



# SPARKS GAME NOTES

Los Angeles Sparks (12-5) vs. Connecticut Sun (9-7)  
 July 3, 2018 | Staples Center | 7:30 pm (PT)  
 Overall Game #18, Home Game #10  
 League Pass, SpecSN, WCCT

## 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 87-81	(12-5)
7/3	CONNECTICUT	7:30	
7/5	at Minnesota	7:00	
7/7	WASHINGTON	4:00	
7/10	at Seattle	12:00	
7/12	DALLAS	12:30	
7/15	at Las Vegas	3:00	
7/20	INDIANA	7:30	
7/22	at Chicago	5:00	
7/24	ATLANTA	7:30	
8/2	MINNESOTA	7:00	
8/5	PHOENIX	4:00	
8/8	at New York	7:00	
8/9	at Atlanta	7:00	
8/12	at Phoenix	5:00	
8/14	NEW YORK	7:30	
8/17	at Washington	7:00	
8/19	at Connecticut	3:00	

\*= Preseason  
 All Times Local

## LOS ANGELES SPARKS PROBABLE STARTERS

F/G	17	ESSENCE CARSON										6-0	163		
GP/S	17/9	PTS	6.8	REB	2.4	AST	0.8	STL	0.9	FG%	46.6	3FG%	34.8	MIN	21.9

### 2018 Highlights:

Essence Carson started the first four games of the season for the Sparks, averaging a solid 10 points and three rebounds in those contests. She posted a season-high 17 points in the Sparks' June 29 loss to the Aces, adding six rebounds and a steal.

G/F	0	ALANA BEARD								5-11	160				
GP/S	17/17	PTS	3.8	REB	3.5	AST	1.9	STL	1.6	FG%	40.6	3FG%	0.0	MIN	25.6

### 2018 Highlights:

In 2017, Alana Beard won the Defensive Player of the Year Award. On June 15th, Beard scored 10 points in the fourth quarter to help the Sparks beat the Mystics 97-86. She has recorded at least two steals in eight games this season. She is tied for third in the league in total steals (27) and second in steals per 40 minutes (2.5)

F	30	NNEKA OGWUMIKE							6-2	174
GP/S	14/14	PTS 15.9	REB 7.4	AST 2.1	STL 1.6	FG% 58.9	3FG% 43.8	MIN 30.1		

### 2018 Highlights:

Nneka Ogwumike is leading the Sparks in scoring, rebounding, and field goal percentage. She recorded her fourth double-double of the season with 12 points and 10 rebounds against the New York Liberty on June 24. Ogwumike is fourth in the WNBA in steals per game at 1.6. She has posted double-digit scoring totals in each of her 14 games, and ranks third in the league in field goal percentage (58.9%).

G	12	CHELSEA GRAY						5-11	170						
GP/S	17/17	PTS	15.1	REB	3.2	AST	5.5	STL	1.6	FG%	48.0	3FG%	39.0	MIN	31.3

### 2018 Highlights:

Chelsea Gray won the first Western Conference Player of the Week Award in 2018. Gray is third in assists (93) and fourth in assists per game (5.5). She tallied a career-high 11 assists in the Sparks' 80-54 victory against the Liberty (June 24). Gray tied a season-high with 23 points in the Sparks' June 26 victory against the Wings.

F	3	CANDACE PARKER								6-4	175				
GP/S	14/13	PTS	16.4	REB	6.6	AST	4.1	STL	0.8	FG%	51.2	3FG%	37.5	MIN	28.3

### 2018 Highlights:

The former Rookie of the Year, two-time MVP, and 2016 WNBA Finals MVP tied a career high with 11 assists in the Sparks' 97-86 win over the Mystics on June 15th. Parker tallied a season-high 29 points against the Wings (June 26). Parker averages 16.4 points and 6.6 rebounds per game, good for 16th and 15th in the league, respectively. Parker averages 4.1 assists per game, the best mark of any center in the WNBA.

