

POSTGAME NOTES

GAME 33, HOME GAME 17

PHOENIX MERCURY (15-18) vs. Seattle Storm (15-18)

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TEAM	SCORE	RECORD	HIGH POINTS	HIGH REBOUNDS	HIGH ASSISTS
Mercury	86	15-18	Griner – 21	Bonner – 9	Taurasi – 5
Storm	62	15-18	Stewart – 14	Stewart – 9	3 tied – 2

- Before tonight's game started, the Mercury clinched a postseason berth thanks to the Mystics loss to the Dream 94-91. With a win tonight, the Mercury is now tied with the Storm in the seventh spot (Storm owns tiebreaker).
- The Mercury won its 10th game in the last 12 contests against the Storm, dating back to May 17, 2014.

KEY STAT

The Mercury scored 30 points off of 18 turnovers, compared to the Storm's nine points scored off of nine turnovers. **Penny Taylor**, playing in her last regular season home game, was a big reason as she had four steals and added two blocked shots. **Diana Taurasi** and **Marta Xargay** had multi-steal games as well.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The Mercury tied its first quarter high with 28 points, which the team had done twice before this season, the last before tonight happening at New York on June 26.
- The Mercury shot a perfect 15-of-15 from the free throw line. This was a new season-high percentage for the team, besting its 96.3 percent from the stripe performance vs. San Antonio on June 9.
- The Mercury tied its opponent's season low by only allowing the Storm to dish out 10 assists (twice before, last was Atlanta on September 11). The 10 assists marked a new season-low for the Storm (11 at San Antonio on June 14).
- In her last regular season home game, **Penny Taylor** had eight points on 4-of-8 shooting to go along with two assists, four steals, and two blocked shots. In her career, Taylor is 21st in the WNBA's all-time leading scorer's list, now at 4,597 points. Taylor's two blocks marked a new season-high, which was previously one block she had accomplished in five different games.
- **Brittney Griner** recorded 21 points, five rebounds and two blocked shots. Griner reached the 20-point mark for the fifth time in her last seven games, and it marked her ninth 20+ point game of the season.
- **Diana Taurasi** had 15 points on 6-of-13 shooting and five assists, and **Candice Dupree** scored 14 points on 6-of-11 shooting to go along with seven rebounds. This was the first game both players made at least six field goals apiece in the same game since July 10 at Chicago.
- **DeWanna Bonner** recorded four points, nine rebounds and four assists off the bench. Bonner's nine rebounds were the most she's had in a game since she grabbed 10 boards vs. Dallas on August 26.
- Seattle's **Breanna Stewart** finished with 14 points on 4-of-8 shooting, to go along with nine rebounds. This was the rookie's 16th time leading the team in points, with only one other player doing it more than four times this season (Jewell Loyd has led the team 12 times in scoring this season).

Media Availability: At this time, there is no scheduled media availability for this week.