

# SPARKS GAME NOTES



Los Angeles Sparks (15-10) vs. Atlanta Dream (15-9)  
 July 24, 2018 | Staples Center | 7:30 pm (PT)  
 Overall Game #26, Home Game #14  
 Twitter, SpecSN

## LOS ANGELES SPARKS PROBABLE STARTERS

### 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	L, 78-94	(11-5)
7/1	LAS VEGAS	W, 87-71	(12-5)
7/3	CONNECTICUT	L, 72-73	(12-6)
7/5	at Minnesota	L, 72-83	(12-7)
7/7	WASHINGTON	L, 74-83	(12-8)
7/10	at Seattle	W, 77-75	(13-8)
7/12	DALLAS	L, 77-92	(13-9)
7/15	at Las Vegas	W, 99-78	(14-9)
7/20	INDIANA	L, 76-78	(14-10)
7/22	at Chicago	W, 93-76	(15-10)
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 INJURY REPORT

Alana Beard- Day to Day- Strained Groin  
 Nneka Ogumike- Day to Day- Illness

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G	1	ODYSSEY SIMS								5-8		160
GP/S	25/18	PTS 9.4	REB 2.1	AST 3.1	STL 0.6	FG% 40.2	3FG% 28.9	MIN				

### 2018 Highlights:

Odyssey Sims scored 16 points on July 22 to help the Sparks win at Chicago 93-76. Sims is averaging an impressive 3.1 assists per game as a secondary ball-handler. Sims has scored in double figures 10 times this season and has scored over 20 points twice.

F/G	17	ESSENCE CARSON							6-0		163			
GP/S	25/14	PTS	7.7	REB	2.4	AST	0.9	STL	0.8	FG%	46.5	3FG%	35.1	MIN

### 2018 Highlights:

Essence Carson posted a season-high 18 points in the Sparks' 77-75 overtime win against the Seattle Storm on July 10, adding two steals and a block to her line. Carson has started 14 of the Sparks' 25 games and is shooting a career high 46.5% from the field (\*2013 only 4 games played)

C	42	JANTEL LAVENDER						6-4	185					
GP/S	21/5	PTS	5.8	REB	3.9	AST	0.9	STL	0.5	FG%	42.4	3FG%	9.1	MIN

### 2018 Highlights:

Jantel Lavender scored a season high 23 points on 8-for-12 shooting and a perfect 7-for-7 from the free throw line in the Sparks 78-76 loss to the Indiana Fever on July 20th, starting in place of Nneka Ogumike. She has totalled 37 points in her last two starts. Lavender won the WNBA Sixth Woman of the Year Award in 2016 and was a major contributor during the Sparks' back-to-back WNBA Finals runs in 2016 and 2017.

G	12	CHELSEA GRAY							5-11			170			
GP/S	25/25	PTS	14.3	REB	3.3	AST	5.4	STL	1.6	FG%	47.4	3FG%	40.6	MIN	32.3

### 2018 Highlights:

Chelsea Gray won the first Western Conference Player of the Week Award in 2018. Gray is fourth in the league in assists per game and is now 10th in 3-point percentage. She tallied a career-high 11 assists in the Sparks' 80-54 victory against the Liberty (June 24). Gray was also just named to her second straight WNBA All-Star Game.

F	3	CANDACE PARKER								6-4		175			
GP/S	22/21	PTS	18.1	REB	7.5	AST	4.8	STL	1.0	FG%	50.0	3FG%	36.10	MIN	30.0

### 2018 Highlights:

The former Rookie of the Year, two-time MVP, and 2016 WNBA Finals MVP put up a stat line of 34 points, 11 rebounds, 9 assists, and 2 blocks to help the Sparks to a 99-78 victory on the road against the Aces on July 15. Parker averages 4.8 assists per game, sixth in the WNBA. She was recently named one of two captains for the 2018 WNBA All-Star Game. She has put up 24.6 points per game over her last five contests.

