



SPARKS GAME NOTES

Los Angeles Sparks (1-0) at Indiana Fever (0-2)
 Tuesday, May 22, 2018 | Banker's Life Fieldhouse | 4:00 pm (PST)
 Overall Game #2, Road Game #2
 Twitter/League Pass/Spectrum

2017 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	7:00	
5/24	at Connecticut	7:00	
5/27	PHOENIX	2:00	
6/3	MINNESOTA	2:00	
6/7	SEATTLE	7:30	
6/10	CHICAGO	2:00	
6/12	ATLANTA	7:30	
6/15	at Washington	7:00	
6/17	at Chicago	5:00	
6/19	INDIANA	7:30	
6/22	at Dallas	7:00	
6/24	NEW YORK	2:00	
6/26	DALLAS	7:30	
6/28	at Seattle	6:00	
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

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LOS ANGELES INJURY REPORT

Candace Parker- out, back, day to day

LOS ANGELES SPARKS PROBABLE STARTERS

G 1 ODYSSEY SIMS 5-8 160															
GP/S	1/1	PTS	7.0	REB	2.4	AST	1.6	STL	0.4	FG%	42.3	3FG%	60.0	MIN	23.2

2018 Highlights:

Odyssey Sims scored 21 points and was the leading scorer in the Sparks 77-76 season opening win against the Lynx.

G/F		0		ALANA BEARD					5-11		160			
GP/S	1/1	PTS		REB		AST		STL		FG%		3FG%		MIN

2018 Highlights:

In 2017, Alana Beard won the Defensive Player of the Year Award. In her first game of 2018, Beard held Maya Moore to 11 points on 4-of-14 from the field to pick up where she left off defensively.

F	30								NNEKA OGWUMIKE				6-2		174			
GP/S	1/1	PTS	21.2	REB	6.0	AST	2.2	STL	1.83	FG%	53.2	3FG%	42.9	MIN	32.4			

2018 Highlights:

Nneka Ogumike scored 19 points and grabbed 9 rebounds in the season opener. The former MVP played 37:30 minutes and had the team's lone blocked shot.

G		12		CHELSEA GRAY		5-11		170						
GP/S	1/1	PTS		REB		AST		STL		FG%		3FG%		MIN

2018 Highlights:

Chelsea Gray had a breakout season in 2017, leading the WNBA in 3-point percentage at 48%. In her 2018 debut, Gray hit the game winning shot at the buzzer to cap an 18-point and 8-assist performance.

F/C	3	CANDACE PARKER								6-4	175				
GP/S	0/1	PTS	n/a	REB	n/a	AST	n/a	STL	n/a	FG%	n/a	3FG%	n/a	MIN	n/a

2018 Highlights:

Candace Parker missed the season opener with a minor back injury. The former MVP is day to day.

WNBA CURRENT STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE	RECORD	WESTERN CONFERENCE	RECORD
Chicago Sky	2-0	Phoenix Mercury	2-0
Connecticut Sun	1-0	Los Angeles Sparks	1-0
Washington Mystics	1-0	Dallas Wings	1-1
New York Liberty	0-1	Minnesota Lynx	0-1
Atlanta Dream	0-1	Seattle Storm	0-1
Indiana Fever	0-2	Las Vegas Aces	0-1

TEAM RECORDS

	Record (1-0)	Home (0-0)	Road (1-0)	OT (0-0)	2OT (0-0)
Overall	(1-0)	(0-0)	(1-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)
West	(1-0)	(0-0)	(1-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)
East	(0-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)
Current Streak:	1W				

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
44	Karlie Samuelson	G	6-0		5/10/95	Stanford	
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
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 (California)
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 2017 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 CON 4/15/16)
Nneka Ogumike (1st pick, 2012)	Cappie Pondexter (2/14/18)	Odyssey Sims (from DAL, 2/17/17)
Sydney Wiese (11th pick, 2017)	Karlie Samuelson (5/19/18)	
Maria Vadeeva (11th pick, 2018)		

RECENT NEWS & TRANSACTIONS

May 20, 2018	Deafed the Minnesota Lynx 77-76
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**



