

Postgame Notes & Quotes

Chicago Sky 64, Tulsa Shock 55
BOK Center, Tulsa, OK
July 28, 2011

NOTES

Chicago Sky

- Sylvia Fowles finished the night with a double-double, 14 points and 10 rebounds.
- The Sky forced 18 Shock turnovers for 12 points and held Tulsa to only 34.3 percent shooting.
- Dominique Canty played 1:50, in her first game since a knee injury June 21.

Tulsa Shock

- The Shock held Sylvia Fowles, who led the WNBA in points per game (20.3), to only 14 for the night.
- Ivory Latta led the Shock in points, with 20, while making 3 of her 5 shots in three-point territory.
- Tiffany Jackson's 8 offensive rebounds tied a WNBA season record, and set a new record for the Shock. It was also a career-high for the forward. She pulled down 11 of her 15 rebounds in the third quarter. Since the WNBA moved to quarters in 2006, only one player, Erika de Souza, has grabbed 11 rebounds in one quarter. de Souza had her 11 rebound quarter on May 23rd, 2008 while playing for Atlanta.
- Oklahoma City Thunder forward Kevin Durant was present for the game and tweeted afterwards: KDTrey5 I had fun at the @tulsashock game! We came close to winning but we couldn't pull through, great effort ladies!!

Sky Quotes

Head Coach Pokey Chatman winning on the road

“This is only our second road win. We have struggled on the road. We’ve struggled taking care of the basketball, and that is the first thing I talked about in the locker room. We established ourselves. We got in a little bit of foul trouble, but the bench came out and helped. When it got down to it, we executed and got the ball in the right hands of the right people.”

On rookie Courtney Vandersloot

“I thought Courtney Vandersloot was huge for us. She didn’t turn it over; she kept the ball in her hand about 6 and a half minutes in the fourth quarter; she got a couple of baskets and made the right passes, and she looked very confident out there. That was our quarterback. She is a rookie point guard that I just threw out there due to the injuries of Dominique Canty. She has had her ups and downs, and I am glad she had an up on the road.”

Guard Epiphanny Prince on playing Tulsa

“Tulsa they never give up; they always play hard. They always play aggressive. They are coming together, with new players new coaches. And we got a gritty win out of them.”

Center Sylvia Fowles on securing the win

“We knew they were going to be hungry and they had nothing to lose and they came out and played to the best of their ability. In the end, we didn’t want to lose; we had just come off a loss. We just regrouped and locked in as a team.”

Shock Quotes

Head Coach Teresa Edwards on where the team is at

“We are constantly growing and working on individual aspects, and that is tough in this fast-paced environment that we play in the WNBA. We have to teach, study and really work hard. I have some ladies that are really grinding it out mentally and physically. They are trying to figure things out real quick, as we are implementing new changes. It takes teams years to gel with chemistry, so what we are getting done is actually pretty good.”

Guard Ivory Latta what the team needs to focus on

“Every one has to stay in attack mode. We have to continue to run our offense and do the things Coach Edwards wants us to do, and play a hard 40 minutes. Tomorrow we are going to come back in and work on some things that are going to help us against Seattle. They are definitely a great team and we are going to continue to work hard.”

Forward Abi Olajuwon on coming to the Tulsa Shock mid-season

“I felt more comfortable because I had a few days to prepare with the team and learn the plays. We are close, but we have to finish it out. I think there is no way to go, but up. We are getting the kinks out, and these are the things that teams have finalized during training camp. What we are doing mid-season now is what most people were doing at the beginning of the season. If we do find that chemistry here towards the end, it will be a great start to next year.”