## WNBA STANDINGS (GAMES PLAYED THROUGH 7/22/18)

<b>EASTERN CONFERENCE</b>	<b>RECORD</b>	<b>WESTERN CONFERENCE</b>	<b>RECORD</b>
Atlanta Dream	15-9	Seattle Storm	18-7
Washington Mystics	14-10	Los Angeles Sparks	15-10
Connecticut Sun	13-12	Phoenix Mercury	15-10
Chicago Sky	8-17	Minnesota Lynx	14-10
New York Liberty	7-17	Dallas Wings	14-11
Indiana Fever	3-22	Las Vegas Aces	12-13

## TEAM RECORDS

	<b>Record</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>Road</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>2OT</b>
Overall	(15-10)	(8-5)	(6-5)	(0-0)	(0-0)
West	(7-6)	(3-2)	(2-4)	(1-0)	(0-0)
East	(8-4)	(4-3)	(4-1)	(0-0)	(0-0)
Current Streak:	W1				

## LOS ANGELES SPARKS ROSTER

<b>NO</b>	<b>PLAYER</b>	<b>POS</b>	<b>HT</b>	<b>WT</b>	<b>DOB</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>YRS</b>
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

Candace Parker (1st pick, 2008)  
Jantel Lavender (5th pick, 2011)  
Nneka Ogumike (1st pick, 2012)  
Sydney Wiese (11th pick, 2017)  
Maria Vadeeva (11th pick, 2018)

### FREE AGENCY

Alana Beard (2/8/12)  
Essence Carson (3/31/16)  
Karlie Samuelson (5/19/18)  
Karlie Samuelson (6/24/18)

### TRADE

Riquna Williams (from DAL 3/1/16)  
Chelsea Gray (from CON 4/15/16)  
Odyssey Sims (from DAL, 2/17/17)

## 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**

## CHICAGO SKY (W, 93-76)

## GAME STORY

## Candace Parker leads Sparks past Sky

Chicago (July 22, 2018) – After falling in a heartbreaker Friday night to Indiana at the buzzer, Candace Parker scored 23 points, grabbed 12 rebounds and dished out seven assists to lead the Sparks to a 93-76 win on the road in front of her family.

Odyssey Sims and Chelsea Gray hit 3-pointers in the early moments of the first quarter to give the Sparks an early lead. The Sky got several uncontested layups to take a 12-8 lead and force a timeout from Sparks coach Brian Agler. A 3- pointer from Essence Carson, who scored 13 points in the first half, cut the lead to 14-13, but Sky center Stefanie Dolson hit back-to-back elbow jumpers and Diamond DeShields nailed a triple to give the Sky a 19-13 lead. The Sparks ended the first quarter on a 7-3 run to pull to within 22-20 going into the second quarter.

An Odyssey Sims layup gave the Sparks their first lead of the second quarter at 25-24 before a Cheyenne Parker 3- pointer gave the Sky the lead right back. A Courtney Vandersloot basket plus the foul gave the Sky a 36-30 lead. A Jantel Lavender long two capped an 8-2 Sparks run to tie the game at 38-38 and force a timeout from Sky coach Amber Stocks. Odyssey Sims made a leaning layup in the closing moments of the first half to give the Sparks a 40-38 halftime lead.

After the Sky scored the first basket of the second half, Carson hit another 3-pointer followed by back-to-back transition opportunities for Los Angeles to give them a 47-40 lead, their largest of the game. On the next play Sims stole the inbounds pass and found Gray for a driving layup. A high-low leaping alley-oop between Lavender and Parker gave the Sparks a 58-48 lead. A Riquna Williams 3-pointer, the Sparks first bench points of the game put the Sparks up 61-49. Chicago answered with a 7-2 mini-run before Odyssey Sims hit a floater. Sims had her season high for July with 16 points to help the Sparks take a 71-59 lead into the final period.

Maria Vadeeva scored six points early in the fourth and a Parker runout gave the Sparks a 79-62 lead, seemingly breaking open the game. But Chicago went on a 9-1 run to cut it to 80-71 with four minutes left. Parker stopped the bleeding by drawing a foul and connecting on both free throws. The Sparks pulled away as a Sims drive put the Sparks up 88-73 with 1:05 remaining to ice the game.



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Los Angeles Sparks

(15 - 10)

Chicago Sky

(8 - 17)

SCORE	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	OT	TO
Sparks (15-10)	20	20	31	22		93
Sky (8-17)	22	16	21	17		76

POINTS	REBOUNDS	ASSISTS
Parker-23	Parker-12	Gray-9
Dolson-20	Tie-6	Vandersloot-10

Attendance: 6,477

## SPARKS NOTES:

- The Sparks shot 42.1% in the first half
- The Sparks shot 52.1% for the game
- All five Sparks starters scored in double figures
- The Sparks scored a season-high 31 points
- Odyssey Sims had her high in scoring for the month of July with 14 points
- Candace Parker recorded her eighth double-double of the season



## ATLANTA DREAM (15-9)

## SERIES NOTES

**Preview:** The Los Angeles Sparks (15-10) are facing the Atlanta Dream (15-9) for the second time this season, with the Sparks taking the June 12 matchup at the Staples Center 72-64 behind 18 points and seven rebounds from Candace Parker.