**CAPPIE
PONDEXTER**



**ODYSSEY
SIMS**



**SYDNEY
WIESE**



**RIQUNA
WILLIAMS**



**MARIA
VADEEVA**

MINNESOTA LYNX (SCORE)

SERIES NOTES

Game Story

The Los Angeles Sparks spoiled the Minnesota Lynx ring ceremony as guard Chelsea Gray hit a game-winner as time expired to lift the team to a 77-76 win. The Sparks were without Candace Parker who is day to day with a back injury. The team was also without Jantel Lavender and rookie Maria Vadeeva, both still overseas.

The Sparks were led by 21 points from Odyssey Sims, who earned 11 free throws attempts, relentlessly attacking downhill. Chelsea Gray, along with the game winner, had 18 points and 8 assists. Nneka Ogwumike added 19 points and 9 rebounds.

The Sparks were able to limit Lynx star Maya Moore to 11 points on 4-of-14 from the field, largely due to the stout defense of Alana Beard. Riquna Williams also provided a defensive spark off the bench.

Other contributors:

- Essence Carson scored 10 points and started in place of Candace Parker
- Karlie Samuelson made her debut with the Sparks and hit a 3-pointer in her 12+ minutes
- Cappie Pondexter made her debut with the Sparks and scored 2 points
- All nine active players logged minutes

FINAL

Los Angeles 77

Minnesota 76

TARGET CENTER, MINNEAPOLIS, MN

SCORE 1 2 3 4 OT FINAL

LA 18 14 25 20 77

MN 18 20 11 27 76

HIGHLIGHTS

Biggest Lead: 10 (LA), 8 (MN)

Los Angeles: 12 | Sky: 0

Lead Changes: 14 | Times Tied: 9

History vs. Minnesota

Fell in 5 games to Mn in the 2017 WNBA Finals

Won in 5 games against MN in 2016 WNBA Finals

LAST GAME INDIVIDUAL GAME PERFORMANCE		
LOS ANGELES	HIGHS	Minnesota
Sims - 21	POINTS	Whalen - 17
Ogwumike - 9	REBOUNDS	Fowles - 12
Gray - 8	ASSISTS	Whalen - 9
Ogwumike - 1	BLOCKS	Fowles - 3
Ogwumike - 37	MINUTES	Moore - 34

KEY FACTORS		
LOS ANGELES	HIGHS	Minnesota
6	Turnovers	24
25	Rebounds	41

2017 REGULAR SEASON STATISTICS		
LOS ANGELES	HIGHS	Minnesota
Sims - 21.0	POINTS	Whalen - 17.0
Ogwumike - 9.0	REBOUNDS	Fowles - 12.0
Gray - 8.0	ASSISTS	Whalen - 9.0
Ogwumike - 1.0	BLOCKS	Fowles - 3.0
Ogwumike - 37	MINUTES	Moore - 34

INDIANA FEVER (0-2)

SERIES NOTES

Preview: The Sparks are coming off a 77-76 thriller against the Minnesota Lynx in their season opener. The Fever are coming off back-to-back losses against the Chicago Sky and Washington Mystics and are looking for their first win of the season. Key Players: Natalie Achonwa, Candice Dupree, Erica Wheeler, Kelsey Mitchell (rookie)

Head Coach: Pokey Chatman

WHAT TO LOOK FOR:

- Indiana Fever current record is 0-2.
- Rookies Kelsey Mitchell and Victoria Vivians are already getting minutes
- The Fever out-rebounded the Mystics 39-27 in the second game

2018 vs. Indiana

May 22 @ IND	4:00 p.m. PST
June 19 vs. IND	7:30 p.m. PST
July 20 vs. IND	7:30 p.m. PST

LAST GAME AGAINST INDIANA 2018 (N/A)

LOS ANGELES

INDIANA

N/A

SCORE 1 2 3 4 OT FINAL

LAS

IND

HIGHLIGHTS (N/A)

Biggest Lead:

Los Angeles: |Wings:

Lead Changes: |Times Tied:

