

## CHICAGO SKY vs. CONNECTICUT SUN

### POST-GAME NOTES

AUGUST 1, 2009

Team	Score	Record	High Points	High Rebounds	High Assists	Other Notable
SKY	84	10-10	Dupree, 23	Dupree, 8	Canty, 6	Perkins, 16 pts
SUN	72	9-9	White, 16	White, 6	Jekabsone, 6	Jones, 10 pts

- Attendance at tonight's game: 3071
- The Sky avenged a 30 point loss to the Sun in Connecticut in their previous meeting with a dominant win in Chicago.
- The win is the second in a row for the Sky who head out on a four game road trip starting Wednesday.
- The loss is the third in a row for Connecticut.
- The win puts Chicago at .500 and in a tie with Connecticut for third place in the Eastern Conference.

#### KEY STATS OF THE NIGHT

- The Sky managed a 26-0 scoring run that ended with a minute left in the second quarter and the Sky up 20.
- Candice Dupree and Shyra Ely combined for 30 first-half points.
- Chicago outscored Connecticut in the paint 30-16.
- Chicago turned the ball over only eight times to Connecticut's 16.
- Five Sky players scored in double figures.

#### KEY RUN OF THE NIGHT

The Sky found itself down six with seven minutes to go in the second quarter. Then Candice Dupree scored consecutive baskets to ignite a 26-0 scoring run that put the Sky up 20 with a minute left in the quarter. Dupree scored nine of the team's 26 points in the run.

#### SKY-LIGHTS

- Dominique Canty grabbed her 300th career steal to become the 11th player in WNBA history to record 800 career points, 800 career rebounds and 300 career steals.
- Jia Perkins scored 16 points to push her over the 1700 career point mark.
- Candice Dupree scored 20 of her 23 points in the first half and grabbed eight rebounds.
- Shyra Ely scored 10 points off the bench in the first half.
- Erin Thorn scored 11 points off the bench in the second half.

#### SUN NOTES

- Tan White came off the bench to score 16 points and lead the Sun.
- Asjha Jones scored 10 points.
- Anete Jekabsone-Zogo scored 12 points off the bench of the Sun.
- Connecticut shot .474 from three-point range.

## **CHICAGO SKY SKY COACH STEVE KEY QUOTES**

### *On putting two games together:*

We did a great job, something that we have not done all season long which was put two games which were not spaced out more than a couple days apart together where we have the same focus. I am very proud of the ladies and the way they came out. Focus on another team in our conference and the biggest thing for us is that now we only play three times but we have the edge two to one. As we look at the rest of the season it seems like its going to come down to maybe a tied score or overall record. So this is a big win for us.

### *On turnovers:*

That's one of the things that have been some trouble for us in the past we are probably leading the league in turnover average per game. We strive to work on that anytime. Single digits there always is a bonus.

### *On Sylvia Fowles' injury:*

Its hard to tell. I know she originally got elbowed and got a finger in the eye. It's nothing that's going to keep her out for a long time.

## **#3 DOMINIQUE CANTY, GUARD**

### *On the development of Kristi Toliver:*

Maryland has the scoring point guard. The WNBA is different form the college game because you're not just going to come down and drop the ball off. I think she is learning slowly but surely. She's still young so she has a lot of time to learn. We are two different point guards right now. Once she learns how to run the team, being a quarterback, she should be okay.

### *On the 26-0 run:*

I guess we were all in the zone. We were all having fun. We were playing great defense. Playing good defense carries over into playing good offense. Everybody was knocking down the shots and we were just out there having fun. I tired to tell them that before the LA game just to go there and have fun. When you are having fun you are doing the things you know how to do. So we just got to continue to do the things we know how to do.

### *On winning on the road:*

We just have to learn how to win on the road and jut play like we are at home. I joked with Brooke (Wyckoff) today and said I wish we could play all our games at home. We just have to go on the road, suck it up and do the same.

## **#4 CANDICE DUPREE, FORWARD**

### *On tonight's play:*

Tonight I felt really good going into the game. I knew I had to pick it up tonight because my last two games weren't great.

### *On playing without Sylvia Fowles:*

We knew she was out so we had to play tough defense. We were able to be more aggressive on defense. We just had great ball movement and knocking down shots.

*On carrying momentum from home to the road:*

We need to take the motivation from today's game to the road.

## **CONNECTICUT SUN QUOTES SUN COACH MIKE THIBAULT QUOTES**

*On the loss:*

I've never seen a run like that against us in the seven years I've been coaching this team. We tried different things, we didn't have it. We turned the ball over during that time. We were missing shots. We did everything you could possibly do wrong for six minutes. Still we got a little run to start the fourth quarter, and got it to 14 or whatever it was. Our starting group just didn't play well tonight.

*On Chicago's hot start:*

For us I thought the start of the game when Dupree was particularly good to start, and Ely came in off the bench like she's been doing gave them a big lift. I think she's been a key in their wins lately. They're getting better every day as a team.

*On forgetting tonight:*

We have to because we play again in 22 hrs in Detroit.

### **#15 ASJHA JONES, FORWARD**

*On what ignited the Chicago run:*

Turnovers, we turned the ball over and they scored baskets from it, in return we didn't get good shots of our own.

*On the difference between tonight and the teams' last meeting:*

I mean that was a long time ago, they're a totally different team now. In this league you can't go by what happened the game before. They weren't playing their best then and we weren't playing our best now. That's how it goes some times

*On the Sun's fourth quarter run:*

We didn't turn the ball over as much. From there that's how they got a lot of their points. We cut that down and got some decent shots.

### **#20 TAN WHITE, GUARD**

*On her impressions of the game:*

There's pretty much nothing to say. They came out ready to play and took advantage of the turnovers that we had. They scored off of them and got a big lead. We buried ourselves in a hole early and couldn't come back.

*On the bench's performance:*

Everybody that came off the bench tonight tried to pick up the tempo of the game. Thought we did a pretty good job, not just myself but the other players that came off the bench. We just tried to pick up the tempo of the game and cut their lead down. As a team collectively we just didn't get it done.

*On watching her team fall behind:*

My thing is just be ready and come out aggressive and hopefully the starters would feed off our aggressiveness. It was just a battle. You just can't get down at that point in the game.