The Dream enter the night 15-9, good for the best record in the Eastern Conference and the second seed in the league playoff standings. Atlanta is coming off an impressive 87-74 victory against the first place Seattle Storm (18-7), with Tiffany Hayes, Angel McCoughtry, and Elizabeth Williams combining for 49 points in the win. Atlanta's victory snapped a three-game winning streak for the Storm.

The Dream are the WNBA's hottest team, as Atlanta is riding a seven-game winning streak into their matchup with the Sparks.

**Head Coach:** Nicki Collen, 1st season with Atlanta

**Probable Starters:**

G Tiffany Hayes  
G Renee Montgomery  
F Angel McCoughtry  
F Jessica Breland  
C Elizbeth Williams

**WHAT TO LOOK FOR:**

-Atlanta riding a seven-game winning streak, and currently leading the Eastern Conference standings  
- Angel McCoughtry named 2018 All-Star  
-Tiffany Hayes and McCoughtry are averaging 17.4 and 16.4 ppg, respectively

**2018 vs. ATL**

June 12 vs. ATL W, 72-64  
July 24 vs. ATL 7:30 PST  
August 9 at ATL 4:30 PST

**SPARKS LAST GAME AGAINST Dream (6/12/18)**

Dream 64  
Sparks 72

**Score By Period**

SCORE	1	2	3	4	OT	FINAL
ATL	21	11	15	17		64
LA	23	20	15	14		72

**HIGHLIGHTS**

Biggest Lead:  
ATL: 5 | LA: 14  
Lead Changes: 2 | Times Tied: 5

**FINAL, Dream LAST GAME 2018 (7/22/18)**

Storm 74  
Dream 87

**SCORE 1 2 3 4 OT FINAL**

SEA	22	12	24	16		74
ATL	28	19	23	17		87

**HIGHLIGHTS**

Biggest Lead:  
SEA: 2 | ATL: 20  
Lead Changes: 2 | Times Tied: 2

## 2018 TEAM BOX SCORE

Date	Opponent	MIN	FG-A	PCI	3PM-A	PCI	FTM-A	PCI	OFF	DEF	TOI	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	200:0	29-73	39.7	13-28	46.4	7-12	58.3	11	23	34	19	7	7	12	20	78
7/1	LV	200:0	35-60	58.3	8-18	44.4	9-11	81.8	2	22	24	24	13	1	14	17	87
7/3	CT	200:0	27-64	42.2	4-13	30.8	14-15	93.3	6	21	27	11	10	1	13	27	72
7/5	@MIN	200:0	28-66	42.4	6-20	30.0	10-13	76.9	8	19	27	19	7	4	9	18	72
7/7	WASH	200:0	29-64	45.3	4-16	25.0	12-13	92.3	5	25	30	17	7	2	14	27	74
7/10	@SEA	200:0	30-75	40	6-15	40	11-12	91.7	9	25	34	23	10	3	12	17	77
7/12	DAL	200:0	27-62	43.5	4-17	23.5	19-24	79.2	5	22	27	16	8	3	13	15	77
7/15	@LV	200:0	37-76	48.7	10-20	50.0	15-15	100	5	30	35	20	7	4	7	16	99
7/20	IND	200:0	32-70	45.7	4-18	22.2	8-11	72.7	12	26	38	20	3	0	11	12	76
7/22	@CHI	200:0	38-73	52.1	9-22	40.9	8-9	88.9	9	28	37	27	8	2	9	12	93
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	15-10
Home	8-5
Road	7-5
vs. Western Conference	7-6
vs. Eastern Conference	8-4

BREAKDOWN	RECORD
vs. teams .500+ (day of game)	8-8
vs. teams sub .500 (day of game)	7-2
Games 1-10	8-2
Games 11-20	4-6
Games 21-34	3-2
Pre All-Star Break	15-10
Post All-Star Break	n/a

