



# SPARKS GAME NOTES

Los Angeles Sparks (11-4) at Las Vegas Aces (5-11)  
 June 29, 2018 | Mandalay Bay Events Center | 7:30 pm (PT)  
 Overall Game #16, Away Game #8  
 League Pass, AT&T Sportsnet-Rocky Mountain, SpecSN

## 2018 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time/Result	Record
5/7	at Connecticut*	L 65-68	
5/8	at New York*	L 75-81	
5/12	CHINA NATL TEAM*	W 82-61	
5/20	at Minnesota	W 77-76	(1-0)
5/22	at Indiana	W 87-70	(2-0)
5/24	at Connecticut	L 94-102	(2-1)
5/27	PHOENIX	W 80-72	(3-1)
6/3	MINNESOTA	W 77-69	(4-1)
6/7	SEATTLE	L 63-88	(4-2)
6/10	CHICAGO	W 77-59	(5-2)
6/12	ATLANTA	W 72-64	(6-2)
6/15	at Washington	W 97-86	(7-2)
6/17	at Chicago	W 81-72	(8-2)
6/19	INDIANA	W 74-55	(9-2)
6/22	at Dallas	L 72-101	(9-3)
6/24	NEW YORK	W 80-54	(10-3)
6/26	DALLAS	W 87-83	(11-3)
6/28	at Seattle	L 72-81	(11-4)
6/29	at Las Vegas	7:30	
7/1	LAS VEGAS	2:00	
7/3	CONNECTICUT	7:30	
7/5	at Minnesota	7:00	
7/7	WASHINGTON	4:00	
7/10	at Seattle	12:00	
7/12	DALLAS	12:30	
7/15	at Las Vegas	3:00	
7/20	INDIANA	7:30	
7/22	at Chicago	5:00	
7/24	ATLANTA	7:30	
8/2	MINNESOTA	7:00	
8/5	PHOENIX	4:00	
8/8	at New York	7:00	
8/9	at Atlanta	7:00	
8/12	at Phoenix	5:00	
8/14	NEW YORK	7:30	
8/17	at Washington	7:00	
8/19	at Connecticut	3:00	

\*= Preseason  
 All Times Local

## LOS ANGELES SPARKS PROBABLE STARTERS

F/G	17	ESSENCE CARSON										6-0	163		
GP/S	15/7	PTS	6.0	REB	2.2	AST	0.8	STL	0.9	FG%	44.2	3FG%	31.4	MIN	21.7

### 2018 Highlights:

Essence Carson started the first four games of the season for the Sparks, averaging a solid 10 points and three rebounds in those contests. She earned her first start since then on June 24 against the Liberty, recording eight points to help the Sparks secure a 26-point victory.

G/F	0	ALANA BEARD								5-11	160				
GP/S	15/15	PTS	3.7	REB	3.3	AST	1.3	STL	1.6	FG%	40.3	3FG%	0.0	MIN	25.5

### 2018 Highlights:

In 2017, Alana Beard won the Defensive Player of the Year Award. On June 15th, Beard scored 10 points in the fourth quarter to help the Sparks beat the Mystics 97-86. Beard nabbed four steals in the Sparks' June 26 win against the Wings. She is tied for second in the league in total steals (25) and second in steals per 40 minutes (2.6).

F	30	NNEKA OGWUMIKE							6-2	174					
GP/S	13/13	PTS	16.2	REB	7.4	AST	2.2	STL	1.5	FG%	58.4	3FG%	43.8	MIN	30.5

### 2018 Highlights:

Nneka Ogwumike is leading the Sparks in scoring, rebounding, and field goal percentage. She recorded her fourth double-double of the season with 12 points and 10 rebounds against the New York Liberty on June 24. Ogwumike is fifth in the WNBA in steals per game at 1.5. She has posted double-digit scoring totals in each of her 13 games, and ranks third in the league in field goal percentage (58.4%).

G	12	CHELSEA GRAY							5-11	170						
GP/S	15/15	PTS	14.7	REB	3.5	AST	5.6	STL	1.5	FG%	47.7	3FG%	29.0	MIN	31.5	

### 2018 Highlights:

Chelsea Gray won the first Western Conference Player of the Week Award in 2018. Gray is third in assists (84) and fourth in assists per game (5.6). She tallied a career-high 11 assists in the Sparks' 80-54 victory against the Liberty (June 24). Gray tied a season-high with 23 points in the Sparks' June 26 victory against the Wings.

F	3	CANDACE PARKER									6-4	175					
GP/S	12/11	PTS	17.6	REB	6.8	AST	4.2	STL	0.8	FG%	52.7	3FG%	37.5	MIN	28.8		

### 2018 Highlights:

The former Rookie of the Year, two-time MVP, and 2016 WNBA Finals MVP tied her career high with 11 assists in the Sparks' 97-86 win over the Washington Mystics on June 15th. Parker tallied a season-high 29 points against the Wings (June 26). Parker is averaging 17.6 points and 6.8 rebounds per game, both good for 14th league-wide. Parker averages 4.2 assists per game, the best mark of any center in the WNBA.