FINAL INDIANA LAST GAME 2018

WASHINGTON 82

INDIANA 75

VERIZON CENTER, WASHINGTON, DC

SCORE 1 2 3 4 OT FINAL

IND 17 13 21 24 82

WASH 21 17 23 21 75

HIGHLIGHTS

Biggest Lead: IND

MYSTICS: 15 |Fever: 3

Lead Changes: 5 |Times Tied: 4

2017 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																
5/24	@CT																
5/27	PHO																
6/3	MIN																
6/7	SEA																
6/10	CHI																
6/12	ATL																
6/15	@WASH																
6/17	@CHI																
6/19	IND																
6/22	@DAL																
6/24	NY																
6/26	DAL																
6/28	@SEA																
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																

2018 RECORD WHEN...

QUICK OVERVIEW	RECORD
Overall	1-0
Home	0-0
Road	1-0
vs. Western Conference	1-0
vs. Eastern Conference	0-0

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

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

BY DAY	RECORD	HOME	ROAD
Monday	n/a	n/a	n/a
Tuesday	n/a	n/a	n/a
Wednesday	n/a	n/a	n/a
Thursday	n/a	n/a	n/a
Friday	n/a	n/a	n/a
Saturday	n/a	n/a	n/a
Sunday	1-0	na/	1-0

BY MONTH	RECORD	HOME	ROAD
May	1-0	n/a	1-0
June	n/a	n/a	n/a
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%+	n/a
Shooting sub 45%	1-0
Opponents shooting 45%+	1-0
Opponents shooting sub 45%	n/a
Bench outscores opponent bench	n/a
Bench outscored by opponent bench	1-0
Bench scoring is tied	n/a
Tied or more points in the paint	1-0
Fewer points in the paint	n/a
Score 70 + points	1-0
Score sub 70 points	n/a
Score 75+ points	1-0
Score sub 75 points	n/a
Opponent scores 75+ points	1-0
Opponent sub 75 points	n/a
More/tied rebounds than opponent	n/a
Fewer rebounds than opponent	1-0

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

2016 REGULAR SEASON SUPERLATIVES

LOS ANGELES SPARKS HIGHS

Points, Game.....	102 at New York 9/7
Points, First Half.....	49 (2 times)
Points, Second Half.....	56 (2 times)
Points, 1Q.....	30 vs. Connecticut 6/24
Points, 2Q.....	26 (3 times)
Points, 3Q.....	32 vs. Atlanta 9/4
Points, 4Q.....	28 vs. Chicago 7/17
Points, Overtime.....	11 vs. Washington 5/26
Field Goals Made.....	40 at New York 9/7
Field Goals Att.....	75 at Chicago 9/2
Field Goal Percentage.....	61.4 vs. Connecticut 6/24
3FG Made.....	12 vs. Phoenix 6/3
3FG Att.....	28 vs. Chicago 7/17
3FG Percentage.....	50.0 (2 times)
Free Throws Made.....	25 at Indiana 6/12
Free Throws Att.....	29 vs. Connecticut 5/28
FT Percentage.....	100.0 (3 times)
Offensive Rebounds....	14 vs. Phoenix 6/3
Defensive Rebounds...	36 vs. San Antonio 7/20
Total Rebounds.....	41 at New York 9/7
Assists.....	28 vs. Chicago 7/17
Steals.....	10 (3 times)
Turnovers.....	24 at Los Angeles 5/15
Blocked Shots.....	9 vs. San Antonio 7/20
Personal Fouls.....	23 (4 times)

