

Postgame Notes & Quotes

Chicago Sky 88, Indiana Fever 69
Allstate Arena, Rosemont, IL
August 7, 2011

NOTES

- The Sky moved to 10-12 on the season. The Fever fell to 15-7.
- The win snapped a 7 game Sky losing streak to Indiana.
- The Sky are now 1-2 vs. the Fever this season with one game remaining (9/4/11) in Chicago.
- Coming off the bench, Shay Murphy scored a career high 21 points and recorded a career tied for best 3 steals.
- MVP candidate Sylvia Fowles scored 21 points and grabbed 12 rebounds.
- The Sky was hot from three point range shooting 8-16 from beyond the arc.
- The Sky's bench outscored the Fever 44-27.
- The Sky outshot the Fever 47.5% to 43.9%.
- The Sky led in points in the paint 30-24.
- Michelle Snow played her 200th consecutive game, the 16th longest in WNBA history.
- The Sky's largest lead was 19 points, which they reached with 7.9 seconds to go on a Murphy lay-up and free throw, and kept at the buzzer.
- The 88 Sky points was the most the Sky has ever scored vs. Indiana.
- The Fever lost for the first time in 2011 when recording fewer turnovers than their opponents. They are now 9-1.
- The loss snapped the Fever's five game winning streak.
- Katie Douglas led the Fever with 14.
- Jessica Davenport scored under double digits (6) for the first time in 13 games.
- Tamika Catchings was held to 8 points on 2-6 shooting.

Postgame Quotes

Chicago Sky Head Coach Pokey Chatman

(Opening statement)

“It was a good win for us, we are a lot better when we practice and get reps in. With that being said, I think we need to have a team like Indiana that comes in here with a very physical style. It was nice to weather the storm, but it took everybody. Cat Kraayeveld didn’t play a second in New York, but she was huge here. It’s all about matchups, but you need to be ready when your number is called. It boiled down to our ability to defend, rebound, and get to the free throw line 26 times.”

(On maintaining momentum after the 3rd quarter run)

“Play hard, play smart, and play to win. We have to get better, it’s just one game, and we need momentum for the next. And I just talked to them about doing the same things we have been doing in the previous quarters. It was nice to substitute different people in there, and still be able to execute some of those things.

(On how important it was to stretch the lead on the Fever in the second half)

“It was nice to see us continue to play hard, because we always talk about when you play hard and smart, the scoreboard will take care of itself. If you play hard and lock in, you should be happy with the results on the scoreboard. I think it was huge for our confidence and our momentum moving forward to another good team.”

(On satisfaction of a win vs. the first place Fever)

“It was very nice to be at home, versus a good team that we have not played well against. They pose some matchup problems, but it was nice to see our players adjust to some of those problems. It’s always a game of adjustments, and playing at a high competitive level, these things will give you a chance to win. That’s how we were successful.”

Sky Guard Shay Murphy

(On offensive rhythm)

“It just felt good to knock down shots and stay aggressive. Offensively we knew that they would be collapsing on Syl. It was great to get some open looks and take care of business on both ends of the floor.

(On team’s defensive performance)

“We had a great defensive performance tonight. Against New York, at New York Thursday we held them to 59 points, but we didn’t click offensively. We are taking it step-by-step and getting it done on defense, now it is important to play collectively on offense. As long as we continue to concentrate, focus, and play together one possession at a time we will take care of it.”

(On what this win does for team morale)

“You are only as good as your last game, but a win against Indiana is great for our organization and team. It is a great win because it shows us that we can compete with anybody on any given night where anyone can beat

anyone. It is going to be a different player every night. Tonight Cat was really huge and contributed to get this win. If we play 40 minutes together as a team, we can beat any team.”

Sky Forward Cathrine Kraayeveld

(On team’s offensive performance)

“I think that we didn’t rush. We took what they gave us. We were really aggressive which helped and got to the free throw line.

(On out rebounding Indiana)

“Rebounding has always been a focus of ours, especially defensively we want to make sure the other team doesn’t get second chance points. That has always been a big key for us; crashing the boards and pushing the ball up in transition.”

(On how the win will help the team)

“This was a good win for us. We needed it going into some tough games coming up. We can’t really focus too much on this. We need to move on, learn from this game, and worry about Connecticut focusing on what we need to do against them in order to win.”

Sky Center Sylvia Fowles

(On what worked on offense)

“I think the team’s focus was locked in, our coaches always tell us just play as a team together when we are out on the floor.”

(On Shay Murphy)

“Shay is like the energizer bunny. She always brings positive energy and is always so motivated and eager to work. When the team is down by twenty, Shay is the person to uplift the team and having her on the floor makes a big difference.”

(On controlling turnovers)

“They put some pressure on us tonight, but at the same time some of them were uncontested because we rushed. A lot of it had to do with us mentally. We just need to continue to tell ourselves to lock in mentally, slow down, and take care of the ball.”

Head Coach Lin Dunn

(On the loss tonight)

“Chicago is very good, it does not surprise me at all as hard as they played they are playing for a playoff spot and I give them all the credit in the world. They out worked us, out hustled us, they beat us up and down the floor and I am very disappointed in our effort, very disappointed in our energy. We have won five in a row and I think when that happens you worry about getting complacent. I hoped we had the leadership to not let that happen, but it is obvious they out played us, out worked us and they played like a team they wants a playoff

spot and we played like a team that is resting waiting for the playoffs. I give all the credit in the world to Chicago. They had a tough loss in New York, led the entire game and then let New York come back and win. So I expected them to bring their A-game tonight and they did.”

(On Sylvia)

“She had a great game against us last time, she has a great game every game. She is really good. I think what Chicago did is that they had great games from a lot of people. All their players played well like Murphy and Kraayeveld and they are all playing at a high level and the bench came in and helped them, but I thought it was a team win for them not just Sylvia.”

(On Douglas and Catchings)

“I thought they Chicago played harder and a lot of our players were not able to do what they wanted, especially those two. Nothing came easy for them and that is a credit to your defense. You have to match the other teams intensity and toughness and I don’t think they we did that tonight.