## LOS ANGELES INJURY REPORT

Sydney Wiese- Out, Left Knee Sprain  
 Nneka Ogwumie- GTD (BACK)

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## WNBA STANDINGS (GAMES PLAYED THROUGH 6/26/18)

<b>EASTERN CONFERENCE</b>	<b>RECORD</b>	<b>WESTERN CONFERENCE</b>	<b>RECORD</b>
Washington Mystics	10-5	Los Angeles Sparks	11-4
Connecticut Sun	9-6	Seattle Storm	11-5
Atlanta Dream	7-7	Phoenix Mercury	11-5
Chicago Sky	5-9	Minnesota Lynx	8-6
New York Liberty	4-10	Dallas Wings	7-7
Indiana Fever	1-14	Las Vegas Aces	5-11

## TEAM RECORDS

	Record (11-4)	Home (7-1)	Road (4-3)	OT (0-0)	2OT (0-0)
Overall					
West	(4-3)	(3-1)	(1-2)	(0-0)	(0-0)
East	(7-1)	(4-0)	(3-1)	(0-0)	(0-0)
Current Streak:	L1				

## LOS ANGELES SPARKS ROSTER

NO	PLAYER	POS	HT	WT	DOB	FROM	YRS
0	Alana Beard	G-F	5-11	160	5/14/82	Duke	12
17	Essence Carson	F-G	6-0	163	7/28/86	Rutgers	10
10	Maria Vadeeva	C	6-4	190	7/16/98	Russia	R
12	Chelsea Gray	G	5-11	170	10/8/92	Duke	3
42	Jantel Lavender	C	6-4	185	11/12/88	Ohio State	7
30	Nneka Ogumike	F	6-2	174	7/2/90	Stanford	6
3	Candace Parker	F-C	6-4	175	4/19/86	Tennessee	10
44	Karlie Samuelson	G	6-0	162	5/10/95	Stanford	R
1	Odyssey Sims	G	5-8	160	7/13/92	Baylor	4
24	Sydney Wiese	G	6-0	150	6/16/95	Oregon State	1
2	Riquna Williams	G	5-7	165	5/28/90	Miami (FLA)	5

## BASKETBALL OPERATIONS STAFF

Head Coach	Brian Agler (Wittenberg)
Assistant Coach	Bobbie Kelsey (Stanford)
Assistant Coach	Bryce Agler (Wittenberg)
Athletic Trainer	Courtney Watson (Calif.)
Strength-and-Condition Coach	Kelly Dormandy (Springfield)

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Brian Agler	AGG-ler
Alana Beard	ah-LAY-nah
Nneka Ogumike	NEH-kuh Oh-gwoo-MIH-kay
Sydney Wiese	WEECE (rhymes with REESE)
Maria Vadeeva	vuh-DEE-vuh
Riquna Williams	rih-QUAHN-uh

## HOW THE 2018 LOS ANGELES SPARKS WERE BUILT

DRAFT	FREE AGENCY	TRADE
Candace Parker (1st pick, 2008)	Alana Beard (2/8/12)	Riquna Williams (from DAL 3/1/16)
Jantel Lavender (5th pick, 2011)	Essence Carson (3/31/16)	Chelsea Gray (from CON4/15/16)
Nneka Ogumike (1st pick, 2012)	Karlie Samuelson (5/19/18)	Odyssey Sims (from DAL, 2/17/17)
Sydney Wiese (11th pick, 2017)	Karlie Samuelson (6/24/18)	
Maria Vadeeva (11th pick, 2018)		

## RECENT NEWS & TRANSACTIONS

June 28, 2018	Waived Cappie Pondexter
June 24, 2018	Signed Karlie Samuelson
June 10, 2018	Activated Maria Vadeeva
May 29, 2018	Activated Jantel Lavender
May 29, 2018	Waived Karlie Samuelson
May 19, 2018	Signed Karlie Samuelson
April 12, 2018	Drafted Maria Vadeeva
February 14, 2018	Signed Cappie Pondexter



**ALANA  
BEARD**



**ESSENCE  
CARSON**



**CHELSEA  
GRAY**



**JANTEL  
LAVENDER**



**NNEKA  
OGWUMIKE**



**CANDACE  
PARKER**



**KARLIE  
SAMUELSON**



**ODYSSEY  
SIMS**



**MARIA  
VADEEVA**



**SYDNEY  
WIESE**



**RIQUNA  
WILLIAMS**

## SEATTLE STORM (L, 72-81)

## GAME STORY

## Sparks Come Up Short in Seattle

Seattle (June 28, 2018) – Without Nneka Ogwumike for the second straight game, the Sparks were unable to close the game in Seattle, falling 81-72. The Sparks tied the game midway through the fourth quarter, but Breanna Stewart made key plays to lift Seattle.

The Storm came out hot from the field, opening up a 13-point first quarter lead by seven points from Jewell Loyd. The Sparks bench helped cut the deficit to eight to close the first quarter, 26-18, helped by a Riquna Williams 3-pointer. After giving up 26 in the first quarter, the Sparks held the Storm to 15 second quarter points, but only managed 17 of their own. Seattle led 41-35 at the break, led by Natasha Howard and Sue Bird's eight points apiece. Candace Parker led Los Angeles with 10 first half points.

Candace Parker had an exceptional third quarter, scoring 14 points and grabbing four rebounds to help the Sparks pull within two heading into the final frame, 59-57. She displayed her complete game, hitting a 3-pointer, getting to the foul line, posting up, and attacking off the catch.

The Storm's number-one ranked offense ultimately proved too much in the fourth quarter as Breanna Stewart showed her versatility, shooting from distance as well as posting up. She finished with 27 points and eight rebounds and hit a crucial 3-pointer to put the Storm up 73-64. The Sparks did not go down quietly as a Williams triple and Chelsea Gray layup closed the gap to four, but Seattle responded with a quick 4-0 run to distance themselves and pull away.