DAYS OF REST	
Back-to-back games	0-1
1 day between games	7-6
2 days between games	6-1
3 days between games	0-1
4+ days between games	2-1

BY DAY	RECORD	HOME	ROAD
Monday	n/a	n/a	n/a
Tuesday	5-1	3-1	2-0
Wednesday	n/a	n/a	n/a
Thursday	0-5	0-2	0-3
Friday	1-3	0-1	1-2
Saturday	0-1	0-1	n/a
Sunday	9-0	5-0	4-0

BY MONTH	RECORD	HOME	ROAD
May	3-1	1-0	2-1
June	8-4	6-1	2-3
July	4-5	1-4	3-1
August	n/a	n/a	n/a
September	n/a	n/a	n/a

SPARKS RECORD WHEN	RECORD
Shooting 45%+	10-3
Shooting sub 45%	5-7
Opponents shooting 45%+	4-7
Opponents shooting sub 45%	11-3
Bench outscores opponent bench	8-1
Bench outscored by opponent bench	7-9
Bench scoring is tied	n/a
Tied or more points in the paint	11-2
Fewer points in the paint	4-8
Score 70 + points	15-9
Score sub 70 points	0-1
Score 75+ points	13-4
Score sub 75 points	2-6
Opponent scores 75+ points	6-9
Opponent sub 75 points	9-1
More/tied rebounds than opponent	7-1
Fewer rebounds than opponent	8-9

## 2018 REGULAR SEASON SUPERLATIVES

### LOS ANGELES SPARKS HIGHS

Points, Game.....	97 @ Washington 6/15
Points, First Half.....	59 vs. Las Vegas 7/1
Points, Second Half.....	51 @ Las Vegas 7/15
Points, 1Q.....	33 @ Indiana 5/22
Points, 2Q.....	32 vs. Phoenix 5/27
Points, 3Q.....	31 @ Chicago 6/22
Points, 4Q.....	35 @ Las Vegas 7/15
Points, Overtime.....	11 @ Seattle 7/10
Field Goals Made.....	35 - 3 times (Last: vs. Las Vegas 7/1)
Field Goals Att.....	75 @ Seattle 7/10
Field Goal Percentage.....	62.5% @ Washington 6/15
3FG Made.....	13 @ Las Vegas 6/29
3FG Att.....	28 @ Las Vegas 6/29
3FG Percentage.....	80.0% @ Washington 6/15
Free Throws Made.....	21 vs. Phoenix 5/27
Free Throws Att.....	30 vs. Phoenix 5/27
FT Percentage.....	100% vs. Indiana 6/19, @ Las Vegas 7/15
Offensive Rebounds....	15 @ Seattle 6/28
Defensive Rebounds...	36 vs. New York 6/24
Total Rebounds.....	41 @ Chicago 6/17
Assists.....	29 @ Washington 6/15
Steals.....	14 - Twice (Last: vs. Dallas 6/26)
Turnovers.....	17 vs. Seattle 6/7
Blocked Shots.....	7 - 3 times (Last: at Las Vegas 6/29)
Personal Fouls.....	27 vs. Washington 7/7

### OPPONENT HIGHS

Points, Game.....	102 @ Indiana 5/24
Points, First Half.....	48 vs. Dallas 7/12
Points, Second Half.....	56 @ Connecticut 5/24
Points, 1Q.....	26 @ Dallas 6/22, vs. Seattle 6/28
Points, 2Q.....	27 vs. Dallas 7/12
Points, 3Q.....	31 vs. Seattle 6/7
Points, 4Q.....	37 @ Connecticut 5/24
Points, Overtime.....	9 vs. Seattle 6/10
Field Goals Made.....	36 @ Indiana 5/24
Field Goals Att.....	75 @ Las Vegas 7/15
Field Goal Percentage.....	62.5% @ Connecticut 5/24
3FG Made.....	12 @ Dallas 6/22
3FG Att.....	25 @ Dallas 6/22
3FG Percentage.....	62.5% @ Las Vegas 6/29
Free Throws Made.....	32 vs. Washington 7/7
Free Throws Att.....	35 vs. Washington 7/7
FT Percentage.....	100% @ Indiana 5/22
Offensive Rebounds....	14 - Twice (Last: vs. Indiana June 19)
Defensive Rebounds...	35 at Minnesota 5/20
Total Rebounds.....	45 vs. Indiana 6/19
Assists.....	26 at Connecticut 5/24
Steals.....	12 vs. Seattle 6/7
Turnovers.....	24 at Minnesota 5/20
Blocked Shots.....	7 at Seattle 7/10
Personal Fouls.....	30 vs. Phoenix 5/27

