



# SPARKS GAME NOTES

Los Angeles Sparks (3-1) vs Minnesota Lynx (2-4)  
 Sunday, June 3, 2018 | Staples Center | 2:00 pm (PST)  
 Overall Game #5, Home Game #2  
 Spectrum/League Pass

## 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	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

## LOS ANGELES SPARKS PROBABLE STARTERS

G 1 ODYSSEY SIMS										5-8		160			
GP/S	4/4	PTS	18.0	REB	3.0	AST	3.5	STL	1.0	FG%	50.0	3FG%	37.5	MIN	31.5

### 2018 Highlights:

Odyssey Sims scored 21 points and was the leading scorer in the Sparks 77-76 season opening win against the Minnesota Lynx. Sims is shooting 50 percent from the floor and has been the Sparks best downhill scorer in 2018.

Gwinnett SCORER in 20 PG.															
G/F	0		ALANA BEARD						5-11		160				
GP/S	4/4	PTS	2.8	REB	2.3	AST	0.5	STL	1.3	FG%	38.5	3FG%	0.0	MIN	24.0

### 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	4/4	PTS	20.3	REB	7.8	AST	3.0	STL	1.8	FG%	64.0	3FG%	57.1	MIN	33.0	

### 2018 Highlights:

Nneka Ogumike is leading the Sparks in scoring, rebounding, field goal percentage, 3-point percentage and minutes played. She scored a season high 25 points in the Sparks 87-70 win over the Fever on May 22.

G	12							CHELSEA GRAY							5-11		170	
GP/S	4/4	PTS	18.5	REB	3.8	AST	7.3	STL	2.0	FG%	48.1	3FG%	33.3	MIN	33.3			

### 2018 Highlights:

Chelsea Gray won the first Western Conference Player of the Week Award in 2018. Gray leads the league in assists per game and is tied for first in steals per game.

F	3	CANDACE PARKER								6-4	175					
GP/S	1/0	PTS	10.0	REB	3.0	AST	2.0	STL	1.0	FG%	27.3	3FG%	20	MIN	18.8	

### 2018 Highlights:

The former Rookie of the Year, two time MVP, 2016 WNBA Finals MVP scored 10 points and grabbed 3 rebounds in 19 minutes off the bench in her season debut against the Phoenix Mercury on May 27th. She missed the first three games with a minor back injury.

## WNBA CURRENT STANDINGS

<b>EASTERN CONFERENCE</b>	<b>RECORD</b>	<b>WESTERN CONFERENCE</b>	<b>RECORD</b>
Connecticut Sun	4-0	Seattle Storm	5-1
Washington Mystics	5-2	Los Angeles Sparks	3-1
Atlanta Dream	2-2	Phoenix Mercury	3-3
Chicago Sky	2-3	Minnesota Lynx	2-4
New York Liberty	1-2	Dallas Wings	2-3
Indiana Fever	0-5	Las Vegas Aces	1-4

## TEAM RECORDS

	Record	Home	Road	OT	2OT
Overall	(3-1)	(1-0)	(2-1)	(0-0)	(0-0)
West	(2-0)	(1-0)	(1-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)
East	(1-1)	(0-0)	(1-1)	(0-0)	(0-0)
Current Streak: W1					

## 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
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
25	Cappie Pondexter	G	5-9	160	1/7/83	Rutgers	12

## 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 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 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 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**



**CAPPIE  
PONDEXTER**



**ODYSSEY  
SIMS**



**SYDNEY  
WIESE**



**RIQUNA  
WILLIAMS**



**MARIA  
VADEEVA**

## PHOENIX MERCURY (W, 80-72)

## GAME STORY

## Sparks Edge Mercury in Home Opener

Los Angeles (May 27, 2018) – After a successful road trip in which the Sparks went 2-1 despite missing Candace Parker, Jantel Lavender and Maria Vadeeva, Los Angeles returned home for their home opener against the Phoenix Mercury and won 80-72. Parker, who was out due to a minor back injury, entered the game at the 7:32 mark in the first quarter, as Phoenix started the game on a 7-0 run. She finished with 10 points in her season debut. The Sparks battled back and took a lead into halftime and led through most of the second and third quarters. The Sparks led 60-52 before Chelsea Gray missed two free throws and the Mercury went on a 13-2 run to end the third quarter and take 65-62 lead into the fourth quarter. The Sparks clamped down defensively and held Phoenix to just seven points in the fourth quarter and pulled away.

