattle and they brought their A-Game.”

Elizabeth Williams

On Seattle’s defense...

“I was getting good shots but they just weren’t falling. I think we had a very good start but we never really found a flow again offensively. Not rebounding well in the first half also hurt us to. If we can do that I think we’ll be ok.”

On improvements against Phoenix on Tuesday...

“We just have to stay together and keep talking to each other. We know what it feels like to play well.”

Sancho Lyttle

On fourth quarter surge...

“This is how we know we can play. We get down on ourselves sometimes. When we were finally able to pull ourselves out of the hole, we realized that we could actually have been playing that way all game. We stuck with it and as you saw we had 33 fourth-quarter points and it would have made a huge difference if we had played at least two quarters that way.”