

Postgame Notes & Quotes

Chicago Sky 85, San Antonio Silver Stars 73
AT&T Center, San Antonio, TX
August 14, 2011

- Sylvia Fowles led the Sky with 28 points and a season high 17 rebounds.
- Fowles 22 first half points set a new Sky record for a half.
- Michelle Snow played her 203rd consecutive game, which is tied for #14 for the longest consecutive game streak in WNBA history.
- The Sky outrebounded the Silver Stars 45-20.
- Former Sky Guard Jia Perkins led the Silver Stars in scoring for the fourth time this season with her 16th double-digit points game.
- Forward Sophia Young notched her 300th career steal
- Guard Danielle Robinson led the Silver Stars in assists for the fifth time this season with seven

Silver Stars Head Coach Dan Hughes

(opening statement on today's game)

"That's about as dominating a presence in the post, I'm talking about Sylvia Fowles, that I have ever seen while coaching and I've coached over 300 games. We can talk about what we didn't do well or what Chicago did well, but I think you have to start and give credit to an incredible performance by Sylvia Fowles. My gosh it was as good of a performance that I can remember coaching against. I appreciated that we fought back in the second half. I appreciated that we closed the game well. I didn't think we did a great job putting ourselves in any situation in the first half either offensively or defensively that we could then close the game with. The separation was too much. We have to move on. I told the team that they were going to play a lot of team with their backs against the wall. Chicago is in a race for a playoff spot and what you saw there was a team that I think came out hungry."

Guard Jia Perkins

(on the play of Sylvia Fowles today)

"I think she came out with the mentality that she was going to be aggressive and she wasn't going to stop until somebody stopped her. We didn't stop her the whole game so she kept going."

(On how the team moves on from the loss)

"I think we need to be consistent. We can't take any days off mentally or physically. I think Chicago came in wanting to win and I think we kind of just started the game nonchalant and we weren't aggressive; so Chicago took full advantage of that. We just have to do better. We have another game Tuesday. This one is a loss, but we have to move on to the next."

Sophia Young

(On the game today)

"We got killed on the boards today. They were giving us one shot and we were giving them 2 or 3 shots. I don't think we can ever win a game like that. When you get out rebounded by 25 you're not going to win a game like that."

(On Sylvia Fowles today)

"I thought she was ready to play today. She came out aggressive and she came out to win. She was in a mindset that they had to win. She took over and she led her team. I have to give her credit on how she stepped up today. She put the team on her back and she carried the team."

Chicago Sky Head Coach Pokey Chatman

(Opening statement ...)

"I think right off the bat we established ourselves defensively, but more importantly on the boards. That's the second part of playing good defense is following it up with rebounds. We were +20 on the boards. I think the biggest thing for us is playing through Sylvia Fowles and playing off of Sylvia Fowles. She makes it a lot easier when she's working the way she needs to work. But I thought it was a total team effort tonight."

(On establishing the post players early in the game ...)

"It's two-fold. Sometimes the bigs aren't playing in conjunction with the perimeter players when they are ready to get the ball inside. You work at it and you work at it and you stay true to it and it's fun when we're working together like that. Sylvia is a big target and even if you pass it up to the penthouse she can go get it. Sometimes she doesn't have the best position, but with her vertical we can send it up there where she's the only one who can get it. She did it early, she did it in the middle, and she did it late today."

(On Sylvia's overall performance today vs. the rest of the season ...)

"I think she got off to an earlier start today. She was very active. I told her they were going to go zone and I kept telling her to be active and we'll play off of you. She would flash high and the defense would collapse and leave our shooters open. When players get hot a lot of times everyone on the court just stands still. Sometimes it's hard to run a route and not get a pass or even get open. But she remained active and it allowed other players to get involved. I just thought her mentality was just a notch higher and quicker today. When you're a post player you get tired of getting beat up and getting tired from running rim-to-rim. I just thought her mindset was in the right place tonight."

Center Sylvia Fowles

(On the importance of establishing herself early tonight ...)

"It was very important not just for me personally, but for my team also. I felt like our last couple games we've been playing well, but we just were never allowed to get over that hump. I felt like if I came out and set the tone then my teammates would do the same. So I had to get it going early."

(On knowing early on that the Silver Stars didn't quite have an answer for her ...)

"I won't say that I was a better athlete, but I knew that I had an advantage. But with the Silver Stars it's kind of just pick your poison. Even though Riley doesn't have the foot speed she had when she was younger, she's still a really smart player. Sometimes you just have to see which one was going to give. She out-smarted me a couple times out there, and I out-quickened her a couple times."

(On if she felt better tonight than in recent games ...)

"I would be lying if I told you yes. Not really. I think it was more so just my mental focus. It was more of just a mental lockdown just to make we got out there and started on the right note."

(On her overall dominating performance tonight ...)

"I give a lot of credit to my teammates today. I hate taking credit for myself because it's a team game. They do a great job of getting me in tune and they did that today."

(On getting a win on the road against San Antonio ...)

"It's very important for us. San Antonio is a really good team and we know they don't give up. We know that they come out with a lot of energy. We just had to stay focused coming out in the second half and just making sure we held on to that lead."