LEADERS	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	TOTAL POINTS	REBOUNDS	ASSISTS
MERCURY	21	25	19	7	72	Lytle - 20 Bonner/Lytle - 6	January - 7
LA SPARKS	20	32	10	18	80	Gray - 23 Beard/Ogwumike - 7	Gray - 9

• The NBA/WNBA stats crew in Secaucus, New Jersey experienced a system crash so statistics were not available until after the game.

## SPARKS NOTES:

- Candace Parker makes her 2018 debut with 10 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal, in 19 minutes off the bench.
- Sparks shot 75% in the 2nd Quarter.
- Chelsea Gray and Odyssey Sims combined for 18 points in the 2nd Quarter.
- Sims went 3-3 in the 2nd Quarter.
- Sparks tied a season-high 32 points in the 3rd Quarter shooting 11/15 from the field
- Sparks went on an 18-7 run in the 4th Quarter.
- Chelsea Gray led all scorers with 23 Points

## MINNESTOA LYNX (2-4)

## SERIES NOTES

**Preview:** Expect another close game between the defending champion Minnesota Lynx and the 2016 champion Los Angeles Sparks. The two squads have split the last ten WNBA Finals games with several games coming down to a single point. In the 2018 season opener, Sparks point guard Chelsea Gray made a layup in traffic as time expired to give the Sparks a 77-76 on the road without Candace Parker. The Lynx are coming off a 95-85 loss to the Phoenix Mercury Friday night in Minnesota.

**Head Coach:** Cheryl Reeve

**Probable Starters:**

Lindsay Whalen (G)

Seimone Augustus (G)

Maya Moore (F)

Rebekkah Brunson (F)

Sylvia Fowles (C)

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR:

- Minnesota Lynx are currently 2-4
- The Lynx will look to avenge the season opener
- The Lynx have a revamped bench in 2018

## 2018 vs. Phoenix

May 20 at MN (W, 77-76)	2:00 p.m. PST
June 3 vs. MN	2:00 p.m. PST
July 5 at MN	5:00 p.m. PST
August 2 vs. MN	7:00 p.m. PST

## LAST GAME AGAINST MN 2018

LOS ANGELES 77

Minnesota 76

Score By Period

SCORE	1	2	3	4	OT	FINAL
LAS	18	14	25	20		77
PHX	18	20	11	27		76

HIGHLIGHTS (N/A)

Biggest Lead:

Los Angeles:10 |MN: 8

Lead Changes: 14|Times Tied: 9

## FINAL MIN LAST GAME 2018

MIN

PHX

SCORE	1	2	3	4	OT	FINAL
PHX	25	27	23	20		95
MIN	26	24	20	15		85

HIGHLIGHTS

Biggest Lead:

MN: 4 |PHX: 11

Lead Changes: 12 |Times Tied: 8

## 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																
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	3-1
Home	1-0
Road	2-1
vs. Western Conference	2-0
vs. Eastern Conference	1-1

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

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

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

BY MONTH	RECORD	HOME	ROAD
May	3-1	1-0	2-1
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%+	1-1
Shooting sub 45%	2-0
Opponents shooting 45%+	2-1
Opponents shooting sub 45%	1-0
Bench outscores opponent bench	1-0
Bench outscored by opponent bench	2-1
Bench scoring is tied	n/a
Tied or more points in the paint	2-0
Fewer points in the paint	1-1
Score 70 + points	3-1
Score sub 70 points	n/a
Score 75+ points	3-1
Score sub 75 points	n/a
Opponent scores 75+ points	1-1
Opponent sub 75 points	2-0
More/tied rebounds than opponent	2-0
Fewer rebounds than opponent	1-1



