

## **MYSTICS HEAD COACH MIKE THIBAULT**

### *On the game:*

“That was a terrific playoff type game. They were better than us at the end. The other team shoots 54% and we shoot 38%, you’re making it tough. I thought we took some off balance shots, I thought we did a reasonably good job on them defensively in stretches. I think players like Alysha Clark stepped up for them and had really terrific games. We didn’t shoot the ball as well as we needed to win a game like that. We did a lot of right things, but playoff games are decided by little things and we didn’t get over the hump.”

### *On Tayler Hill’s last shot:*

“We had a play set up differently. She was in option in that play, but I think we missed the first option for her when she first came open on the play. We had Emma (Meesseman) open on the three-point line right in front of our bench. I think Tash (Cloud) was trying to look at both at the same time and didn’t see either right at the moment that they came open. She still got a good look.”

### *On his message to the team:*

“The message is, you know, we just go out there and take care of our own business. Go win on Sunday. We’ll worry about Sunday first and learn from this and then move forward. A lot of crazy things can happen. Everybody has kind of put it down to us and Seattle. There are a whole bunch of teams that are in this muddled mess. If we go take care of our business, who knows what is going to happen. That’s something that we will have to worry about it.”

**MYSTICS CENTER STEFANIE DOLSON** *On what happened down the stretch:* “We got a couple great stops but offensively, we got some tough calls. We had some tough shots and we couldn’t knock them in. We fought until the end but it just didn’t go our way.”

*On how competitive the game became in the third quarter:* “We knew it was going to be a hard fought game tonight. Definitely that third quarter definitely kind of killed us. We had some lulls defensively and they’re a good enough team that they took advantage of that and we just have to do a better job of putting 40 minutes together and get these next few games.”

**MYSTICS GUARD NATASHA CLOUD** *On refocusing after tonight’s loss:* “I think you take this and you watch the film; we’ll correct where we can correct. As soon as tomorrow comes, we’ll focus on Indiana. There’s no time to be upset about this when we have four games left to focus on. It’s the same as we’ve been doing all season. Play the games, it ends, and then you move on to the next one.”