

Postgame Notes & Quotes

New York Liberty 71, Chicago Sky 67
Prudential Center, Newark, NJ
August 30, 2011

NOTES

- The Liberty climbed to 17-13 while the Sky fell to 14-16.
- Sylvia Fowles led the Sky with 22 points. Fowles has scored in double digits for the Sky every game this season.
- The Sky built a 14 point lead in the fourth quarter before New York went on a 22-2 run.
- Essence Carson and Cappie Pondexter led the late rally, scoring 13 and 10 points, respectively, in the fourth quarter.
- Pondexter tallied 19 points for the night, her 26th consecutive game scoring in double digits.
- Leilani Mitchell recorded five rebounds, one short of her season-high.
- New York cut their magic number to one with their victory tonight.
- With their win tonight, the Liberty took the season series with the Sky, 3-2.
- Down by 55-41 with 9:42 remaining in the game, New York went on a 30-12 run to take the lead and close out the game.
- New York tallied 30 points in the fourth quarter, matching their highest scoring quarter of the season. On June 10, the Liberty scored 30 points in one quarter against the Indiana Fever.
- For the second consecutive home game, the Liberty overcame a deficit of over 10 points in the fourth quarter to win the game.
- The Liberty improved their record at home to 11-4 on the season.
- New York extended their streak to five consecutive wins at home.

NEW YORK LIBERTY QUOTES

Head Coach John Whisenant

On tonight's game

"It was a hard win. We stopped them and made 15 steals, we caused them to make 20 turnovers, and we ultimately out-rebounded them. Those are important factors. We did struggle shooting and were tight. Our team showed great competitiveness. It was a hard fought win, but that group that was in at the end played tremendous defense to stop Chicago and give us a chance to win."

On the fourth quarter against Chicago

"We tried to put pressure and we put pressure where they could make passes to fouls. Our defense denies entry passes and if we get out of position where they can lob it to our center. When we get it down, which we finally did we were pressuring the wing and the point guard. This forced them to make different plays."

Cappie Pondexter

On tonight's game

"When we play teams, many times they scout you so well or sometimes things don't work for you. We're so young a lot of times we lose focus of what the philosophy is, which we showed in the fourth quarter. I remind these guys about the last time they came here in the fourth quarter. Sure enough we shut them down. We definitely need to lock in and pay attention to detail. It's so tight these last four games."

Plenette Pierson

On the team coming back tonight

"It is a game of runs and they made their run early and we knew when it came down to it we have a lot of players on this team who can come in and settle down. We like playing with our backs against the wall. It is kind of bad, but we know when to go out and grind it out."

CHICAGO SKY QUOTES

Head Coach Pokey Chatman

On tonight's game

"You have to give credit to New York but we have to take some of the blame. If you hold a team to 30 points in a half you can't have them score 30 points in the fourth quarter. I think they were more aggressive and they took it to us"

On Liberty defense

"Their defense is good but we were too passive. When you have shot clock violations against you it means you are passive. In sports you suffer from tough losses. We will see what kind of character we have when we get back out there."

Sylvia Fowles

On her performance

"Overall I think I was okay, not good enough and I say that because my team didn't win. We just have to do a better job of locking in our focus and making sure we come together as a team in those situations."

On the fourth quarter

"We can't turn the ball over and be more aggressive because that's what kept us in the game the first 30 minutes. In the fourth quarter we kind of got away from ourselves. If we had kept being aggressive, I think it would have been a different outcome."

Epiphanny Prince

On the fourth quarter

"They were more aggressive. I think we got complacent with our lead and they were attacking us; instead of being so complacent, we should have been aggressive."