## 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

### OPPONENT 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: 253-206  
Los Angeles Sparks Head Coaching Record: 69-37  
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	3-1	.750	
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		253-206	.551	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	253-206	.551	23-18	.561
ABL	72-18	.800	10-4	.714
CAREER TOTALS		325-224	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%
4-4	3.3	2.3	0.0	1.0	0.7	24.3	45.5	0.0	0.0

	2018 Season Highs	Career Highs
PTS	6	33, @ PHO 6/4/08
REB	7	10, 2 Times
AST	2	10, @ SAN 6/28/12
STL	2	7 vs. Los Angeles, 5/21/06
BLK	2	4, 2 Times
FGM	3	13, vs SEA 7/23/06
3FGM	0	6, @ ATL 6/3/08
FTM	1	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 had 5 offensive rebounds in the Sparks home opener

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%
4-4	9.5	2.8	0.8	1.3	0.0	28.8	40.5	35.7	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	2	5, vs. CON 8/18/11
BLK	0	3, 3 Times
FGM	5	11, 2 Times
3FGM	2	4, vs. SAC 7/23/09
FTM	3	6, 2 Times
MINs	33	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

-Carson is averaging 9.5 points per game in 2018 and scored a season high 15 points against the Connecticut Sun on May 24

## 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	21	25, vs ATL 5/27
REB	7	9, @ CHI 8/30/15
AST	8	10 (Chicago - 8/18/2017)
STL	6	3, 2 times
BLK	0	2, @ SAN 9/4/15
FGM	7	9 vs ATL 5/27
3FGM	3	4, @ SEA 6/16/15
FTM	4	6, vs MIN 9/6/16
MINS	34	36, @ SEA 9/11/16

- Chelsea Gray won the first Western Conference Player of the Week Award in 2018

- Gray scored a season high 23 points againsts the Phoenix Mercury on May 27

- Gray led the WNBA in 3-point % in 2017 at 48%

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## 13TH SEASON

G-GS	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG	MPG	FG%	3FG%	FT%
4-0	4.5	1.5	1.3	0.0	0.0	13.0	43.8	0.0	100.0

PTS	8	40 (Indiana - 7/18/2010)
REB	3	12 (Los Angeles - 9/9/2012)
AST	4	15 (Sacramento - 7/15/2009)
STL	0	5 (2 Times)
BLK	0	2 (5 Times)
FGM	3	14 (2 Times)
3FGM	0	6 (Chicago - 6/25/2006)
FTM	2	
MINS	20	5 (Connecticut - 8/18/2011)

- Cappie Pondexter played 9 minutes in her Sparks debut

- Pondexter scored a season high 8 points against the Fever on May 22.

-Pondexter dished out a season high four assists at the Connecticut Sun on May 24.

## GAME BY GAME STATS

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## R SEASON

G-GS	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG	MPG	FG%	3FG%	FT%
4-0	3.5	1.3	0.3	0.3	0.5	9.5	45.5	40.0	0.0

PTS	6	6 (Indiana - 5/24/2018)
REB	2	2 (Tie)
AST	1	1 (Indiana - 5/24/2018)
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)

- Samuelson was waived after the fourth game of the season

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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:

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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 makes her season debut on June 3 against the Minnesota Lynx
- Lavender missed the first four games playing overseas

## GAME BY GAME STATS

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### 2018 Regular Season Averages:

G-GS	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG	MPG	FG%	3FG%	FT%
1-0	10.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	0.0	18	27.3	20	75

	2018 Season Highs	Career Highs
PTS	10	40, vs HOU 7/9/08
REB	3	20, @ SAN 6/1/13
AST	2	10, vs CHI 8/16 /15
STL	1	8, vs IND 8/18/15
BLK	0	9, vs TUL 6/20/12
FGM	3	14, vs SEA 7/25/13
3FGM	1	5, vs TUL 9/6/15
FTM	3	7, @ NYL 5/30/17
MINS	19	48, Twice

## 2018 NOTABLES

-Candace Parker made her season debut during the Sparks home opener against the Phoenix Mercury

- The two-time MVP scored 10 points in 19 minutes

## GAME BY GAME STATS

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## 2ND SEASON

G-GS	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG	MPG	FG%	3FG%	FT%
3-0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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-Wiese was selected 11th overall in the 2017 WNBA Draft by Los Angeles

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