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Los Angeles Sparks

(11-4)

Seattle Storm

(11-5)

## SCORE BY PERIOD

Sparks (11-4)	18	17	22	15	72
Storm (11-5)	26	15	18	22	81

## LEADERS

POINTS	REBOUNDS	ASSISTS
Parker-27	Parker-11	Parker-3
Stewart-27	Tie-8	Parker-11

## NOTES

- The Sparks shot 38.2% for the game
- Candace Parker scored 14 points in the third quarter
- Candace Parker had 27 points and 11 rebounds, giving her 56 points in the last two games
- Chelsea Gray grabbed her 300th career rebound
- Jantel Lavender had a season-high 10 points and added seven rebounds
- Despite the loss, the Sparks retained first place in the WNBA at 11-4
- This is the first season series the Sparks have lost since 2016

## LAS VEGAS ACES (5-11)

## SERIES NOTES

Preview: The Sparks are facing the Las Vegas Aces in the second game of a back-to-back, their first season meeting with the newest WNBA relocated franchise (formerly the San Antonio Silver Stars).

The Aces have been led by first overall pick A'ja Wilson, the 2018 National Player of the Year at South Carolina. Wilson is having a terrific rookie campaign, averaging 20.2 points and 8.9 rebounds per game. In a June 12 victory against the Indiana Fever, Wilson had a monster night, totalling 35 points (16-24 from the field) and 13 boards. The Aces' backcourt is headlined by fifth-year guard Kayla McBride, who is averaging 18.7 points per game and has posted double-digit scoring totals in all but one of the games in which she has played.

The Aces enter the night coming off 97-91 home loss to the Dallas Wings (June 27). McBride had a sensational game, going for 38 points on the night. Wilson provided 22 points, 15 rebounds, and a career-high eight assists. Las Vegas have won just two of their last six games dating back to a June 15 loss in Dallas.

Head Coach: Bill Laimbeer, 1st season with Las Vegas

## Probable Starters:

G Kelsey Plum  
G Kayla McBride  
F Nia Coffey  
F A'ja Wilson  
C JiSu Park



## WHAT TO LOOK FOR:

-Aces are currently 5-11  
-A'ja Wilson (20.2) and Kayla McBride (18.7) are third and 10th, respectively in points per game  
-Point guard Kelsey Plum is the all-time NCAA scoring leader

## 2018 vs. Las Vegas

June 29 at LV	7:30 p.m. PST
July 1 vs. LV	2:00 p.m. PST
July 15 at LV	3:00 p.m. PST

## LAST GAME AGAINST Aces (8/22/17)

Aces 55  
Sparks 75

## Score By Period

SCORE	1	2	3	4	OT	FINAL
LV	17	12	19	7		55
LA	24	25	10	16		75

## HIGHLIGHTS

Biggest Lead:  
SEA: 1 | LA: 22  
Lead Changes: 2 | Times Tied: 0

## FINAL, LAST GAME 2018

Wings 97  
Aces 91

SCORE	1	2	3	4	OT	FINAL
Wings	28	27	20	22		97
Aces	28	24	20	19		91

## HIGHLIGHTS

Biggest Lead:  
DAL: 6 | LV: 6  
Lead Changes: 23 | Times Tied: 18



## 2018 TEAM BOX SCORE

Date	Opponent	MIN	FG-A	PCT	3PM-A	PCT	FTM-A	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AST	STL	BLK	TO	PF	PTS
5/20	@MIN	200:0	29-72	40.3	3-18	16.7	16-20	80	5	20	25	13	14	1	6	20	77
5/22	@IND	200:0	34-67	50.7	6-17	35.3	13-15	86.7	5	29	34	21	7	2	10	21	87
5/24	@CT	200:0	35-64	54.7	8-14	57.1	16-19	84.2	5	9	14	23	8	2	11	16	94
5/27	PHO	200:0	26-58	44.8	7-18	38.9	21-30	70	9	21	30	18	8	1	15	20	80
6/3	MIN	200:0	32-62	51.6	3-13	23.1	10-12	83.3	4	21	25	18	6	1	11	16	77
6/7	SEA	200:0	25-67	37.3	2-12	16.7	11-12	91.7	8	18	26	13	12	1	17	17	63
6/10	CHI	200:0	29-59	49.2	2-13	15.4	17-21	81	7	38	45	18	4	4	13	17	77
6/12	ATL	200:0	29-65	44.6	7-15	46.7	7-10	70	9	22	31	18	5	1	13	12	72
6/15	@WASH	200:0	35-56	62.5	8-10	80.0	19-20	95	4	21	25	29	5	2	16	14	97
6/17	@CHI	200:0	30-72	41.7	4-13	30.8	17-20	85	13	28	41	19	7	6	9	17	81
6/19	IND	200:0	32-68	47.1	4-13	30.8	6-6	100	3	26	29	20	9	7	7	12	74
6/22	@DAL	200:0	29-65	44.6	3-15	20.0	11-13	84.6	7	17	24	18	6	3	12	19	72
6/24	NY	200:0	31-61	50.8	8-20	40.0	10-18	55.6	3	36	39	27	10	4	9	14	80
6/26	DAL	200:0	33-63	52.4	5-15	33.3	16-24	66.7	5	26	31	17	14	7	12	17	87
6/28	@SEA	200:0	26-68	38.2	6-17	35.3	14-15	93.3	15	10	25	8	6	5	12	15	72
6/29	@LV																
7/1	LV																
7/3	CT																
7/5	@MIN																
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8/12	@PHO																
8/14	NY																
8/17	@WASH																
8/19	@CT																

