

LOS ANGELES SPARKS 2019 GAME NOTES



Los Angeles Sparks (12-8) vs. Seattle Storm (12-10)

August 4, 2019

Staples Center | 2:00 pm (PT) | Spectrum SportsNet, NBA TV, NBA TV Canada



PRESEASON SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time/Result	Record
5/11	at Phoenix*	L, 75-82	N/A
5/17	SEATTLE*	W, 92-85	N/A

REGULAR SEASON SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time/Result	Record
5/26	at Las Vegas	L, 70-83	0-1
5/31	CONNECTICUT	W, 77-70	1-1
6/4	at New York	W, 78-73	2-1
6/6	at Connecticut	L, 89-77	2-2
6/8	at Minnesota	W, 89-85	3-2
6/14	at Phoenix	W, 85-68	4-2
6/15	NEW YORK	L, 92-98	4-3
6/18	WASHINGTON	L, 81-52	4-4
6/21	at Seattle	L, 84-62	4-5
6/23	at Phoenix	L, 82-72	4-6
6/27	LAS VEGAS	W, 86-74	5-6
6/30	CHICAGO	W, 94-69	6-6
7/7	WASHINGTON	W, 98-81	7-6
7/9	at Dallas	L, 74-62	7-7
7/12	at Indiana	W, 90-84	8-7
7/14	at Atlanta	W(OT), 76-71	9-7
7/18	DALLAS	W, 69-64	10-7
7/20	at New York	L, 83-78	10-8
7/23	at Atlanta	W, 78-66	11-8
8/1	LAS VEGAS	W, 76-68	12-8
8/4	SEATTLE	2:00 p.m.	
8/8	PHOENIX	7:00 p.m.	
8/11	CHICAGO	2:00 p.m.	
8/14	at Dallas	5:00 p.m.	
8/16	at Chicago	5:00 p.m.	
8/20	MINNESOTA	7:30 p.m.	
8/22	INDIANA	7:30 p.m.	
8/25	CONNECTICUT	2:00 p.m.	
8/27	at Washington	4:00 p.m.	
8/29	at Indiana	4:00 p.m.	
8/31	at Las Vegas	7:30 p.m.	
9/3	ATLANTA	7:30 p.m.	
9/5	SEATTLE	7:30 p.m.	
9/8	MINNESOTA	1:00 p.m.	

* = Preseason

All times listed are Pacific Time

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LAST GAME STARTERS

G 12 CHELSEA GRAY 5'11" 170 LBS

GP/GS 20/20 PPG 13.4 RPG 4.1 APG 5.8 SPG 1.2 FG% 40.1 3FG% 35.3 MPG 31.6

Gray recorded her 500th career assist and scored a career-high 29 points against the Liberty on June 4. Gray also logged a 21-point performance to help the Sparks defeat the Lynx on June 8, eclipsing the 1500-point career milestone. Gray passed Tina Thompson with 1,569 points and entered the top-10 in Sparks scoring history on June 18. The point guard recorded a triple-double (13 points, 13 assists and 10 rebounds) on July 7, the eighth in WNBA history. This stat line also included a career high in assists and rebounds. Gray was named a 2019 All-Star starter, her third straight year receiving the honor. She notched a double-double on Aug. 1 against the Aces, her second of the season including her triple-double.

G 24 SYDNEY WIESE 6'1" 165 LBS

GP/GS 18/10 PPG 4.7 RPG 1.3 APG 1.3 SPG 0.6 FG% 36.5 3FG% 37.5 MPG 19

Drafted in 2017, Wiese scored a season high 22 points against the Mystics on May 19, 2017 and set the Sparks individual season high with six 3-pointers. The guard has started nine games this season compared to zero starts last season. She is averaging 4.7 points in 19 minutes while shooting 37.5% from beyond the arc. Wiese hit her season-high 12 points against Washington on June 18 and added a career high in assists against New York on July 20 with six.

G/F 10 TIERRA RUFFIN-PRATT 5'11" 180 LBS

GP/GS 20/19 PPG 7.0 RPG 2.6 APG 2.1 SPG 0.7 FG% 38.6 3FG% 38.5 MPG 26

Before the 2019 WNBA Draft, The Sparks signed free agent guard Tierra Ruffin-Pratt, who played six seasons with the Washington Mystics and helped them reach the 2018 WNBA Finals. The veteran is averaging 7.0 points per game in her sixth season in the WNBA and is shooting 38.5% from the 3-point line. TRP recorded a career high of 23 points against the Atlanta Dream on July 23, sinking a career-high six 3-pointers.

