



# SPARKS GAME NOTES

Los Angeles Sparks (2-1) vs Phoenix Mercury (2-1)  
 Sunday, May 27, 2018 | Staples Center | 2:00 pm (PST)  
 Overall Game #4, Home Game #1  
 Spectrum/League Pass

## 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	W 87-70	(2-0)
5/24	at Connecticut	L 94-102	(2-1)
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- day to day

## LOS ANGELES SPARKS PROBABLE STARTERS

G	1									ODYSSEY SIMS									5-8			160																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																															
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### 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 over 50 percent from the floor and has been the Sparks best downhill scorer in 2018.

G/F	0	ALANA BEARD							5-11	160					
GP/S	3/3	PTS	3.3	REB	2.3	AST	0.0	STL	1.0	FG%	45.5	3FG%	0.0	MIN	24.3

### 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	3/3	PTS	21.0	REB	7.7	AST	3.0	STL	1.7	FG%	63.4	3FG%	60.0	MIN	36.7	

### 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	3/3	PTS	17.0	REB	4.3	AST	7.0	STL	2.3	FG%	47.4	3FG%	30.0	MIN	32.7			

### 2018 Highlights:

Chelsea Gray led the WNBA in 3-point percentage in 2017 at 48%. In her 2018 debut, Gray hit the game winning shot at the buzzer to cap an 18-point and 8-assist performance. She leads the Sparks in assists.

F	3	CANDACE PARKER							6-4	175					
GP/S	0/3	PTS	N/A	REB	N/A	AST	N/A	STL	N/A	FG%	N/A	3FG%	N/A	MIN	N/A

### 2018 Highlights:

The former Rookie of the Year, two time MVP, 2016 WNBA Finals MVP and league champion has not yet played in 2018 due to a minor back injury.

## WNBA CURRENT STANDINGS

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

## TEAM RECORDS

Overall	Record (2-1)	Home (0-0)	Road (2-1)	OT (0-0)	2OT (0-0)
West	(1-0)	(0-0)	(1-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)
East	(1-1)	(0-0)	(1-1)	(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
44	Karlie Samuelson	G	6-0	162	5/10/95	Stanford	R
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 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 24, 2018	Lost to Connecticut Sun 102-94
May 22, 2018	Defeated the Indiana Fever 87-70
May 20, 2018	Defeated 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**

# CONNECTICUT SUN (L, 102-94)

## GAME STORY

### Short-Handed Sparks Fall Short Against Sun

Uncasville (May 24, 2018) – The Sparks went into Mohegan Sun Thursday trying to avoid their first loss to the Connecticut Sun in the Curt Miller era and fell short, losing to the 102-94. With Sun bigs Chiney Ogwumike, Alyssa Thomas and 2017 Most Improved Player Jonquel Jones all active, size was going to be a concerning factor with the Sparks still missing Candace Parker (day to day), Jantel Lavender (overseas) and Maria Vadeeva (overseas). The frontcourt disparity ultimately proved too much as the Sun out-rebounded the Sparks 29-14 and scored 50 points in the paint to the Sparks 26.

The Sparks started the game with four uncharacteristic early turnovers leading to easy baskets for the Sun, but made enough shots to trail by just two heading into the second quarter, 22-20. Although the storyline heading into the game was size, both teams shot the ball well from the perimeter early. The Sparks shot 5-of-10 on 3-pointers in the first half and the Sun shot 3-of-7 which led to a high score of 47-46 heading into the break.

The Sparks held a slim lead throughout the first half of the third quarter before going on a run sparked by Odyssey Sims and Chelseay Gray continuing to attack the basket. The Sparks took a 74-65 lead into the final period, holding the Sun to 19 in the third.

But the Sun started the fourth quarter on a 10-0 run to take 75-74 lead before a Riquna Williams three point play ended the run. The game seesawed back and forth as the Sun pounded the ball inside while the Sparks guards continued to take advantage of their speed.

The Sun took a 92-88 lead on a Chiney Ogwumike layup as the Sun continued to take advantage of a short-handed Sparks frontcourt, ending the game by playing Thomas, Ogwumike and Jones together which ultimately was the difference. The Sparks head back to Los Angeles for their home opener Sunday against the Phoenix Mercury.

