

**NEW YORK LIBERTY BASKETBALL
POST GAME NOTES
Prudential Center
Chicago Sky vs. New York Liberty**

**New York Liberty 59
Chicago Sky 49**

[Attachment: Final Box Score]

GAME HIGHS	LIBERTY	SKY
POINTS	Pondexter, 15	Fowles, 11
REBOUNDS	Powell, 10	Fowles, 8
ASSISTS	Carson, Pondexter, 3	Prince, 3
STEALS	Mitchell, 3	Fowles, Murphy, 2

LIBERTY

The Liberty took their first lead of the game with 5:15 remaining in the 4th quarter (51-48).

Nicole Powell recorded her second double-double of the season (13 points and 10 rebounds).

Pienette Pierson blocked a season-high three shots.

Leilani Mitchell had a season-high three steals.

Quanitra Hollingsworth tied a season-high with two assists.

SKY

Dominique [Canty](#) grabbed a season-high three offensive rebounds and tied a season-high with three total rebounds.

Shay Murphy tied a season-high with two steals.

WORTH NOTING

The Liberty became the first team in WNBA history to hold their opponent to 1-point in a quarter since the four quarters format was adopted in 2006.

Liberty held the Sky to a season low 49 points.

The Liberty held Chicago without field goals in the 4th quarter.

NEW YORK LIBERTY QUOTES

Head Coach John Whisenant

On Chicago Sky and today's game

"They had time to prepare for us and I thought Pokey (Chatman) did a good job having them prepared to stop us. We missed some shots and missed some more. Fortunately, and this is what I preach to our team since I came here is defense will keep you in the game, you've got to score to win them. When you're down, you've got to get stops, because you're not catching up if you let them score. But our team stayed focused and they believed in what they were doing. We were able to start making some shots and held them to one point in the fourth quarter which is pretty good defense."

On Liberty performance

"We made shots and stayed with our program. I'm not a changer, I don't believe that coaching is one brilliant play or drawing something up on the sideline. Our system is going against their system, we want to stay with it and that's what we did. What I'm as proud of as a coach is my players believed in what I've been preaching, they stayed with us."

On Liberty defense

"I think our players got more excited as we saw them wearing down. We got the lead that we never had until then and that empowered us and probably discouraged them, that's what our defense is meant to do. I told them you have to know what you have to do to play in competitive playoff games."

Cappie Pondexter

On defense

"We figured we could limit our turnovers, get some movement offensively, and get more pressure defensively. I think we definitely did that in the second half. We got stops and were able to get easy buckets and transitions, which then turned into being able to execute. They got frustrated on the defensive end and didn't give the energy defensively."

On Quanitra (Hollingsworth)

"Q (Quanitra) is the only one who can physically match up with any five in the league; and she's one of the best centers in the country with her size and ability to jump and run. She gives us that push that we need."

Nicole Powell

On defense

"It's really hard when you're not doing well offensively; your defense may reflect that but we still stayed strong on defense regardless of how we were shooting the ball and I thought that was a real test to our mental toughness tonight that I don't think that we've seen this year."

On transitions

"Sometimes you don't shoot the ball well, you have to rely on defense, and that's our bread and butter of our team. It creates offense for us and we got some steals and transitions because of the defense."

CHICAGO SKY QUOTES

Head Coach Pokey Chatman

On today's game

"We scored one point in the fourth quarter. When you go on the road and the team that is hot scores fifty-nine points, you need to win the game. We didn't do that. The inability to score, turnovers, and a lot of empty possessions, so all of the hard work we did we essentially let slip away. We were in attack mode a lot of east and west, north and south."

On improvements moving forward

"We need to be in attack mode and do things to win. It's just discipline."

Sylvia Fowles

On today's game

"We had a good game overall. The fourth quarter was just not our quarter. We need to score and get some stops. We have a game Sunday where we need to work hard and push forward."