

**CHICAGO SKY vs. WASHINGTON MYSTICS  
POST-GAME NOTES  
JUNE 27, 2009**

Team	Score	Record	High Points	High Rebounds	High Assists	Other Notable
SKY	68	5-3	Candice Dupree, 23	Sylvia Fowles, 10	Jia Perkins, 5	Erin Thorn 7 pts, 4rb
MYSTICS	83	4-3	Lindsey Harding, 15	Chasity Melvin, 9	Lindsey Harding, 6	Crystal Langhorne, 12 pts

- Attendance at tonight's game: 3918
- After earning its first road win of the season on Tuesday in Atlanta, the Sky (5-3) defeated the Mystics (4-3) 68-63 in Chicago.
- The win makes the Sky 4-8 all-time against Washington.
- The Sky is off to its best home start in team history remaining undefeated through four games in the UIC Pavilion.
- The Mystics (4-3) were led by Lindsey Harding's 15 points.
- The Sky's K.B. Sharp did not play due to back pain.
- The Mystics' Marissa Coleman did not play because of a left ankle injury.

**KEY STATS OF THE NIGHT**

- Both teams shot below .333 percent from three-point range.
- The Sky shot .182 percent from three-point range.
- The Mystics shot .556percent from the free throw line.
- Washington turned the ball over 24 times.
- Chicago's Candice Dupree scored 16 of her game-high 23 points in the second half.

**KEY RUN OF THE NIGHT**

With 4:27 left in the game the Sky's Candice Dupree sunk a layup to tie the game at 58. Over the next four minutes the Sky outscored the Mystics 10-2 to ensure the victory.

**SKY-LIGHTS**

- Candice Dupree had another stellar night scoring 23 points and grabbing seven rebounds including four on the offensive end.
- Sylvia Fowles dominated the paint and recorded another double-double with 10 rebounds and 13 points.
- Chicago erased a lead of eight in the first half and nine in the second half.
- Jia Perkins scored 14 points, dished out five assists and grabbed four rebounds.

**MYSTICS NOTES**

- Lindsey Harding led the Mystics with 15 points, she also handed out six assists and grabbed six rebounds.
- Alana Beard scored 14 points and shot 5 of 6 from the free-throw line.
- The Mystics outrebounded the Sky by one, 36-35.
- Crystal Langhorne scored 12 points and grabbed eight rebounds off the bench for Washington.

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

### *On the team:*

I think we are playing collectively well as a team I think we can play better, we can be more efficient, particularly on the defensive end. I think we shouldn't be satisfied, we gave up 63 points tonight .I think we should try and be more stingy on defense every night so on one of our nights when our offense is clicking, that's a 15 point win as oppose to a 5 point win.

### *On homecourt wins:*

We talked about that in the beginning of the season we want to hold our home court. To win all these games that makes 17 wins if we if we can hold our home court so that's been the focus from day one.

### *On tonight's weaknesses:*

First quarter we definitely weren't taking care of the ball and turned it over quite a few times in the first half. The second half we tried to tighten things up and I think that helped us come back into the game.

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

### *On tonight's composure:*

We just had to keep our composure, our moto is "if we don't score, they don't score" so we have to be able to pick it up on the defense end and score on offense end.

### *On the team's ability to score:*

I think a lot of us have more baskets going towards the rim then are actually dropping. I know Jia was having a tough night knocking down some jumpers and I was having a tough night as well. So at that point we just have to attack and keep driving the lane, and not give up, eventually they are going to drop, and they did for us towards the end of the game.

## **WASHINGTON MYSTICS QUOTES MYSTICS COACH JULIE PLANK QUOTES**

### *On losing the late lead:*

Candice Dupree really stepped up. I thought we did a nice job on her last game. I thought they hurt us down the stretch on the boards. Their zone was effective down the stretch against us.

### *On Washington's defense:*

I thought our defense did well enough to win. We gave up 68 points, and they didn't shoot particularly well. Offensively we have to finish shots, and make free throws, which we struggled at. We turned the ball over uncharacteristically.

### *On shooting .556 percent from the free throw line:*

We've struggled with that in games, not every game, but the last couple. That's something we will address and have to take care of.

#### **# 20 ALANA BEARD, GUARD/FORWARD**

*On losing big leads:*

I think it's a lack of focus. We have to commit to doing the little things. We started off the game doing the little things right. We have to be consistent throughout the entire game, playing defense, staying with our scheme, talking. We won games when we were doing those intangibles.

*On losing to a team they already beat:*

It was a pretty low scoring game. They came into our home we did some things against them we got to the rim a lot. They came out with a different mind set. We were aggressive. Unfortunately Candice (Dupree) and (Sylvia) Fowles hurt us in the end.

#### **#10 LINDSEY HARDING, GUARD**

*On setting the wrong tone:*

My frustrations are because I'm a point guard and I am responsible for setting the tone. I turned the ball over the first possession. That didn't sit well.

*On all the turnovers:*

I had six, and about five of them I didn't know what I was doing. Sometimes you're in a rush, and we run a lot, I'm not sure. We did a better job the second half, rebounding is what killed us Fowles was a beast.

*On Chicago becoming a tough place to play:*

When you have Candice Dupree and they made the move to get Sylvia Fowles, one of the best post player in the league, it makes it hard for a lot of people.