F/C 3 CANDACE PARKER 6'4" 175 LBS

GP/GS 8/8 PPG 9.0 RPG 6.5 APG 2.8 SPG 1.3 FG% 34.8 3FG% 38.1 MIN 24

The 2008 and 2013 MVP also became the 12th player in WNBA history to reach the 2,500 rebound milestone. Parker made her 2019 season debut on June 18th against the Mystics and recorded her first double-double of the 2019 season against the Mercury on June 23. Parker pushed past Swin Cash to earn 17th in All-Time Scoring with 5,123 career points on June 23. In her first game back from her second injury of the 2019 season, Candace recorded 16 points and 7 rebounds on Aug. 1 against the Aces.

F 30 NNEKA OGWUMIKE 6'2" 174 LBS

GP/GS 19/19 PPG 16.7 RPG 9.5 APG 1.9 SPG 1.8 FG% 47.5 3FG% 41.2 MPG 30.1

On July 15, Nneka was named an All-Star for the sixth time in her career. The 2016 MVP's 9.5 rebounds per game currently ranks third in the league. Ogwumike has recorded nine double-doubles this season, which ranks third most in the WNBA. She posted a career high in 3-pointers made, with five, on July 7 against the Mystics alongside 31 points and 10 rebounds. Against the Fever on July 12, Nneka tied her career high with six steals. Nneka was named WNBA Player of the Week for the week ending July 14 and more recently, WNBA Player of the Month for the month of July.

PLAYER UPDATES

NUM.	PLAYER	POS.	UPDATE
0	Alana Beard	G	Hamstring
2	Riquna Williams	G	Suspended

WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?

NUM.	PLAYER	HOW ACQUIRED
0	Alana Beard	Free agent (2012)
1	Alexis Jones	Trade (2019)
2	Riquna Williams	Trade (2016)
3	Candace Parker	Draft (2008)
5	Marina Mabrey	Draft (2019)
7	Maria Vadeeva	Draft (2018)
10	Tierra Ruffin-Pratt	Free agent (2019)
12	Chelsea Gray	Trade (2016)
13	Chiney Ogwumike	Trade (2019)
21	Kalani Brown	Draft (2019)
24	Sydney Wiese	Draft (2017)
30	Nneka Ogwumike	Draft (2012)

MILESTONE WATCH

PLAYER	MILESTONE (CURRENT)
Candace Parker	5500 points (5169)
	1200 assists (1173)
	3000 rebounds (2593)
	550 blocks (505)
Alana Beard	5000 points (4713)
	1100 assists (1052)
	250 blocks (218)
Nneka Ogwumike	800 steals (705)
	4000 points (3822)
Chiney Ogwumike	2000 rebounds (1803)
	2000 points (1538)
Chelsea Gray	1000 rebounds (839)
	2000 points (1658)
	600 assists (585)

PRONUNCIATION

PLAYER/COACH	PRONUNCIATION
Alana Beard	ah-LAY-nah
Kalani Brown	kuh-lah-NEE
Chiney Ogwumike	shih-NAY Oh-gwoo-MIH-kay
Nneka Ogwumike	NEH-kuh Oh-gwoo-MIH-kay
Tierra Ruffin-Pratt	Tee-air-rah
Maria Vadeeva	Vuh-DEE-vuh
Sydney Wiese	WEECE (rhymes with REESE)
Riquna Williams	rih-QUAHN-uh

COACHING STAFF

NAME	ROLE
Derek Fisher	Head Coach
Latricia Trammell	Assistant Coach
Fred Williams	Assistant Coach
Jamal "Dash" Lovell	Player Development Coach
Courtney Watson	Athletic Trainer
Kelly Dormandy	Strength and Conditioning Coach
Rachel Schrote	Video Coordinator

STORM AT STAPLES

The Sparks host the Seattle Storm (12-10) as one of seven home games in August and their first time hosting the Storm at Staples. The Sparks fell short to the Storm 84-62 back in June when the teams met for the first and only time this season. The Storm are 4-2 in their last six games, led by Natasha Howard and Jewell Loyd who average 18.5 and 13.9 points per game respectively. The Sparks are led by All-Star Nneka Ogwumike, who ranks in the top five for points per game, rebounds per game, and steals per game across the league. All-Star Chelsea Gray, the only Sparks player to start all 20 games, dished out 10 assists in last game's double-double performance. The Sparks look to extend their two-game win streak while improving upon their home record of 6-2.

