

At 6-6, sticking out (just a little)

What's up, Chi city? I can't believe they have me writing this blog for the city; you know I'm gonna tell ya how it is, and I have to do the whole shout-outs thing, first to my Sky teammates back home, second to all my friends and family in Louisiana and Miami. What's up my people!!

So I've earned a spot on the USA Basketball Women's Olympic team, who would have thought?

A little (well, 6-foot-6) girl would work her way from Miami projects, to LSU, to the WNBA Chicago Sky and now here in Beijing!

All right let's get this show on the road. We had the Opening Ceremonies—not sure if you were able to catch it or not—but trust me when I say that joint was super-duper long but absolutely an Opening Ceremonies for the record books!! The dude went flying in the air and then was running on the ceiling!! It was like "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon"! It was an experience like no other.



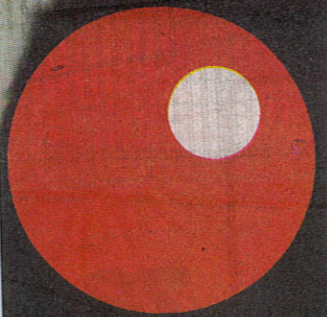
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The Chicago Sky's Sylvia Fowles blogs her Olympic experiences for RedEye

I mean there was so much going on and so many different countries. I have a bachelor's degree and all, but I have never ever heard of some of the countries represented in the Olympics like Burkina Faso, Lichtenstein and Tuvalu. I am also a huge fashion buff so I loved seeing what every country was wearing.

During the ceremonies I noticed that a lot of other Olympians seem to be taking double or triple takes at me. I'm used to it by now, as I can see how I stick out in a crowd. I also took a picture with President Bush, which was pretty cool. Well I have so many games to watch, so many Olympians to meet, and even more basketball to play. The Olympics have begun, I'll do my part to be your eyes and ears in Beijing, and I got a pretty good view from here.

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