OPPONENT HIGHS

Points, Game.....	96 (2 times)
Points, First Half.....	56 vs. Chicago 7/17
Points, Second Half.....	52 (2 times)
Points, 1Q.....	36 vs. Chicago 7/17
Points, 2Q.....	31 at Indiana 6/1
Points, 3Q.....	32 at Minnesota 8/28
Points, 4Q.....	34 at Indiana 6/12
Points, Overtime.....	13 vs. Washington 5/26
Field Goals Made.....	41 vs. Minnesota 6/19
Field Goals Att.....	85 vs. Connecticut 6/24
Field Goal Percentage.....	58.1 vs. Indiana 7/10
3FG Made.....	11 (2 times)
3FG Att.....	26 vs. Connecticut 6/24
3FG Percentage.....	69.2 vs. Chicago 7/17
Free Throws Made.....	27 at Indiana 6/12
Free Throws Att.....	30 at Indiana 6/12
FT Percentage.....	100 at Phoenix 9/15
Offensive Rebounds....	16 (2 times)
Defensive Rebounds...	34 at San Antonio 6/14
Total Rebounds.....	45 at San Antonio 6/14
Assists.....	30 vs. Minnesota 6/19
Steals.....	13 at Dallas 6/16
Turnovers.....	17 (2 times)
Blocked Shots.....	10 at Atlanta 7/6
Personal Fouls.....	26 (2 times)

LOS ANGELES SPARKS LOWS

62 at Phoenix 9/15
26 at Los Angeles 5/15
30 vs. Minnesota 5/22
11 at New York 7/6
7 vs. San Antonio 7/20
10 vs. Minnesota 5/22
10 at Atlanta 7/6
21 at Phoenix 9/15
49 at Los Angeles 5/15
35.0 at Phoenix 9/15
1 at Los Angeles 5/15
10 at Los Angeles 5/15
10.0 at Los Angeles 5/15
8 (2 times)
9 at Connecticut 6/10
61.5 at New York 7/6
1 (2 times)
15 at Dallas 6/16
22 at Indiana 6/1
10 at Phoenix 9/15
3 at Washington 9/9
8 (2 times)
0 (2times)
12 vs. Washington 7/15

OPPONENT LOWS

51 vs. Washington 7/15
23 vs. Washington 7/15
28 vs. Washington 7/15
12 at Indiana 6/12
8 vs. Washington 7/15
8 vs. Minnesota 5/22
9 vs. Washington 7/15
20 vs. Washington 7/15
60 at San Antonio 7/8
29.0 vs. Washington 7/15
1 at Atlanta 7/6
7 at Minnesota 8/28
10.0 at Atlanta 7/6
5 vs. Washington 7/15
7 vs. Washington 7/15
52.6 vs. Atlanta 6/28
2 vs. Los Angeles 9/11
16 (2 times)
22 vs. Connecticut 5/28
10 vs. Los Angeles 9/11
4 (3 times)
5 at Washington 9/9
0 (2 times)
15 at Washington 9/9

BRIAN AGLER BIOGRAPHY

WNBA Head Coaching Record: 251-205
Los Angeles Sparks Head Coaching Record: 67-36
Seasons in the WNBA: 15th Season
Seasons with the Sparks: 4th Season

HEAD COACH BRIAN AGLER

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	1-0	1000	
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		251-205	.550	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	251-205	.550	23-18	.561
ABL	72-18	.800	10-4	.714
CAREER TOTALS		323-223	.592	33-22 .600

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

G-GS	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG	MPG	FG%	3FG%	FT%
1-1	0.0	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	26	0	N/A	N/A

	2018 Season Highs	Career Highs
PTS	0	33, @ PHO 6/4/08
REB	3	10, 2 Times
AST	0	10, @ SAN 6/28/12
STL	0	7 vs. Los Angeles, 5/21/06
BLK	0	4, 2 Times
FGM	0	13, vs SEA 7/23/06
3FGM	0	6, @ ATL 6/3/08
FTM	0	11 (2 times)
MINs	26	48, vs IND 6/18/05

2018 NOTABLES

Alana Beard held Lynx star Maya Moore to just 11 points on 4-of-14 shooting in the Sparks season opener at the Target Center in Minneapolis

Beard is the reigning Defensive Player of the Year

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%
1-1	10.0	2.0	3.0	1.0	0/0	31	45	0	N/A

	2018 Season Highs	Career Highs
PTS	10	28 VS. DET 9/10/09
REB	2	11, vs. CHI 7/6/12
AST	3	7, @ CHI 6/30/15
STL	1	5, vs. CON 8/18/11
BLK	0	3, 3 Times
FGM	5	11, 2 Times
3FGM	0	4, vs. SAC 7/23/09
FTM	0	6, 2 Times
MINs	31	25, @ WAS 7/22/16