## LOS ANGELES INJURY REPORT

Sydney Wiese- Out, Left Knee Sprain

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

<b>EASTERN CONFERENCE</b>	<b>RECORD</b>	<b>WESTERN CONFERENCE</b>	<b>RECORD</b>
Washington Mystics	10-6	Phoenix Mercury	13-5
Connecticut Sun	9-7	Seattle Storm	12-5
Atlanta Dream	8-8	Los Angeles Sparks	12-5
Chicago Sky	6-10	Minnesota Lynx	10-6
New York Liberty	5-11	Dallas Wings	7-8
Indiana Fever	1-16	Las Vegas Aces	6-12

## TEAM RECORDS

	Record (12-5)	Home (8-1)	Road (4-4)	OT (0-0)	2OT (0-0)
Overall					
West	(5-4)	(3-1)	(1-3)	(0-0)	(0-0)
East	(7-1)	(4-0)	(3-1)	(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
44	Karlie Samuelson	G	6-0	162	5/10/95	Stanford	R
1	Odyssey Sims	G	5-8	160	7/13/92	Baylor	4
24	Sydney Wiese	G	6-0	150	6/16/95	Oregon State	1
2	Riquna Williams	G	5-7	165	5/28/90	Miami (FLA)	5

## BASKETBALL OPERATIONS STAFF

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

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

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

## HOW THE 2018 LOS ANGELES SPARKS WERE BUILT

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

## RECENT NEWS & TRANSACTIONS

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



**ALANA  
BEARD**



**ESSENCE  
CARSON**



**CHELSEA  
GRAY**



**JANTEL  
LAVENDER**



**NNEKA  
OGWUMIKE**



**CANDACE  
PARKER**



**KARLIE  
SAMUELSON**



**ODYSSEY  
SIMS**



**MARIA  
VADEEVA**



**SYDNEY  
WIESE**



**RIQUNA  
WILLIAMS**

# LAS VEGAS ACES (W, 87-71)

## GAME STORY

### Sparks Even the Score with the Aces

Los Angeles (July 1, 2018) – The Los Angeles Sparks avenged their Friday loss to the Aces, taking down Las Vegas 87-71 Sunday at the Staples Center.

The Sparks jumped to an early 12-4 lead to start the game, a run highlighted by two three-pointers from Chelsea Gray and two layups from Nneka Ogwumike. At the 6:33 mark, Aces rookie A’Ja Wilson picked up her second foul, but Vegas surged to a 10-2 run to tie the game at 14. With the Sparks up a point, Candace Parker got on the board with her first three, and the Sparks finished the frame up 30-20.

LA came out firing again in the second quarter, with an Odyssey Sims three-pointer and Gray pull-up jumper fueling a 9-2 run. Gray then nailed a long ball, followed by a Sims jumper to extend the Sparks’ lead to 22 points. With 3:23 left, Kayla McBride hit a three-pointer to pull the score to 50-31, but the next possession saw Candace Parker find Jantel Lavender for the layup. The Sparks would take a 59-37 lead into the half.

Ogwumike opened the third-quarter scoring with a short corner jumper. With the Sparks up 63-37, a free throw from Wilson gave the Aces their first point of the quarter at the 6:25 mark. Vegas then went on a 12-0 run to pull within 15 with 3:06 to play in the third, highlighted by two A’ja Wilson jumpers. Parker stopped the bleeding with a three, giving her 12 points on the night. LA went into the fourth with a 71-56 lead.

Wilson stayed hot to start the fourth, sinking an and-one jumper to open the scoring. Riquana Williams answered with five straight points to push the score to 76-68. A Kelsey Plum three-pointer pulled the Aces to within 12 with 4:20 remaining, but back-to-back buckets from Lavender and Maria Vadeeva gave the Sparks the 82-66 lead. Karlie Samuelson saw her first minutes of the game, hitting a 15-foot jumper with 1:41 left. The Sparks would go on to win 87-71.



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Las Vegas Aces

(6-12)

Los Angeles Sparks

(12-5)

#### SCORE BY PERIOD

Aces (6-12)	20	17	19	15	71
Sparks (12-5)	30	29	12	16	87

#### LEADERS

POINTS	REBOUNDS	ASSISTS
Young-16	Park-16	Young-8
Lavender-17	Ogwumike-7	Tie-7

#### NOTES

- The Sparks shot 25-34 in the first half, good for 73.5%
- The Sparks are now 12-2 in games in which Candace Parker and Nneka Ogwumike both play
- Jantel Lavender recorded a season-high 17 points, leading all scores
- Chelsea Gray recorded her 100th career steal
- The Sparks forced 21 turnovers



## CONNECTICUT SUN (9-7)

## SERIES NOTES

Preview: The Los Angeles Sparks are taking on the Connecticut Sun for the second time this season, with the Sun taking the home victory 102-94 on May 24. In this first matchup, six Sun players scored in double figures and Connecticut dished out 26 assists to defeat the Sparks. Chelsea Gray, Odyssey Sims, and Nneka Ogwumike combined for 60 points in the loss.

