

# Postgame Notes & Quotes

**Chicago Sky 72, Tulsa Shock 54**  
**Allstate Arena, Chicago, IL**  
**July 13, 2011**

## NOTES

- The Sky set an all-time attendance record with 13,838 in the crowd.
- The Sky won its third straight game at Allstate Arena and is now 5-2 at home, 7-7 overall.
- The Sky is now 5-13 overall vs. the Shock, 2-1 since the team moved to Tulsa.
- Sylvia Fowles led all scorers with 21 points and grabbed a game-high 13 rebounds.
- The Sky outscored the Shock in the paint 40 to 12.
- Epiphanny Prince, who leads the league in steals, swiped 5 more on the night.
- The Sky finished with a season high 15 steals; 8 Sky players registered at least one steal.
- The Sky had 18 fast break points while the Shock had just 2.
- The Shock fell to 1-12, 0-7 on the road.
- The Shock had 24 turnovers in the game.
- Jennifer Lacy led the Shock coming off the bench scoring 13.
- Andrea Riley had a season high 12 points.
- Liz Cambage played only 5 minutes in the first half due to 4 first quarter fouls.
- Tiffany Jackson played all 40 minutes of the game and recorded 7 points and 11 rebounds.
- The Shock shot just 30.4 percent from the field.
- Tulsa scored a season low 54 points.
- Tulsa G Ivory Latta did not play due to an infection.

## **POSTGAME QUOTES**

### **Chicago Sky Head Coach Pokey Chatman**

*(Opening Statement)*

“We obviously got things done defensively. We challenge a team to get 14 points in a quarter, and 3 of the 4 quarters we did that. I was not pleased with the turnovers, we tried to hit too many home runs. Bottom line, we got the win and had the crowd behind us, and it was nice to see some other players step-up because Tulsa poses a big, and unique lineup.”

*(On handling lead without Sylvia’s typical presence)*

“You know, sometimes you have to play through Sylvia. That doesn’t mean pound the ball in there when there is five people on her. Sometimes it means reverse the ball to get the shooters wide open. I like how we got some deflections in the transition. And I like that we involved the entire bench to get some looks, especially going into Atlanta.”

*(On hovering around a .500% winning record)*

“We have to take ownership for some of the things that were not allowing ourselves opportunities. Were leading the league in turnovers with 18! If we can get that number around 13, then that’s my lucky number. So that is five more opportunities for us to cash in on some of our work.”

*(On maturing as a team after today’s win)*

“I think so. Maturing, that is a good word for you guys. I think the thing for me its more about ‘not giving in’ and were making the same mistakes over and over. At some point, the word is not maturity, its like, do your damn job! It’s about not making the same mistakes over again.”

### **Chicago Sky Guard Epiphanny Prince**

*(On getting a lot of steals and doing well on the defensive end)*

“I am always aggressive in the help side. My teammates get their hands on a lot of balls and if I can get my hand on it, I always try to pursue the steal.”

*(On the team’s composure and making sure they kept control of the game)*

“We know it’s a game of runs. We want to sustain any and stay aggressive. We also got a lot of post touches, which really helped us.

*(On Big Syl and how she played)*

“She did awesome. I think when they weren’t calling fouls she still played hard. She rebounded the ball well and was always aggressive on offense.”

## **Sky Forward Tamera Young**

*(On her consistent play coming off the bench)*

"I always want to try and bring energy. I come off the bench doing whatever coach wants me to do. My job is to help the team be successful."

*(On the team's defense and how important it is for her own game)*

"We let them score 22 points in the second quarter so we knew we had to buckle down as a team. Defense is one of the things I really want to be known for. That's one thing coach and I talk about and I want to guard top defenders in this league."

*(On Big Syl and how she played)*

"Syl is an absolute beast. It doesn't matter who's guarding her. She is strong and knows how to get in the paint and score. That's just what she does. Big or small, she is going to do what she has to do against anyone."

## **Sky Forward Sylvia Fowles**

*(On her play tonight against Tulsa)*

"My teammates helped me tremendously. They ran the floor and got open looks when they were crowding me. They never stopped attacking and when it was all set and done, Tulsa drifted off of me a bit and I was able to get some good looks again."

*(On playing against Elizabeth Cambage)*

"I kind of got a feel for her when I played her in the Czech Republic. I thought about the things that I could utilize against her. She is definitely big and strong but she still has a lot to learn."

*(On what they need to do next for the upcoming games)*

"We need to limit our turnovers and focus on team. When we have a lead, we need to utilize it and not let teams make a comeback on us. That's something we definitely need to work on."

## **Shock Head Coach Teresa Edwards:**

*(On Liz Cambage getting in early foul trouble)*

"I'm very mad at myself that I couldn't get her out in time. I was hoping she recognized it and just give up a 2-pointer instead of getting a foul. I'm still trying to teach Liz that she's very important to our team and she has to fight through those types of situations. Her frustrations sometime gets the best of her because she's young but it's just a growing process."

*(On defending Sylvia)*

"I seriously think Tiffany Jackson played her heart out on her. I thought she did a really good job early on with her. They just have a great pick and roll scheme that if you don't play it correctly

Sylvia starts backing you down and they try to create some mismatches. We are doing our best to try to adjust to that but she's a heck of a player. I do think that Sylvia was pumped up to play against Liz and Liz was so pumped up to play against her but her adrenaline got the best of her early in the game."

*(On first time ever being a head coach and how she envisions the rest of the season)*

"I think I have to keep organizing-- keep building our defensive principles and what different things we are going to do game in and game out. Also teaching the kids how to adjust on the spot. We have a lot of young kids and that transition level of college to pro is different. You've got to be able to spontaneously adjust after timeouts. For them it's not coming as easy because you are younger-- but we do have kids that can do it. It's a matter of blending it and coming up with so great offensive schemes and devising some defensive strategies that's going to cause problems for other teams. I've just got to keep implementing things of that nature."

### **Shock Forward Jennifer Lacey**

*(On making a run in the second half--what they could have done to keep it up and make it a close game)*

"Turnovers and lack of execution-- that's basically it. We gave them the game. I think it's the things we did not necessarily the things they did."

*(On holding Sylvia to 7 points in the 2nd half after scoring 14 in first)*

"We wanted to get after her and make her uncomfortable. Maybe throw a couple of double-teams at her and try to get the ball out of her hands. I thought we were a little more successful with that in the second half than the first. She's a beast and unfortunately our center got into early foul trouble."

### **Shock Guard Sheryl Swoopes**

*(On what coach Edwards is doing differently since becoming head coach)*

I think that the respect level we have for her as a player and now as a coach says a lot about what we think she can bring to this team. Obviously she knows the game-- she has played it a long time and she has a lot of experience. I think we are expecting a lot from her but on the other side of that, she's never been in this position. So, if people are expecting her to come in and work a miracle and turn things around overnight--it's not going to happen. In any sport when there's a change that's made it's going to take time for everybody to adjust. But as player's we've got to step up and continue to do what we can do. Everybody just have to work on the same page but we're getting there. It's going to take time, but I think we are headed in the right direction."

*(On how much the Chicago Sky has changed/improved)*

"The team itself has grown tremendously. The talent level that's on this team today compared to the last time I've played them is a lot better than it was then. Even though this was a kid's day, the fan support has grown. It's good to see that they are still believing-- they're here. They are playing very well I think if they continue to do what they are doing, that fans continue to support them the way they are and this franchise will have a very bright future in this league."