## 2018 RECORD WHEN...

QUICK OVERVIEW	RECORD
Overall	11-4
Home	7-1
Road	4-3
vs. Western Conference	4-3
vs. Eastern Conference	7-1

BREAKDOWN	RECORD
vs. teams .500+ (day of game)	6-4
vs. teams sub .500 (day of game)	5-0
Games 1-10	8-2
Games 11-20	3-2
Games 21-34	n/a
Pre All-Star Break	11-4
Post All-Star Break	n/a

DAYS OF REST	
Back-to-back games	n/a
1 day between games	5-2
2 days between games	4-1
3 days between games	0-1
4+ days between games	2-0

BY DAY	RECORD	HOME	ROAD
Monday	n/a	n/a	n/a
Tuesday	4-0	3-0	1-0
Wednesday	n/a	n/a	n/a
Thursday	0-3	0-1	0-2
Friday	1-1	n/a	1-1
Saturday	n/a	n/a	n/a
Sunday	6-0	4-0	2-0

BY MONTH	RECORD	HOME	ROAD
May	3-1	1-0	2-1
June	8-3	6-1	2-2
July	n/a	n/a	n/a
August	n/a	n/a	n/a
September	n/a	n/a	n/a

SPARKS RECORD WHEN	RECORD
Shooting 45%+	7-1
Shooting sub 45%	4-3
Opponents shooting 45%+	3-3
Opponents shooting sub 45%	8-1
Bench outscores opponent bench	6-1
Bench outscored by opponent bench	5-3
Bench scoring is tied	n/a
Tied or more points in the paint	9-0
Fewer points in the paint	2-4
Score 70 + points	11-3
Score sub 70 points	0-1
Score 75+ points	9-1
Score sub 75 points	2-3
Opponent scores 75+ points	3-4
Opponent sub 75 points	8-0
More/tied rebounds than opponent	6-0
Fewer rebounds than opponent	5-4

## 2017 REGULAR SEASON SUPERLATIVES

### LOS ANGELES SPARKS HIGHS

Points, Game.....	99 vs Washington 5/19
Points, First Half.....	59 vs Washington 5/19
Points, Second Half.....	54 @ New York 5/30
Points, 1Q.....	34 vs Washington 5/19
Points, 2Q.....	27 @ Indiana 5/24
Points, 3Q.....	30 @ New York 5/30
Points, 4Q.....	29 @ Atlanta 5/27
Points, Overtime.....	-
Field Goals Made.....	34 @ Washington 5/19, @ Indiana 5/24
Field Goals Att.....	72 vs Seattle 5/13
Field Goal Percentage.	54.8% @ Washington 5/19, @ Indiana 5/24
3FG Made.....	10 vs Washington 5/19
3FG Att.....	21 vs Washington 5/19
3FG Percentage.....	53.3% @ Indiana 5/24
Free Throws Made.....	31 vs Chicago 6/6
Free Throws Att.....	40 vs Chicago 6/6
FT Percentage.....	95.5% vs Washington 5/19
Offensive Rebounds....	11 @ Atlanta 5/27
Defensive Rebounds...	25 vs Chicago 6/6
Total Rebounds.....	32 @ Atlanta 5/27, vs Chicago 6/6
Assists.....	20 vs Seattle 5/13
Steals.....	14 vs Seattle 5/13
Turnovers.....	17 @ Atlanta 5/27
Blocked Shots.....	7 @ Atlanta 5/27
Personal Fouls.....	20 @ Atlanta 5/27

### OPPONENT HIGHS

Points, Game.....	93 @ Indiana 5/24
Points, First Half.....	48 vs Washington 5/19
Points, Second Half.....	52 @ Indiana 5/24
Points, 1Q.....	23 @ Indiana 5/24
Points, 2Q.....	26 vs Washington 5/19
Points, 3Q.....	27 @ Indiana 5/24
Points, 4Q.....	25 @ Indiana 5/24
Points, Overtime.....	-
Field Goals Made.....	36 @ Indiana 5/24
Field Goals Att.....	72 vs SEA 5/13
Field Goal Percentage.	53.7% @ Indiana 5/24
3FG Made.....	11 @ Indiana 5/24
3FG Att.....	24 vs Washington 5/19
3FG Percentage.....	68.8% @ Indiana 5/24
Free Throws Made.....	18 vs Washinton 5/19
Free Throws Att.....	28 @ Atlanta 5/27
FT Percentage.....	94.7% vs Washington 5/19
Offensive Rebounds....	11 @ New York 5/30
Defensive Rebounds...	30 vs Chicago 6/6
Total Rebounds.....	38 vs Chicago 6/6
Assists.....	23 vs Washington 5/19
Steals.....	14 vs Seattle 5/13
Turnovers.....	19 vs Chicago 6/6
Blocked Shots.....	5 @ Atlanta 5/27
Personal Fouls.....	28 vs Chicago 6/6
Largest lead at any time....	21 vs Washington 5/19
Largest deficit at any time....	9 @ New York 5/30

