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## SEATTLE STORM OPENS ROAD TRIP WITH 92-88 LOSS TO CHICAGO SKY

*Jewell Loyd Nearly Records Triple-Double; Seattle's Record Stands at 11-17*

**ROSEMONT, ILL.** – Despite 23 points, eight assists and a career-high 10 rebounds from **Jewell Loyd**, the Seattle Storm fell 92-88 to the Chicago Sky on Friday at Allstate Arena. Seattle (11-17) is now tied with the Connecticut Sun for the eighth and final playoff spot with six games remaining.

Trailing by as many as 20 at one point, the Storm came all the way from behind to pull within two late in the fourth quarter. The teams traded baskets in the final minutes, and **Elena Delle Donne's** miss gave Seattle a chance to tie or take the lead in the waning moments. But **Sue Bird's** midrange jumper in transition rimmed out, and Delle Donne sank a pair of clinching free throws.

Loyd, a Chicago native, recorded her third straight 20-point game and finished two shy of her career high in assists, which would have given the second-year guard a triple-double. Four additional Storm players were in double figures on Friday: Bird and **Ramu Tokashiki** scored 15 points apiece – that ties Tokashiki's season high – while **Breanna Stewart** and **Kaleena Mosqueda-Lewis** each added 13. Bird nailed a trio of three-pointers for the fourth straight game.

Delle Donne had 22 points and **Tamera Young** scored a season-high 24 for the Sky, which will visit KeyArena on the final day of the season.

Late in the first quarter, Storm forward **Crystal Langhorne** suffered a lacerated right eye. She was ruled out for the rest of the game and is listed as day-to-day.

It was 9-0 in favor of Chicago after two minutes, as the Sky got early baskets from four different starters. Mosqueda-Lewis came off the bench and ended the run with a three-pointer for the Storm, which pulled within two shortly after on a Loyd jumper. Seattle then kept it close the rest of the quarter, tying the game at one point and trailing 27-25 at the end of the frame.

Seattle took the lead on a Tokashiki three-point play, but Chicago went on a 15-0 run late in the second quarter, capped off by six straight points from Young. The Sky led 55-43 at the break after shooting 56.8 percent from the field.

Chicago's edge was increased to 68-48 midway through the third quarter, as Delle Donne and Young led another strong spurt for the hosts. The Storm cut that deficit in half by the end of the third quarter, setting up the dramatic final period.

The Storm will continue its road trip on Sunday at Atlanta, with tipoff scheduled for 3 p.m. PT.

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