2018 NOTABLES

- Essence Carson started in place on Candace Parker and scored 10 points to help the Sparks defeat the Lynx in the season opener

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%
0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	00.0	00.0	00.0	00.0

	2018 Season Highs	Career Highs
PTS	n/a	n/a
REB	n/a	n/a
AST	n/a	n/a
STL	n/a	n/a
BLK	n/a	n/a
FGM	n/a	n/a
3FGM	n/a	n/a
FTM	n/a	n/a
MINS	n/a	n/a

2018 NOTABLES

- Maria Vadeeva is still overseas and has not yet logged minutes or stats with the Sparks

GAME BY GAME STATS

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2018 Regular Season Averages:

	2018 Season Highs	Career Highs
PTS	18	25, vs ATL 5/27
REB	2	9, @ CHI 8/30/15
AST	8	Twice
STL	6	3, 2 times
BLK	0	2, @ SAN 9/4/15
FGM	7	9 vs ATL 5/27
3FGM	0	4, @ SEA 6/16/15
FTM	4	6, vs MIN 9/6/16
MINS	34	36, @ SEA 9/11/16

- Chelsea Gray hit the game winning shot to lift the Sparks to a 77-76 win over the Lynx in the season opener

- Gray record a team-high 8 assists and 6 steals

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13TH SEASON

2018 Regular Season Averages:

Career Highs

2018 NOTABLES

- Cappie Pondexter played 9 minutes in her Sparks debut

- Pondexter scored 2 points and grabbed 2 rebounds

GAME BY GAME STATS

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G-GS	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG	MPG	FG%	3FG%	FT%
1-0	3.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12	16	16	n/a

MINS	12	43 (San Antonio - 9/11/2011)
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-Samuelson made her first career 3-pointer against the Lynx

8/19 @CT

2018 Regular Season Averages:

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

2018 NOTABLES

-Jantel Lavender is still overseas and has not logged any minutes or stats with the Sparks this season

-Lavender won the 2016 Sixth Woman of the Year Award.

GAME BY GAME STATS

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6TH SEASON

G-GS	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG	MPG	FG%	3FG%	FT%
1-1	19.0	9.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	37	53	50	67

42 Twice

-Ogwumike led the team with 37 minutes

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2018 Regular Season Averages:

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	2018 Season Highs	Career Highs
PTS	n/a	40, vs HOU 7/9/08
REB	n/a	20, @ SAN 6/1/13
AST	n/a	10, vs CHI 8/16 /15
STL	n/a	8, vs IND 8/18/15
BLK	n/a	9, vs TUL 6/20/12
FGM	n/a	14, vs SEA 7/25/13
3FGM	n/a	5, vs TUL 9/6/15
FTM	n/a	7, @ NYL 5/30/17
MINs	n/a	48, Twice

2018 NOTABLES

- The former MVP and 2016 Finals MVP did not play in the season opener

- Parker is day to day with a minor back injury

GAME BY GAME STATS

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#1	ODYSSEY SIMS GUARD	5-8	7/13/92	BAYLOR	5TH SEASON
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2018 Regular Season Averages:

G-GS	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG	MPG	FG%	3FG%	FT%
1-1	21.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	0.0	28	43	33	73

	2018 Season Highs	Career Highs
PTS	21	39 (San Antonio - 7/22/2014)
REB	3	7 (4 Times)
AST	2	10 (Los Angeles - 6/28/2014)
STL	1	5 (Los Angeles - 6/19/2014)
BLK	0	2 (3 Times)
FGM	6	15 (San Antonio - 7/22/2014)
3FGM	1	5 (2 Times)
FTM	8	15
MINs	28	47 (Phoenix - 6/18/2016)

2018 NOTABLES

- Odyssey Sims led both teams in scoring with 21 points in the Sparks season opener against the Minnesota Lynx

Odyssey Sims shot 11 free throws and made 8, leading both teams in those categories

GAME BY GAME STATS

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