### LOS ANGELES SPARKS LOWS

-Points, Game.....	73 @ Atlanta 5/27
-Points, First Half.....	32 @ Atlanta 5/27
-Points, Second Half.....	35 @ Indiana 5/24,
-Points, 1Q.....	16 @ New York 5/30
-Points, 2Q.....	14 @ Atlanta 5/27
-Points, 3Q.....	10 @ Indiana 5/24
-Points, 4Q.....	21 vs Washington 5/19
-Points, Overtime.....	-
-Field Goals Made.....	22 vs Chicago 6/6
-Field Goals Att.....	60 @ Atlanta 5/27
-Field Goal Percentage.	34.4% vs Chicago 6/6
-3FG Made.....	4 @ Atlanta 5/27, vs Chicago 6/6
-3FG Att.....	12 @ Atlanta 5/27
-3FG Percentage.....	30.8% vs Chicago 6/6
-Free Throws Made.....	4 vs Seattle 5/13
-Free Throws Att.....	8 vs Seattle 5/13
-FT Percentage.....	50.0% vs Seattle 5/13
-Offensive Rebounds....	4 @ Indiana 5/24
-Defensive Rebounds...	17 vs Seattle 5/13
-Total Rebounds.....	22 vs Seattle 5/13
-Assists.....	16 @ New York 5/30
-Steals.....	3 @ Atlanta 5/27
-Turnovers.....	7 vs Chicago 6/6
-Blocked Shots.....	0 vs Seattle 5/13
-Personal Fouls.....	15 vs Washington 5/19,vs Chicago 6/6

### OPPNONENT LOWS

-Points, Game.....	70 vs Chicago 6/6
-Points, First Half.....	29 vs @ Atlanta
-Points, Second Half.....	37 @ New York 5/30
-Points, 1Q.....	13 vs Chicago 6/6
-Points, 2Q.....	9 @ Atlanta 5/27
-Points, 3Q.....	16 vs Seattle 5/13
-Points, 4Q.....	11 @ New York 5/11
-Points, Overtime.....	-
-Field Goals Made.....	27 vs Chicago 6/6
-Field Goals Att.....	62 vs Washington 5/19
-Field Goal Percentage.	41.5% vs Chicago 6/6
-3FG Made.....	2 @ Atlanta 5/27
-3FG Att.....	13 vs Chicago 6/6
-3FG Percentage.....	16.7% @ Atlanta 5/27
-Free Throws Made.....	4 vs Seattle 5/13
-Free Throws Att.....	8 vs Seattle 5/13
-FT Percentage.....	50.0% vs Seattle 5/13, @ NY 5/30
-Offensive Rebounds....	5 vs Seattle 5/13
-Defensive Rebounds...	17 vs Seattle 5/13
-Total Rebounds.....	22 vs Seattle 5/13
-Assists.....	16 @ Indiana 5/24, vs CHI 6/6
-Steals.....	3 @ Indiana 5/24
-Turnovers.....	8 @ Indiana 5/24
-Blocked Shots.....	0 vs Seattle 5/13
-Personal Fouls.....	16 @ Indiana 5/24



## BRIAN AGLER BIOGRAPHY

WNBA Head Coaching Record: 261-209  
Los Angeles Sparks Head Coaching Record: 77-39  
Seasons in the WNBA: 15th Season  
Seasons with the Sparks: 4th Season

### HEAD COACH BRIAN AGLER

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On Jan. 5, 2015, Agler became the 12th head coach in Los Angeles Sparks history, bringing with him over 30 years of head-coaching experience, including 11 in the WNBA. In his first season with LA, Agler led the Sparks to a league-best 15th postseason appearance. Just one year later he led them to a 26-8 regular season mark and the 2016 WNBA championship, the third league title in the franchise's history.

Along the way, three Sparks players earned major WNBA awards in 2016 -- Nneka Ogwumike (league MVP); Candace (Finals MVP); and Jantel Lavender (Sixth Woman of the Year). The 2016 championship, when coupled with the one captured by his Seattle Storm in 2010, made Agler the first head coach in WNBA history to guide two different franchises to a title.

In 2017, Agler led the Sparks to a regular season record of 26-8 and the second seed. Los Angeles ultimately fell in five games to the Minnesota Lynx in the 2017 WNBA Finals after sweeping the Phoenix Mercury in the semifinals. Alana Beard won Defensive Player of the Year during the campaign.

The all-time winningest coach in women's professional basketball history in the U.S. with 322 regular-season victories, Agler enters the 2018 campaign with 250 wins as a WNBA head coach and 72 from his tenure in the ABL. On June 6, 2017, when the Sparks faced the Chicago Sky at the Staples Center, Head Coach Brian Agler notched his 300th regular season career win as a head coach.

Immediately prior to joining the Sparks, Agler spent seven seasons (2008-14) at the helm of the Storm, guiding Seattle to the playoffs in each of his first six campaigns and compiling an overall regular-season record of 136-102 (.571) during his tenure there. In 2010, when Agler was recognized as the WNBA Coach of the Year, his Storm -- led by league MVP Lauren Jackson and All-Star Sue Bird -- captured the franchise's second WNBA title with an impressive regular 28-6 season record and a 7-0 run through the postseason.

Agler first joined the WNBA as Head Coach and GM of the expansion Minnesota Lynx from 1999-2002, where he compiled a 42-54 (.438) record. Following that, Agler was an assistant with the Phoenix Mercury in 2004 before spending 2005-07 as an assistant with the San Antonio Stars.

Agler's move to the WNBA's Lynx in 1999 followed three seasons as head coach of the ABL's Columbus Quest from 1996-1999, when his teams compiled a 72-18 regular-season record and a 10-4 mark in the postseason. Agler led the Quest to back-to-back ABL championships in 1997 and 1998 and was the ABL Coach of the Year for the 1996-97 campaign.