PLAYER OF THE MONTH

After only grabbing five double-doubles last season, Nneka Ogwumike has already tallied nine this season, ranking her in the top three in the WNBA in total double-doubles this season. In the first seven seasons of her career, Ogwumike has averaged a hair over 9 double-doubles per season, and is on pace to finish the 2019 season with 16 double-doubles, which would tie her career-high during her MVP season of 2016. Over her last six games, Ogwumike has registered five double-doubles.

HEADBAND T

Since signing with the Los Angeles, Tierra Ruffin-Pratt, otherwise known as TRP has been a defensive stalwart for the Sparks in the first half of the season. TRP currently ranks in the top five amongst guards in the WNBA in blocks, averaging 0.8 blocks per game. Her stifling defense has contributed to her top 20 defensive rating amongst guards who have played at least 10 games this season, but on July 23rd her offense was the topic of discussion. Sporting a headband for her first time this season, TRP recorded a career-high 23 points against the Atlanta Dream, where she was 6-9 from behind the arc, a career high in 3-pointers made.

GRAY VS OGWUMIKE

Chelsea Gray and Nneka Ogwumike faced off against one another in the 2019 WNBA All-Star Game in Las Vegas. Gray, selected first overall by team captain A'ja Wilson, started the game for Team Wilson and finished two points shy of a double-double, scoring eight points while dishing out 10 assists. Selected by captain Elena Delle Donne, Ogwumike came off the bench for Team Delle Donne and posted a team-leading 22 points, going 11-15 from the field. Team Wilson defeated Team Delle Donne 129-126.

SYDNEY WIESE AND THE EXPANDED ROLE

With injuries to several key players, guard Sydney Wiese has seen an expanded role in the Sparks system. After not starting any games in her first two seasons in the WNBA, Wiese has started more than half of the games she has played in and has seen her scoring and assists numbers improve exponentially. Wiese averages 19 minutes per game, providing valuable minutes for the Sparks. Wiese also recorded a career high in assists on July 20th against the New York Liberty, where she had six.

OUR ROOKIES

Rookies Kalani Brown and Marina Mabrey have been two of the most effective rookies in the WNBA this season, and the numbers do not lie. Brown ranks in the top five amongst all rookies in points (5.3), rebounds (3.9) and blocks (0.8). Mabrey ranks in the top ten in points (4.4), assists (1.2), and steals (0.7). Mabrey also leads all non-first round draft picks in points, steals and blocks (0.3) and player efficiency rating (10.4)

2019 LOS ANGELES SPARKS ROSTER

NUM.	PLAYER	POS.	HT.	YRS OF EXP.	DOB	COLLEGE
0	Alana Beard	G/F	5'11"	13	05/14/82	Duke
1	Alexis Jones	G	5'9"	2	05/08/94	Baylor
2	Riquna Williams	G	5'7"	6	05/28/90	Miami (Fla.)
3	Candace Parker	F/C	6'4"	11	04/19/86	Tennessee
5	Marina Mabrey	G	5'11"	R	11/14/96	Notre Dame
7	Maria Vadeeva	F/C	6'4"	1	07/16/98	Russia
10	Tierra Ruffin-Pratt	G/F	5'11"	6	04/11/91	North Carolina
12	Chelsea Gray	G	5'11"	4	10/08/92	Duke
13	Chiney Ogwumike	F/C	6'4"	3	03/22/92	Stanford
21	Kalani Brown	C	6'7"	R	03/21/97	Baylor
24	Sydney Wiese	G	6'0"	2	06/16/95	Oregon State
30	Nneka Ogwumike	F	6'2"	7	07/02/90	Stanford

2019 LA SPARKS ROSTER



ALANA BEARD
 Position: G/F
 Height: 5'11"
 DOB: 5/14/82
 College: Duke



ALEXIS JONES
 Position: G
 Height: 5'9"
 DOB: 5/8/94
 College: Baylor



RIQUNA WILLIAMS
 Position: G
 Height: 5'7"
 DOB: 5/28/90
 College: Miami



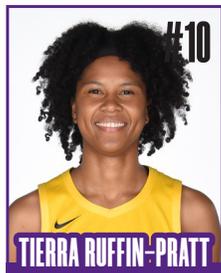
CANDACE PARKER
 Position: F/C
 Height: 6'4"
 DOB: 4/19/86
 College: Tennessee



MARINA MABREY
 Position: G
 Height: 5'11"
 DOB: 9/14/96
 College: Notre Dame



MARIA VADEEVA
 Position: F/C
 Height: 6'4"
 DOB: 7/16/98
 College: Russia



TIERRA RUFFIN-PRATT
 Position: G/F
 Height: 5'11"
 DOB: 4/11/91
 College: North Carolina



