

## **New York Liberty Quotes**

### **Head Coach Bill Laimbeer**

*On Swin Cash's ceremony tonight:*

“I thought it was a great ceremony. I’m very proud of the Liberty management, especially Isiah [Thomas], pushing this to make sure that great players are honored.”

*On mentality for the rest of season:*

“Tonight wasn’t a good performance for us. We’re running the course out, Chicago [Sky] lost tonight so we can’t go up and we can’t go down. We’re trying to stay healthy as much as possible, don’t lose our edge and keep going.”

*On tonight's game:*

“Come Friday I will say to throw this one away. We’ll learn from it. Our defensive performance was not up to our normal standards and that is what we have to work on.”

*More on tonight's game:*

“We tried to put in some new stuff, we tried it and it didn’t work. We’re going to go back to who we are and go back to our bread and butter—both defensively and offensively—and hopefully have better results in the next game.”

*On Seattle Storm's performance tonight:*

“Their pick-and-roll’s got us. We tried a different pick-and-roll defense than we normally do and it didn’t work. It got them going and got them confident and they made shots. We can’t get up and

down in an up and down game, that's their game. We're a half court team."

## **Tina Charles**

*On tonight's game:*

"I think they played their game because we let them. We dictate how things go out on and off the court, and we did not do that tonight. With many teams we can say our defense is our strong suit but we did not do that tonight. Seattle players got comfortable and they gained momentum."

*On the end of the season:*

"If we continue to play like this we will be out of the playoffs game one. We'll be done if we don't play with consistency or urgency, with our seeding we have to play that game like it's our last, there is no way we can say we are a championship team if we don't have that mindset."

*On Swin Cash's retirement:*

"Basketball is not what you do, it's who you are. You strive to find your purpose in life, that's what matters, when [Swin Cash] told me that, it's something that I sought out. I saw how she was able to use her platform and her voice in situations, not just for those around her but also the community."

"[Swin Cash] gave me confidence to go to UCONN. I wanted to be the best and be like her and all those attributes she brought to the game. It's been her driving me for my purpose; and to play alongside her, and see her be consistent, you have to respect an individual like that when she brings positivity to the world around her."