Sun forward Chiney Ogwumike, sister of Sparks forward Nneka Ogwumike, is leading the WNBA in field goal percentage at 61.5 percent, posting double-digit scoring totals in all but two of Connecticut's games this season. Eight-year veteran Jasmine Thomas has led the Sun's backcourt this season, putting up 13.7 points and 4.7 assists per game. Six-year pro Alex Bentley has played a crucial bench role for the Sun, posting 10 points and almost three assists per contest.

The Sun enter the night with a record of 9-7, coming off an 84-70 road loss to the Seattle Storm. Bentley was a bright spot for the Sun, scoring 15 points and adding four rebounds and three assists. Ogwumike was held to just eight points and rebounds on the night. The Sun have won just two of their last eight games and currently sit in sixth place in the league playoff standings.

Head Coach: Curt Miller, 3rd season with Connecticut

## Probable Starters:

G Rachel Banham  
G Jasmine Thomas  
F Shekinna Stricklen  
F Chiney Ogwumike  
C Jonquel Jones



## WHAT TO LOOK FOR:

-The Sun are currently 9-7  
-Chiney Ogwumike leads the league in field goal percentage (61.5%)  
-Ogwumike, Jonquel Jones, and Alyssa Thomas each had at least 15 points in their May 24 win against the Sparks

## 2018 vs. CON

May 24 at CON	L, 94-102
July 3 vs. CON	7:30 p.m. PST
August 19 at CON	3:00 p.m. PST

## LAST GAME AGAINST Sun (5/24/18)

Sparks 94  
Sun 102

## Score By Period

SCORE	1	2	3	4	OT	FINAL
LA	20	27	27	20		94
CON	22	24	19	37		102

## HIGHLIGHTS

Biggest Lead:

LA: 9 | CON: 8

Lead Changes: 17 | Times Tied: 16

## FINAL, LAST GAME 2018

Sun 70  
Storm 84

## SCORE 1 2 3 4 OT FINAL

Sun	15	20	13	22		70
Storm	23	24	21	16		84

## HIGHLIGHTS

Biggest Lead:

CON: 4 | SEA: 24

Lead Changes: 2 | Times Tied: 2

## 2018 TEAM BOX SCORE

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

## 2018 RECORD WHEN...

QUICK OVERVIEW	RECORD
Overall	12-5
Home	8-1
Road	4-4
vs. Western Conference	5-4
vs. Eastern Conference	7-1

BREAKDOWN	RECORD
vs. teams .500+ (day of game)	7-4
vs. teams sub .500 (day of game)	5-1
Games 1-10	8-2
Games 11-20	4-3
Games 21-34	n/a
Pre All-Star Break	12-5
Post All-Star Break	n/a

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

BY DAY	RECORD	HOME	ROAD
Monday	n/a	n/a	n/a
Tuesday	4-0	3-0	1-0
Wednesday	n/a	n/a	n/a
Thursday	0-3	0-1	0-2
Friday	1-2	n/a	1-2
Saturday	n/a	n/a	n/a
Sunday	7-0	5-0	2-0

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

SPARKS RECORD WHEN	RECORD
Shooting 45%+	8-1
Shooting sub 45%	4-4
Opponents shooting 45%+	4-4
Opponents shooting sub 45%	8-1
Bench outscores opponent bench	7-1
Bench outscored by opponent bench	5-4
Bench scoring is tied	n/a
Tied or more points in the paint	10-0
Fewer points in the paint	2-5
Score 70 + points	12-4
Score sub 70 points	0-1
Score 75+ points	10-2
Score sub 75 points	2-3
Opponent scores 75+ points	3-5
Opponent sub 75 points	9-0
More/tied rebounds than opponent	6-0
Fewer rebounds than opponent	6-5