**Largest lead at any time....** 31 vs. New York 6/24  
**Largest deficit at any time....** 33 @ Dallas 6/22

### LOS ANGELES SPARKS LOWS

-Points, Game.....	63 vs. Seattle 6/7
-Points, First Half.....	25 vs. Connecticut 7/3
-Points, Second Half.....	27 vs. Dallas 7/12
-Points, 1Q.....	8 vs. Connecticut 7/3
-Points, 2Q.....	12 vs. Chicago 6/10
-Points, 3Q.....	10 @ Phoenix 5/27
-Points, 4Q.....	10 vs. Seattle 6/17
-Points, Overtime.....	11 @ Seattle 7/10
-Field Goals Made.....	25 vs. Seattle 6/7
-Field Goals Att.....	56 @ Washington 6/15
-Field Goal Percentage.....	37.3% vs. Seattle 6/7
-3FG Made.....	2 @ Twice (Last: vs. Chicago 6/10)
-3FG Att.....	12 @ vs. Seattle 6/7
-3FG Percentage.....	16.7% at Minnesota 5/20
-Free Throws Made.....	6 vs. Indiana 6/19
-Free Throws Att.....	6 vs. Indiana 6/19
-FT Percentage.....	55.6% vs. New York 6/24
-Offensive Rebounds....	2 vs. Las Vegas 7/1
-Defensive Rebounds...	9 at Connecticut 5/24
-Total Rebounds.....	14 @ Connecticut 5/24
-Assists.....	8 @ Seattle 6/28
-Steals.....	3 vs. Indiana 7/20
-Turnovers.....	6 at Minnesota 5/20
-Blocked Shots.....	0 vs. Indiana 7/20
-Personal Fouls.....	12 - 3 times (Last: vs. Indiana 7/20)

### OPPONENT LOWS

-Points, Game.....	54 vs. New York 6/24
-Points, First Half.....	27 vs. New York 6/24
-Points, Second Half.....	22 vs. Indiana 6/19
-Points, 1Q.....	12 vs. New York 6/24
-Points, 2Q.....	11 vs. Atlanta 6/12, vs. Washington 7/7
-Points, 3Q.....	10 vs. Minnesota 6/3
-Points, 4Q.....	6 vs. Indiana 6/19, @ Seattle 7/10
-Points, Overtime.....	9 vs. Seattle 6/10
-Field Goals Made.....	27 vs. Chicago 6/6
-Field Goals Att.....	55 @ Minnesota 5/20, 6/3
-Field Goal Percentage.....	28.4% vs. Chicago 6/10
-3FG Made.....	1 vs. Washington 7/7
-3FG Att.....	6 vs. Las Vegas 7/1
-3FG Percentage.....	6.2% vs. Washington 7/7
-Free Throws Made.....	3 vs. New York 6/24
-Free Throws Att.....	10 vs. New York 6/24
-FT Percentage.....	30% vs. New York 6/24
-Offensive Rebounds....	2 vs. New York 6/24
-Defensive Rebounds...	13 at Washington 6/15
-Total Rebounds.....	26 - 3 times (Last: vs. Las Vegas 7/1)
-Assists.....	8 vs. Indiana 6/19
-Steals.....	2 at Indiana 5/22
-Turnovers.....	8 vs. Chicago 6/10
-Blocked Shots.....	0 vs. New York 6/24
-Personal Fouls.....	13 vs. Indiana 6/19



## BRIAN AGLER BIOGRAPHY

WNBA Head Coaching Record: 265-215  
Los Angeles Sparks Head Coaching Record: 81-45  
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 Parker (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.