CHELSEA CRAY
 Position: G
 Height: 5'11"
 DOB: 10/8/92
 College: Duke



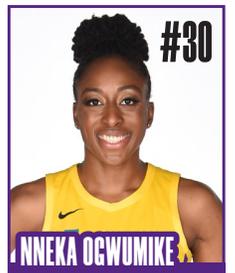
CHINEY OGWUMIKE
 Position: F/C
 Height: 6'4"
 DOB: 3/22/92
 College: Stanford



KALANI BROWN
 Position: C
 Height: 6'7"
 DOB: 3/21/97
 College: Baylor



SYDNEY WIESE
 Position: G
 Height: 6'0"
 DOB: 6/16/95
 College: Oregon State

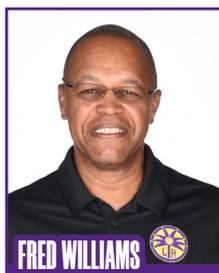


NNEKA OGWUMIKE
 Position: F
 Height: 6'2"
 DOB: 7/2/90
 College: Stanford

COACHING STAFF



DEREK FISHER
 HEAD COACH



FRED WILLIAMS
 ASSISTANT COACH



LATRICA TRAMMELL
 ASSISTANT COACH



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 PLAYER DEVELOPEMENT COACH



COURTNEY WATSON
 DIRECTOR OF SPORTS MEDICINE/
 HEAD ATHLETIC TRAINER



KELLY DORMANDY
 STRENGTH & CONDITIONING COACH

SEATTLE STORM

PREVIEW: The Los Angeles Sparks face the Seattle Storm for the second time in the 2019 regular season after the Sparks fell to the Storm 84-62 in their previous matchup in June. Los Angeles is coming off of an impressive victory against the first place Las Vegas Aces on Thursday night, where the Sparks extended their home winning streak to a season-high five games. The Sparks will look to continue the momentum against the Storm as they come to STAPLES Center for the first time this season. The defending WNBA Champions currently reside in third place in the Western Conference and fifth overall in the WNBA.



With Seattle stars Sue Bird and Breanna Stewart sidelined with long-term injuries, Seattle is led by their two All-Stars, forward Natasha Howard and guard Jewell Loyd. Howard averages 18.5 points and sits fourth in the WNBA in points per game, while averaging 8.2 rebounds per game, good enough for seventh overall.

On the defensive end, Howard is fourth in the WNBA in blocks per game with 1.7. Loyd averages 13.9 points per game, ranking her in the top 15 in the league.

In their last game, the Sparks defeated the Las Vegas Aces 76-68 thanks to the scoring from the Sparks' All-Star duo of Nneka Ogwumike and Chelsea Gray. Ogwumike led all scorers with 19 points and 11 rebounds, en route to her ninth double-double of the season. Gray chipped in with 16 points of her own and dished out the ball in volumes, recording 10 assists. The game also marked a return for two-time WNBA MVP Candace Parker who scored 16 points in 28 minutes.

When the two teams met on June 21, the Sparks were led by Nneka Ogwumike who scored a team-leading 10 points and seven rebounds, shooting 80% from the field. Ogwumike's 9.5 rebounds per game currently ranks third in the league, ahead of Howard's 8.2 rebounds per game. Seattle's Jewell Loyd led all scorers in the game with 23 points, while Howard added 20 points herself.

The Storm and the Sparks will face each other for the second time this season and will face one another once more in early September.

HEAD COACH: Dan Hughes, 2nd Season

Probable Starters

- C Mercedes Russell
- G Jordin Canada
- G Jewell Lloyd
- F Alysha Clark
- F Natasha Howard

SPARKS MOST RECENT GAME (8/1/19)	SPARKS LAST GAME AGAINST STORM (6/21/19)	STORM MOST RECENT GAME (8/2/19)																																																															
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LAS VEGAS ACES

LOS ANGELES-- With two-time MVP Candace Parker returning to the lineup, the Sparks won their fifth consecutive home game, 76-68 over the Aces. The game was the Sparks first since the All-Star break, and marked their eighth win in ten games as they improved to 12-8. The Sparks took a 2-1 season series lead over the Aces, with one game left in Las Vegas over Labor Day weekend. Las Vegas fell to 14-7, just their second loss over the course of their last 12 games played.

All-Stars Chelsea Gray and Nneka Ogwumike led the way for the Sparks, both recording double-doubles. Ogwumike led all scorers in the contest with 19 points and 11 rebounds. Ogwumike recorded her ninth double-doubles of the season, the third most in the WNBA. With her eight made field goals, Nneka Ogwumike surpassed 1,500 field goals made her career. Gray tallied a game-high 16 points and 10 assists. This marks Gray's first double-double of the season. The three-time All-Star also recorded triple-double on July 7th against the Mystics.