## 2017 REGULAR SEASON SUPERLATIVES

### LOS ANGELES SPARKS HIGHS

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

### OPPONENT HIGHS

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

### LOS ANGELES SPARKS LOWS

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

### OPPNONENT LOWS

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



## BRIAN AGLER BIOGRAPHY

WNBA Head Coaching Record: 262-210  
Los Angeles Sparks Head Coaching Record: 78-40  
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	12-5	.706	
2017	Los Angeles Sparks	26-8	.765	5-3
2016	Los Angeles Sparks	26-8	.765	6-3
2015	Los Angeles Sparks	14-20	.412	1-2
2014	Seattle Storm	12-22	.353	
2013	Seattle Storm	17-17	.500	0-2
2012	Seattle Storm	16-18	.471	1-2
2011	Seattle Storm	21-13	.618	1-2
2010	Seattle Storm	28-6	.824	7-0
2009	Seattle Storm	20-14	.588	1-2
2008	Seattle Storm	22-12	.647	1-2
2002	Minnesota Lynx	6-13	.316	
2001	Minnesota Lynx	12-20	.375	
2000	Minnesota Lynx	15-17	.469	
1999	Minnesota Lynx	15-17	.469	
WNBA TOTALS		261-210	.554	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	262-210	.555	23-18	.561
ABL	72-18	.800	10-4	.714
CAREER TOTALS	334-228	.594	33-22	.600

## BRYCE AGLER BIOGRAPHY



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

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

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

## BOBBIE KELSEY BIOGRAPHY



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

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

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

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

## TONYA EDWARDS BIOGRAPHY



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

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

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

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

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





#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%
17-9	6.8	2.4	0.8	0.9	0.5	21.9	46.6	34.8	75.0

	2018 Season Highs	Career Highs
PTS	17	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	7	11, 2 Times
3FGM	3	4, vs. SAC 7/23/09
FTM	3	6, 2 Times
MINs	33	--



## 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%
17-17	15.2	3.2	5.5	1.6	0.3	31.3	48.0	39.0	78.8

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



## GAME BY GAME STATS

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G-GS	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG	MPG	FG%	3FG%	FT%
8-0	2.0	0.9	0.4	0.1	0.4	7.0	42.9	33.3	0.0

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



Date	Opponent	MIN	FG-A	PCT	3PM-A	PCT	FTM-A	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AST	STL	BLK	TO	PF	PTS
5/20	@MIN	12	1-6	16	1-6	16	0-0	N/A	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	3
5/22	@IND	15	2-3	67	2-3	67	0-0	N/A	0	2	2	1	1	2	0	1	6
5/24	@CT	10	2-2	100	1-1	100	0-0	N?A	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	5
5/27	PHO	1	0-0	n/a	0-0	n/a	0-0	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
6/3	MIN	DNP	Released														
6/7	SEA	DNP	Released														
6/10	CHI	DNP	Released														
6/12	ATL	DNP	Released														
6/15	@WASH	DNP	Released														
6/17	@CHI	DNP	Released														
6/19	IND	DNP	Released														
6/22	@DAL	DNP	Released														
6/24	NY	6	0-1	0	0-1	0	0-0	n/a	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	2	0
6/26	DAL	DNP															
6/28	@SEA	3	0-0	n/a	0-0	n/a	0-0	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6/29	@LV	5	0-1	0	0-1	0	0-0	n/a	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
7/1	LV	5	1-1	100	0-0	n/a	0-0	n/a	0	3	3	0	0	0	1	0	2
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																

#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%
13-3	5.5	3.8	0.6	0.4	0.4	17.5	40.8	11.1	80.0

	2018 Season Highs	Career Highs
PTS	17	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	6	8, vs SAN 8/30/15
MINs	27	43, @ CON 6/26/15



## GAME BY GAME STATS

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

G-GS	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG	MPG	FG%	3FG%	FT%
14-14	15.9	7.4	2.1	1.6	0.4	30.1	58.9	43.8	81.1

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



## GAME BY GAME STATS

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																
7/5	@MIN																
7/7	WASH																
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8/14	NY																
8/17	@WASH																
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#3	CANDACE PARKER	FORWARD/CENTER	6-4	4/19/86	TENNESSEE	11TH SEASON
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2018 Regular Season Averages:

G-GS	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG	MPG	FG%	3FG%	FT%
14-13	16.4	6.6	4.1	0.8	1.1	28.3	51.2	37.5	83.9

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



## GAME BY GAME STATS

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2018 Regular Season Averages:

G-GS	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG	MPG	FG%	3FG%	FT%
17-12	10.5	2.5	3.2	0.6	0.1	26.7	41.7	30.0	71/4

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



## GAME BY GAME STATS

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2018 Regular Season Averages:

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

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



## GAME BY GAME STATS

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

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

G-GS	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG	MPG	FG%	3FG%	FT%
17-0	7.1	1.1	0.7	0.8	0.1	15.2	46.7	43.5	88.9

	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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