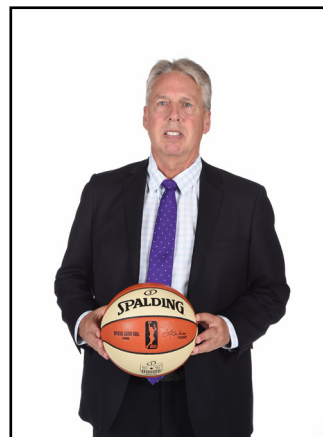
Agler attended Wittenberg University (Springfield, Oh.), where he starred on the basketball team, leading the Tigers to their only NCAA Division III basketball championship in basketball as a freshman. He started all 112 games during his career, leaving the school as the all-time assist leader (481). 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	15-10	.600	
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	
<b>WNBA TOTALS</b>		<b>265-215</b>	<b>.552</b>	<b>23-18 .561</b>



#### 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
<b>ABL TOTALS</b>		<b>72-18</b>	<b>.800</b>	<b>10-4 .714</b>

#### CAREER HEAD COACHING STATS

League	Record	Pct.	Playoffs.	Pct.
WNBA	265-215	.552	23-18	.561
ABL	72-18	.800	10-4	.714
<b>CAREER TOTALS</b>	<b>337-233</b>	<b>.591</b>	<b>33-22</b>	<b>.600</b>



## 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.









#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%
25-13	7.7	2.4	0.9	0.8	0.4	23.8	46.5	35.1	90.0

	2018 Season Highs	Career Highs
PTS	18	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	8	11, 2 Times
3FGM	3	4, vs. SAC 7/23/09
FTM	3	6, 2 Times
MINs	36	--



## 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%
16-0	3.6	2.6	0.6	0.3	0.5	8.4	52.3	28.6	75.0

	2018 Season Highs	Career Highs
PTS	10	10, @ LV 6/29/18
REB	7	7, at LV 6/29/18
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, 3 times
3FGM	1	1, 2 times
FTM	3	3, at LV 6/29/18
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%
25-25	14.3	3.3	5.4	1.6	0.2	32.3	47.4	40.6	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	9	9, 2 times
3FGM	4	4, 2 times
FTM	8	6, vs MIN 9/6/16
MINs	39	36, 3 times



## GAME BY GAME STATS

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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%
21-5	5.8	3.9	0.9	0.5	0.3	17.8	42.4	9.1	88.2

	2018 Season Highs	Career Highs
PTS	23	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	8	11, Twice
3FGM	1	1, 4 times
FTM	7	8, vs SAN 8/30/15
MINs	34	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%
20-20	16.1	7.4	2.0	1.7	0.5	30.9	54.9	33.3	85.3

	2018 Season Highs	Career Highs
PTS	25	38 vs. ATL 6/30/16
REB	13	20, @ IND 7/12/12
AST	5	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	8	14 vs. WAS, 9/3/15
MINs	41	42 Twice



## 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	37	8-15	53	1-2	50	2-3	67	1	8	9	1	2	1	1	4	19
5/22	@IND	34	11-13	85	1-1	100	2-2	100	2	8	10	4	0	0	1	3	25
5/24	@CT	38	7-13	54	1-2	50	4-5	80	2	2	4	4	3	0	2	2	19
5/27	PHO	28	3-7	43	1-2	50	5-5	100	2	5	7	2	2	0	3	5	18
6/3	MIN	29	5-10	50	0-2	0	2-2	100	0	4	4	2	3	1	3	3	12
6/7	SEA	20	6-10	60	0-1	0	7-7	100	2	4	6	2	1	0	3	3	19
6/10	CHI	31	7-12	58	0-2	0	2-3	67	0	8	8	1	0	1	1	2	16
6/12	ATL	33	4-8	50	1-1	100	2-2	100	2	8	10	1	1	0	2	2	11
6/15	@WASH	33	5-10	50	1-1	100	0-0	n/a	1	5	6	4	3	0	2	1	11
6/17	@CHI	30	9-15	60	0-0	n/a	2-3	67	4	7	11	2	2	1	0	3	20
6/19	IND	29	6-15	40	0-0	n/a	0-0	n/a	1	6	7	1	1	1	0	3	12
6/22	@DAL	25	7-9	78	0-0	n/a	2-3	67	1	2	3	0	1	0	4	3	17
6/24	NY	25	6-9	67	0-1	0	0-2	0	1	9	10	1	1	1	3	1	12
6/26	DAL	DNP	Injury														
6/28	@SEA	DNP	Injury														
6/29	@LV	DNP	Injury														
7/1	LV	25	6-9	67	0-0	n/a	0-0	n/a	0	7	7	1	3	0	1	3	12
7/3	CT	31	7-12	58	0-2	0	6-6	100	1	4	5	0	1	0	1	4	20
7/5	@MIN	26	7-14	50	0-0	n/a	1-1	100	3	5	8	1	1	0	1	5	15
7/7	WASH	34	7-12	58	0-1	0	8-9	89	4	9	13	5	2	0	1	4	22
7/10	@SEA	41	5-14	36	0-1	0	4-4	100	3	6	9	1	3	0	1	4	14
7/12	DAL	30	4-9	44	0-1	n/a	4-6	67	2	0	2	3	2	1	1	1	12
7/15	@LV	32	5-14	36	0-0	n/a	5-5	100	1	6	7	1	2	2	2	2	15
7/20	IND	DNP	Illness														
7/22	@CHI	DNP	Illness														
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																