Agler spent 15 seasons coaching in the collegiate ranks, including 13 seasons as a head coach. He posted an impressive collegiate record of 248-135 (.648 winning percentage). From 1993-96 he served as the head women's basketball coach at Kansas State. In 1998, Agler took over as the head women's coach at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. In five seasons at UMKC, Agler was 85-54 and took the Kangaroos from a 9-16 record in 1988-89 to four straight winning seasons. Under his direction, UMKC led the NCAA in scoring defense three straight seasons (1990-93). In 1991, UMKC set an NCAA record, allowing just 51.8 points per game.

As the head women's basketball coach at Northeast Oklahoma A&M Junior College from 1984-88, Agler compiled a 124-42 record. In 1985-86, NEO A&M ranked second nationally at 30-2.

Agler attended Wittenberg University (Springfield, Oh.), where he starred on the basketball team, leading the Tigers to their only NCAA Division III basketball championship in basketball as a freshman. He started all 112 games during his career, leaving the school as the all-time assist leader (481). Agler was the MVP of the Ohio Athletic Conference and first-team All-America as a senior. In 1995, he was inducted into the Wittenberg Hall of Honor.

## BRIAN AGLER BIOGRAPHY

### BRIAN AGLER BY THE NUMBERS

#### WNBA CAREER HEAD COACHING STATS

Season	Team	Record	Pct.	Playoffs.
2018	Los Angeles Sparks	11-4	.733	
2017	Los Angeles Sparks	26-8	.765	5-3
2016	Los Angeles Sparks	26-8	.765	6-3
2015	Los Angeles Sparks	14-20	.412	1-2
2014	Seattle Storm	12-22	.353	
2013	Seattle Storm	17-17	.500	0-2
2012	Seattle Storm	16-18	.471	1-2
2011	Seattle Storm	21-13	.618	1-2
2010	Seattle Storm	28-6	.824	7-0
2009	Seattle Storm	20-14	.588	1-2
2008	Seattle Storm	22-12	.647	1-2
2002	Minnesota Lynx	6-13	.316	
2001	Minnesota Lynx	12-20	.375	
2000	Minnesota Lynx	15-17	.469	
1999	Minnesota Lynx	15-17	.469	
WNBA TOTALS		261-209	.555	23-18 .561



#### ABL CAREER HEAD COACHING STATS

Season	Team	Record	Pct.	Playoffs.
1998-99	Columbus Quest	5-1	.833	
1997-98	Columbus Quest	36-8	.818	5-2
1996-97	Columbus Quest	31-9	.775	5-2
ABL TOTALS		72-18	.800	10-4 .714

#### CAREER HEAD COACHING STATS

League	Record	Pct.	Playoffs.	Pct.
WNBA	261-209	.555	23-18	.561
ABL	72-18	.800	10-4	.714
CAREER TOTALS	333-227	.595	33-22	.600

## BRYCE AGLER BIOGRAPHY



Bryce Agler enters his third season with the Sparks as a Player Development Coach. In his role with the Sparks, Agler assists with the team's scouting efforts, practice preparation and pre-/post-practice player development.

In addition to his work with Los Angeles, Agler also has basketball experience at the collegiate level, most recently as the video coordinator for the women's basketball program at Southern Methodist University (2017-18). Prior to SMU, Agler worked as an assistant coach for the men's basketball program at his alma mater, Wittenberg University (2016-17), and as an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator for women's basketball at Eastern Illinois University (2014-16).

Agler graduated from Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio, in 2014 with a B.A. in Communications and a minor in Sports Management. While studying at Wittenberg, Agler worked as a student coach with the men's basketball team, assisting in on-court drills during practices and individual workouts.

## BOBBIE KELSEY BIOGRAPHY



Bobbie Kelsey-Grayson enters her second season as an assistant coach with the Los Angeles Sparks. She adds a wealth of coaching knowledge and experience to an already exceptional coaching staff. On the court, Kelsey-Grayson works with the post players and is also responsible for scouting opponents, assisting with game strategy, and player development. Kelsey-Grayson brings over 20 years of college coaching experience to her position with the WNBA.

Before joining the Sparks, she completed her first head coaching job with the University of Wisconsin from 2011-2016. In 2007, Kelsey-Grayson returned to her alma mater, Stanford University and spent four seasons (2007-2011) as an assistant coach under Hall of Fame head coach Tara VanDerveer. There she helped the Cardinal to four consecutive Final Four appearances while coaching the likes of WNBA players Nneka Ogwumike, Jeanette Pohlen-Mavunga, Jayne Appel-Marinelli, Kayla Petersen and many others.

Prior to returning to Stanford, Kelsey-Grayson spent three seasons at Virginia Tech, helping guide the Hokies to three consecutive postseason appearances, including NCAA Tournament berths in 2005 and 2006. Other assistant coaching stints included University of Western Carolina (2002-2004), University of Evansville (2000-2002), University of Florida (1997-1999), and Boise State University (1996-1997).

Kelsey-Grayson was a four-year letter winner at Stanford from 1992-96 and graduated with a BA degree in Communications (Media Studies). As a player, she helped the Cardinal to three Final Four appearances in five years, including the 1992 NCAA championship. In 2010, Kelsey-Grayson earned her MS degree in Sports Leadership from Duquesne University's School of Leadership and Professional Advancement.

## TONYA EDWARDS BIOGRAPHY



In her third season as an assistant coach with the Los Angeles Sparks, Tonya Edwards works primarily with the team's perimeter players and is also responsible for scouting opponents and preparing practice and game plans. Edwards brings 19 years of coaching experience to the WNBA.