SCORE BY PERIOD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	TOTAL
SPARKS (2-1)	20	27	27	20	94
Sun (2-0)	22	24	19	37	102

Leaders: LA; CT

Points: Gray (21); C. Ogwumike (21)

Rebounds: N. Ogwumike (4); A. Thomas (9)

Assists: Sims (7); J. Thomas (8)

#### NOTES:

- This was the first time the Ogwumike sisters faced off since 2016
- The Sparks face the Phoenix Mercury on Sunday, May 27th at 2PT
- Chelsea Gray scored a season-high 21 points
- Odyssey Sims continued to score at an efficient clip scoring 20 points on 8-of-15 shooting

## PHOENIX MERCURY (2-1)

## SERIES NOTES

Preview: The Sparks swept the Mercury 3-0 in last year's WNBA semifinals. The Mercury have re-tooled by trading for point guard Briann January, signing forward Sancho Lyttle and bringing back forward DeWanna Bonner. With 6-foot-8 Brittney Griner at center, the Sun present a tough challenge for Los Angeles who continues to play short-handed. Diana Taurasi has had a great start to the season as well.

Head Coach: Sandy Brondello

## Probable Starters:

Briann January (G)

Diana Taurasi (G)

DeWanna Bonner (F)

Sancho Lyttle (F)

Brittney Griner (C)

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR:

- Phoenix Mercury are currently 2-1
- DeWanna Bonner returns to the Staples Center
- The Mercury have a revamped starting five

## 2018 vs. Phoenix

May 27 vs. PHX	2:00 p.m. PST
August 5 vs. PHX	4:00 p.m. PST
August 12 at PHX	4:00 p.m. PST

## LAST GAME AGAINST CT 2018 (N/A)

LOS ANGELES

Phoenix

N/A

SCORE 1 2 3 4 OT FINAL

LAS

PHX

## HIGHLIGHTS (N/A)

Biggest Lead:

Los Angeles: |PHX:

Lead Changes: |Times Tied:

## FINAL PHX LAST GAME 2018

SEATTLE

PHX

VERIZON CENTER, WASHINGTON, DC

SCORE 1 2 3 4 OT FINAL

SEA 15 31 16 25 87

PHX 20 13 24 14 71

## HIGHLIGHTS

Biggest Lead:

SEA: 16 |PHX: 11

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	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																
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																
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8/9	@ATL																
8/12	@PHO																
8/14	NY																
8/17	@WASH																
8/19	@CT																



## 2018 RECORD WHEN...

QUICK OVERVIEW	RECORD
Overall	2-1
Home	0-0
Road	2-1
vs. Western Conference	1-0
vs. Eastern Conference	1-1

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

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	1-0	na/	1-0

BY MONTH	RECORD	HOME	ROAD
May	2-1	n/a	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%	1-0
Opponents shooting 45%+	1-1
Opponents shooting sub 45%	1-0
Bench outscores opponent bench	n/a
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	0-1
Score 70 + points	2-1
Score sub 70 points	n/a
Score 75+ points	2-1
Score sub 75 points	n/a
Opponent scores 75+ points	1-1
Opponent sub 75 points	1-0
More/tied rebounds than opponent	1-0
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

### 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: 252-206  
Los Angeles Sparks Head Coaching Record: 68-37  
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.

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### BRIAN AGLER BY THE NUMBERS

#### WNBA CAREER HEAD COACHING STATS

Season	Team	Record	Pct.	Playoffs.
2018	Los Angeles Sparks	2-1	.667	
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		252-206	.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	252-206	.550	23-18	.561
ABL	72-18	.800	10-4	.714
CAREER TOTALS		324-224	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%
3-3	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	3	10, 2 Times
AST	0	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	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%
3-3	10.0	3.0	1.0	1.3	0.0	28.3	40.0	30.0	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 10.0 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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G-GS	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG	MPG	FG%	3FG%	FT%
3-3	17.0	4.3	7.0	2.3	0.0	32.7	47.4	30.0	92.3

## GAME BY GAME STATS

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

- 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%
3-0	4.0	1.7	1.7	0.0	0.0	15.0	30.8	0.0	100.0

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

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## R SEASON

G-GS	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG	MPG	FG%	3FG%	FT%
3-0	4.7	1.7	0.3	0.3	0.7	14.7	45.5	40.0	0.0

15 (Indiana - 5/24/2018)

-Samuelson made her first career 3-pointer against the Lynx and added two more against the Fever.

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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 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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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 first three games.

- 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%
3-3	19.3	2.3	4.0	1.0	0.0	30.0	51.2	25.0	75.0

	2018 Season Highs	Career Highs
PTS	21	39 (San Antonio - 7/22/2014)
REB	3	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	1	5 (2 Times)
FTM	8	15
MINS	32	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

-Sims dished out a season high 7 assists against the Connecticut Sun on May 24.

## GAME BY GAME STATS

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#24	SYDNEY WIESE	GUARD	6-0	6/16/95	OREGON STATE	2ND SEASON
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