#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%
25-18	9.4	2.5	3.1	0.6	0.0	27.2	40.2	28.9	70.8

	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	1	2 (3 Times)
FGM	8	15 (San Antonio - 7/22/2014)
3FGM	3	5 (2 Times)
FTM	8	15
MINs	36	47 (Phoenix - 6/18/2016)



## GAME BY GAME STATS

Date	Opponent	MIN	FG-A	PCT	3PM-A	PCT	FTM-A	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOI	AST	STL	BLK	TO	PF	PTS
5/20	@MIN	28	6-14	43	1-3	33	8-11	73	0	3	3	2	1	0	2	0	21
5/22	@IND	30	7-12	58	0-1	0	3-5	60	0	2	2	3	2	0	4	5	17
5/24	@CT	32	8-15	53	0-0	NA	4-4	100	1	1	2	7	0	0	3	3	20
5/27	PHO	27	4-9	44	2-4	50	4-8	50	1	5	6	2	1	0	5	1	14
6/3	MIN	36	5-10	50	1-3	33	1-1	100	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	4	12
6/7	SEA	27	2-8	25	0-1	0	2-2	100	0	4	4	5	1	0	4	2	6
6/10	CHI	27	1-4	25	0-1	0	3-5	60	0	7	7	5	0	0	0	2	5
6/12	ATL	21	2-10	20	0-3	0	3-4	75	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	7
6/15	@WASH	30	5-10	50	1-1	100	5-6	83	0	2	2	5	0	0	1	1	16
6/17	@CHI	29	6-15	40	0-3	0	0-1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	4	0	12
6/19	IND	31	3-7	43	0-2	0	3-3	100	1	1	2	4	0	0	3	3	9
6/22	@DAL	25	4-10	40	0-1	0	0-0	n/a	2	0	2	5	0	0	2	0	8
6/24	NY	14	0-0	n/a	0-0	n/a	0-0	n/a	0	2	2	2	0	1	1	0	0
6/26	DAL	15	2-4	50	0-0	n/a	3-4	75	1	2	3	1	2	0	2	2	7
6/28	@SEA	25	2-7	29	0-0	n/a	0-0	n/a	0	3	3	0	0	1	0	1	4
6/29	@LV	25	4-14	29	3-5	60	0-0	n/a	1	1	2	4	2	0	1	1	11
7/1	LV	25	4-7	57	1-2	50	1-2	50	0	0	0	6	1	0	2	2	10
7/3	CT	23	2-9	22	0-1	0	0-0	n/a	0	1	1	2	1	0	1	1	4
7/5	@MIN	23	2-5	40	0-1	0	0-2	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	2	4
7/7	WASH	25	2-6	33	1-2	50	2-2	100	0	1	1	3	1	0	2	3	7
7/10	@SEA	20	0-7	0	0-2	0	0-0	n/a	0	1	1	3	0	0	1	4	0
7/12	DAL	28	2-6	33	0-1	0	3-3	100	0	4	4	3	0	0	1	2	7
7/15	@LV	34	4-10	40	0-1	0	1-1	100	0	3	3	3	1	0	1	1	9
7/20	IND	37	4-8	50	1-2	50	0-1	0	0	5	5	4	0	0	1	3	9
7/22	@CHI	34	7-12	58	2-5	40	0-0	n.a	3	1	4	2	2	0	2	0	16
7/24	ATL																
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#24	SYDNEY WIESE	GUARD	6-0	6/16/95	OREGON STATE	2ND SEASON
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### 2018 Regular Season Averages:

G-GS	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG	MPG	FG%	3FG%	FT%
7-0	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	4.1	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

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#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%
24-0	6.2	1.2	0.7	0.6	0.0	15.1	40.6	38.8	85.7

	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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