Edwards is reunited with head coach Brian Agler whom she played for in both the ABL (Columbus Quest) and the WNBA (Minnesota Lynx). Drafted in 1999 by Agler, then head coach of the Lynx, she was named a WNBA All-Star as a rookie, and went on to play five seasons in the league with Minnesota, Phoenix, and Charlotte before finishing her playing career overseas.

Edwards served as the head coach of Alcorn State University (2008-15), where she led the Lady Braves to the SWAC Championship game in 2012 and was named 2010-11 SWAC Coach of the Year. Prior to Alcorn State, Edwards served as an assistant coach at the University of Detroit-Mer cy (2006-08), the Chicago Blaze (2005) of the National Women's Basketball League and two seasons at Mott Community College. (1990-92).

Her coaching career began at her alma mater, Northwestern Community High School, where she earned a 78-23 record in four seasons (1991-94), winning a state title in 1993 while subsequently being named the Michigan High School Coach of the Year.

Edwards attended the University of Tennessee (1986-1990), where she won two national championships with the Lady Vols (1987, 1989) and was named most valuable player in the 1987 NCAA Tournament. She finished her career with 1,309 points and was inducted into the UT Hall of Fame in 2006.



#0	ALANA BEARD	GUARD/FORWARD	5-11	5/14/84DUKE	13TH SEASON
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2018 Regular Season Averages:

G-GS	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG	MPG	FG%	3FG%	FT%
15-15	3.7	3.3	1.3	1.6	0.3	25.5	40.3	0.0	66.7

	2018 Season Highs	Career Highs
PTS	10	33, @ PHO 6/4/08
REB	7	10, 2 Times
AST	3	10, @ SAN 6/28/12
STL	4	7 vs. Los Angeles, 5/21/06
BLK	2	4, 2 Times
FGM	4	13, vs SEA 7/23/06
3FGM	0	6, @ ATL 6/3/08
FTM	2	11 (2 times)
MINs	35	48, vs IND 6/18/05



## GAME BY GAME STATS

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#17	ESSENCE CARSON	FORWARD/GUARD	6-0	7/28/86	RUTGERS	10TH SEASON
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2018 Regular Season Averages:

G-GS	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG	MPG	FG%	3FG%	FT%
15-7	6.0	2.2	0.8	0.9	0.4	21.7	44.2	31.4	75.0

	2018 Season Highs	Career Highs
PTS	15	28 VS. DET 9/10/09
REB	6	11, vs. CHI 7/6/12
AST	3	7, @ CHI 6/30/15
STL	4	5, vs. CON 8/18/11
BLK	2	3, 3 Times
FGM	5	11, 2 Times
3FGM	3	4, vs. SAC 7/23/09
FTM	3	6, 2 Times
MINs	33	25, @ WAS 7/22/16



## GAME BY GAME STATS

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#10	MARIA VADEEVA	CENTER	6-4	6/16/98	RUSSIA	R SEASON
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2018 Regular Season Averages:

G-GS	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG	MPG	FG%	3FG%	FT%
7-0	3.0	1.9	1.0	0.6	0.7	9.0	44.4	25.0	100.0

	2018 Season Highs	Career Highs
PTS	6	6, @ DAL 6/22/18
REB	6	6, vs. DAL 6/26/18
AST	2	2, vs. DAL 6/26/18
STL	2	2, @ DAL 6/22/18
BLK	3	3, vs. DAL 6/26/18
FGM	3	3, vs. DAL 6/26/18
3FGM	1	1. vs. NY 6/24/18
FTM	2	2, 2 times
MINs	19	13, @ DAL 6/22/18



## GAME BY GAME STATS

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#12	CHELSEA GRAY	GUARD 5-11	10/8/92	DUKE	4TH SEASON
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### 2018 Regular Season Averages:

G-GS	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG	MPG	FG%	3FG%	FT%
15-15	14.7	3.5	5.6	1.5	0.3	31.5	47.7	29.0	80.0

	2018 Season Highs	Career Highs
PTS	23	25, vs ATL 5/27
REB	7	9, @ CHI 8/30/15
AST	11	11, vs NY 6/24/18
STL	6	3, 2 times
BLK	3	3, @ Chi 6/17/18
FGM	7	9 vs ATL 5/27
3FGM	3	4, @ SEA 6/16/15
FTM	8	6, vs MIN 9/6/16
MINS	36	36, 2 times



## GAME BY GAME STATS

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G-GS	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG	MPG	FG%	3FG%	FT%
6-0	2.3	1.0	0.5	0.2	0.3	8.2	41.7	36.4	0.0

	2018 Season Highs	Career Highs
PTS	6	6 (Indiana - 5/24/2018)
REB	2	2, 2 times
AST	2	2 (New York - 6/24/2018)
STL	1	1 (Indiana - 5/24/2018)
BLK	2	2 (Indiana - 5/24/2018)
FGM	2	2 (Indiana - 5/24/2018)
3FGM	2	2 (Indiana- 5/24/2018)
FTM	0	n/a
MINs	15	15 (Indiana - 5/24/2018)

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#42	JANTEL LAVENDER	CENTER	6-4	11/12/88	OHIO STATE	9TH SEASON
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2018 Regular Season Averages:

G-GS	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG	MPG	FG%	3FG%	FT%
11-2	4.3	3.8	0.6	0.5	0.3	15.9	35.7	0.0	87.5

