



**CHICAGO SKY vs. MINNESOTA LYNX
POST-GAME NOTES
AUGUST 15, 2009**



Team	Score	Record	High Points	High Rebounds	High Assists	Other Notable
SKY	79	13-12	Thorn, 17	Dupree, 14	Canty, 8	Fowles 14 pts, 9 rb
LYNX	76	11-13	Hodges, 25	Hodges/Anosike, 8	Hodges/Wiggins, 6	Wiggins 14 pts

- Attendance at tonight's game: 3877
- The Sky established a new franchise best in wins with 13.
- With the win the Sky moved to 13-12 staying right in the thick of the Eastern Conference playoff race.
- Brooke Wyckoff (medical illness) and K.B. Sharp (right knee) did not play for the Sky.
- Seimone Augustus did not play for Minnesota due to a torn left ACL.

KEY STATS OF THE NIGHT

- The Sky outrebounded the Lynx 36-32.
- Chicago trailed by as many as seven and led by as many as 12.
- The Lynx got dominated in the paint being outscored 36-22.
- The Lynx shot .394 percent from the field.

KEY RUN OF THE NIGHT

After the Lynx pulled to within one with two minutes remaining in the third quarter Erin Thorn hit back-to-back threes and Kristi Toliver hit two of three free throws to get the Sky's lead back to nine. The Lynx would not get that close again.

SKY-LIGHTS

- Candice Dupree grabbed a season-high 14 rebounds to push her over the 900 plateau for her career.
- Erin Thorn scored a team-high 17 points including three third-quarter 3s and made.
- Five different Sky players scored in double figures.
- Tamera Young made her Chicago Sky debut scoring two points in four minutes.

LYNX NOTES

- The Lynx reigned threes in the final minutes of the game to get back to within one point, but could not complete the comeback.
- Roneeka Hodges scored a game-high 25 points.
- Candice Wiggins scored 14 points and dished out six assists for Minnesota.

CHICAGO SKY

SKY COACH STEVE KEY QUOTES

On getting contributions from everyone:

If you look at the score you have five people in double figures. You have 17 from Erin Thorn off the bench. You also have team rebounding and team boxing out and that is how you win a game off of a road trip and a back to back, by everybody pitching in the scoring column, in the rebounding column and then taking care of the basketball.

On Sylvia's ankle:

I believe she hurt her ankle. We don't know if she will have time out yet. I don't think an x-ray is being called for but it's to earlier to know exactly what it is but it is her ankle.

On the Sky's shooting:

For us free throw shooting is below our 40% average which we lead the league in. tonight we ended up shooting 27. That's to be expected when you have tired legs. When you shoot for distance you need your legs, so it's something we are not worried about. We lead the league for a reason.

#5 ERIN THORN, GUARD

On coming through in the clutch:

We are kind of a young team with no playoff experience in these four years trying to take it to the next level. If I can be some kind of spark and help out then that's what I want to do, I want to help us get to the next level and get us to the playoffs because I know we are that good when we are healthy and hopefully we can stay that way.

On performing on back-to-back nights:

A lot of it is mental because you are tired. We played a tough game yesterday, so it had to be grounded out maybe that's why we slipped in the end. Again we need to focus and hit those free throws.

On elevating her game:

We are banged up right now and we need a spark. I am getting open looks so I am not going to back down. I don't think there is any trick to it. Sylvia is getting double teamed and she is making great passes out and Candice same thing. We are just working as a team and if I end up being the one open then I know I need to knock it down.

#4 CANDICE DUPREE, FORWARD

On the keys to the Sky winning:

We have to play defense on consistent bases and be aggressive on the offense in.

On playing back-to-back:

I am glad it was our last one. Getting up at 4am is not easy and taking a flight at 6am but we were able to get some sleep. We started the game off kind of sluggish but we were able to pull it through. We have to be aggressive. Every team in the league has back to backs we cannot use that as an excuse because we are not the only ones who have to do it.

On the bench's performance:

Shyra played great last night, she was solid today. Erin played great last night and today for us. We had contributions from Dominique, Jia, Sylvia, everybody is knocking down shots, so now we have to take care of it on the defensive end.

MINNESOTA LYNX QUOTES

LYNX COACH JENNIFER GILLOM QUOTES

On the lack of intensity in the middle portion of the game:

I don't get it. It's something we've been doing the last few games that really concerns me. We just have to put it all together. I don't think its anything the defense is doing or anything else. It's us. It's something we have to try to overcome. It's getting too close tot eh end of the season. We have to win some games and make some adjustments.

On coming out hot:

I thought we mixed up our defense a little bit, gave them some different looks. I don't know if it was because of their back-to-back games, or our defense. I don't know that, I think we mixed it up a little bit, gave them different looks.

On the difference in the game:

We allowed them too many points in the paint. I think that was the difference in the game. I think we've been doing a better job of that, but tonight we allowed too many points in the paint.

#5 RONEEKA HODGES, GUARD

On starting strong and ending strong:

In the middle it just didn't work for us we dug ourselves such a hole, we found a way to fight back and get back in the game but it was just too late.

On the second and third quarters:

I think in the middle we lacked the intensity we needed. We weren't playing the type of defense that we needed to play. The shots weren't falling. Everything you could think of.

On the fourth-quarter comeback attempt:

In the fourth quarter we had to continue to push, we knew it was do or die then. I think that we played a little bit harder. The key for us is to play like that the whole game, with some sense of urgency.

#11 CANDICE WIGGINS, GUARD

On the fourth quarter comeback attempt:

It was kind of daunting at that point, I remember looking at the clock and it saying a minute and something and we were down maybe nine points, I was trying to get our team to realize that the game wasn't over. Hit some threes and we were right in the game. We had some opportunities to take it to overtime I'm proud of the comeback, but I'm very disappointed it got to that point.

On her three-point attempt that rimmed out:

I had air balled two shots earlier in that quarter. And I'm the kind of player where I air ball the last two I'm going to shoot the next two and think they're going in. at that moment my passion overtook me.