	2018 Season Highs	Career Highs
PTS	10	25, Twice
REB	7	13, 4 Times
AST	3	5, vs CHI 6/6/14
STL	2	3, vs CHI 6/6/14
BLK	2	5, @ SAN 8/23/15
FGM	4	11, Twice
3FGM	0	1, 4 times
FTM	6	8, vs SAN 8/30/15
MINs	27	43, @ CON 6/26/15



## GAME BY GAME STATS

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#30	NNEKA OGWUMIKE	FORWARD	6-2	7/2/90 STANFORD	6TH SEASON
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2017 Regular Season Averages:

G-GS	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG	MPG	FG%	3FG%	FT%
13-13	16.2	7.4	2.2	1.5	0.5	30.5	58.4	43.8	81.1

	2018 Season Highs	Career Highs
PTS	25	38 vs. ATL 6/30/16
REB	11	20, @ IND 7/12/12
AST	4	8, Twice
STL	3	6 vs. CHI 6/1/14
BLK	1	5 vs. ATL 6/30/16
FGM	11	13 vs. ATL 6/30/16
3FGM	1	3 vs SEA 5/13/17
FTM	7	14 vs. WAS, 9/3/15
MINs	38	42 Twice



## GAME BY GAME STATS

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#3	CANDACE PARKER	FORWARD/CENTER	6-4	4/19/86	TENNESSEE	11TH SEASON
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2018 Regular Season Averages:

G-GS	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG	MPG	FG%	3FG%	FT%
12-11	17.6	6.8	4.2	0.8	1.2	28.9	52.7	37.5	83.3

	2018 Season Highs	Career Highs
PTS	29	40, vs HOU 7/9/08
REB	11	20, @ SAN 6/1/13
AST	11	11, @ WAS 6/15 /18
STL	2	8, vs IND 8/18/15
BLK	3	9, vs TUL 6/20/12
FGM	10	14, vs SEA 7/25/13
3FGM	2	5, vs TUL 9/6/15
FTM	9	-
MINs	37	48, Twice



## GAME BY GAME STATS

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2018 Regular Season Averages:

G-GS	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG	MPG	FG%	3FG%	FT%
15-12	10.5	2.7	3.0	0.5	0.1	26.9	42.2	21.7	72.2

	2018 Season Highs	Career Highs
PTS	21	39 (San Antonio - 7/22/2014)
REB	7	7 (4 Times)
AST	7	10 (Los Angeles - 6/28/2014)
STL	2	5 (Los Angeles - 6/19/2014)
BLK	0	2 (3 Times)
FGM	8	15 (San Antonio - 7/22/2014)
3FGM	2	5 (2 Times)
FTM	8	15
MINs	36	47 (Phoenix - 6/18/2016)



## GAME BY GAME STATS

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2018 Regular Season Averages:

G-GS	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG	MPG	FG%	3FG%	FT%
5-0	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	4.2	0.0	0.0	0.0

	2018 Season Highs	Career Highs
PTS	0	22 vs WAS 5/19/17
REB	1	3 vs. WAS 5/19/17
AST	1	1, 3 times
STL	0	1 vs SEA 5/13/17
BLK	0	1 vs WAS 5/19/17
FGM	0	8 vs WAS 5/19/17
3FGM	0	6 vs WAS 5/19/17
FTM	0	-
MINs	16	27 vs WAS 5/19/17



## GAME BY GAME STATS

Date	Opponent	MIN	FG-A	PCT	3PM-A	PCT	FTM-A	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AST	STL	BLK	TO	PF	PTS	
5/20	@MIN	2	0-0	N/A	0-0	N/A	0-0	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
5/22	@IND	2	0-0	n/a	0-0	n/a	0-0	n/a	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
5/24	@CT	DNP																
5/27	PHO	2	0-1	0	0-1	0	0-0	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
6/3	MIN	DNP																
6/7	SEA	16	0-1	0	0-1	0	0-0	n/a	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	3	0	
6/10	CHI	3	0-0	n/a	0-0	n/a	0-0	n/a	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
6/12	ATL	DNP																
6/15	@WASH	DNP	Injury															
6/17	@CHI	DNP	Injury															
6/19	IND	DNP	Injury															
6/22	@DAL	DNP	Injury															
6/24	NY	DNP	Injury															
6/26	DAL	DNP	Injury															
6/28	@SEA	DNP	Injury															
6/29	@LV																	
7/1	LV																	
7/3	CT																	
7/5	@MIN																	
7/7	WASH																	
7/10	@SEA																	
7/12	DAL																	
7/15	@LV																	
7/20	IND																	
7/22	@CHI																	
7/24	ATL																	
8/2	MIN																	
8/5	PHO																	
8/8	@NY																	
8/9	@ATL																	
8/12	@PHO																	
8/14	NY																	
8/17	@WASH																	
8/19	@CT																	

#2	RIQUNA WILLIAMS	GUARD	5-7	5/28/90	MIAMI(FLA)	5TH SEASON
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2018 Regular Season Averages:

G-GS	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG	MPG	FG%	3FG%	FT%
15-0	7.6	1.3	0.7	0.8	0.1	15.1	47.7	45.8	83.3

	2018 Season Highs	Career Highs
PTS	25	51 (San Antonio - 9/8/2013)
REB	4	9 (Seattle - 9/12/2013)
AST	3	6 (3 Times)
STL	4	5 (3 Times)
BLK	1	2 (4 Times)
FGM	9	17 (San Antonio - 9/8/2013)
3FGM	7	8 (San Antonio - 9/8/2013)
FTM	2	18
MINs	24	39 (Phoenix - 8/4/2015)



## GAME BY GAME STATS

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