The game also marked a return for three players for the Sparks, forwards Candace Parker and Maria Vadeeva and guard Alexis Jones. Parker, who has been out for the last five games due to an ankle injury, returned in epic fashion, scoring 16 points and grabbing seven rebounds. Vadeeva, who returned from overseas commitments and a knee injury, provided the Sparks with nine minutes of game time and a go-ahead layup in the third quarter. Jones, who has been sidelined since June 26th with a knee injury gave Los Angeles valuable minutes off the bench, playing over 20 minutes and tying her career-high with four rebounds.

The Aces were led by All-Star starter Kayla McBride, who scored 19 points of her own, shooting 50% from behind the 3-point line. Also helping the Aces was forward Dearica Hamby who recorded a double-double with 11 points and 11 rebounds. Though getting in early foul trouble, center Liz Cambage scored nine points and grabbed five rebounds.

Los Angeles has been one of the Aces' Achilles heel, as the Sparks are the only team to have defeated the Aces twice this season. The 68 points for the Aces is their second lowest point total on the road this season, with only a 66 point performance against the Seattle being worse offensively. Though the Aces have averaged 81 points a game this season, in their three matchups with the Sparks, Las Vegas is averaging 75 points.

The Sparks started off the first quarter with a transition 3-pointer from Sydney Wiese after a block by Tierra Ruffin-Pratt, to give the Sparks their first points of the game. Parker knocked down a 3-pointer of her own while being fouled and converted the four-point play. Los Angeles started off the game on an 16-6 run, led by Parker who had nine points to lead all scorers.

The second quarter began in Vegas' favor, going on a 12-2 run to start the quarter, to give the Aces a one point lead with five minutes to go in the quarter. Chelsea Gray quickly responded with a sideline jumper to reclaim the lead for the Sparks. The second quarter featured five lead changes over the course of a five-minute span. Las Vegas saw their lead grow to four points, as they outscored Los Angeles 20-6 during the run. Aces' guard Kayla McBride hit a buzzer-beating shot to tie the game at 40 at the half.

Vegas started off the third quarter with eight quick points, including four points from Liz Cambage. The Aces lead ballooned to eight points midway through the third quarter, but 3-pointers by Sydney Wiese and Nneka Ogwumike brought the Sparks back within three. Center Kalani Brown scored an and-1 layup to tie the game at 56 with three minutes left in the quarter. Alexis Jones, in her first game back from injury, gave the Sparks the lead with two minutes left in the quarter, making a deep three-point shot.

The Aces scored the first points of the quarter three minutes into the quarter. Candace Parker hit her third 3-pointer of the game with two and a half minutes left in the quarter to extend the Sparks lead to six points. Parker's third 3-pointer of the game marked her season-high for 3-point field goals made. Chelsea Gray hit a fadeaway jumper with a minute and a half left to bring the lead to eight points and ice the game.



SPARKS MOST RECENT GAME

(8/1/19)

	1	2	3	4	OT	FINAL
LA	24	16	23	13	-	76
LV	15	25	20	8	-	68

Biggest Lead: LA: 11 | LV: 7

Lead Changes: 13 | Times Tied: 8

Points: LA: N. Ogwumike 19 LV: McBride 19

Rebounds: LA: N. Ogwumike 11

ALV: Hamby 11

Assists: LA: Gray 10, LV: T. Young 6

Sparks Notes:

- The Sparks have used 9 different starting lineups this season. Candace Parker, Chelsea Gray, Nneka Ogwumike, Sydney Wiese and Tierra Ruffin-Pratt started tonight
- Vadeeva made an appearance at the end of the first quarter after playing overseas and battling a knee injury
- Nneka Ogwumike passed 1,500 field goals made, and ended the game in double figures for the 16th time this season
- Chelsea Gray ends the game in double-figures for the 14th time this season, finishing the game with a double-double

SPARKS IN THE NEWS

DATE	TITLE	OUTLET	AUTHOR
8/2/19	Podcast: Aces at Sparks with Brady Klopfer	High Post Hoops	Ben Dull
8/1/19	Sparks believe championship push is possible, and here are the story lines to watch	The Athletic	Sabreena Merchant
8/1/19	Candace Parker comes back and helps power Sparks over the Aces	LA Times	Mia Berry
8/1/19	Sparks holding their own as WNBA heads to home stretch	ESPN	Mechelle Voepel
8/1/19	A Healthy Sparks Roster Creates New Opportunities and Challenges	WNBA Insider	John Davis
8/1/19	Aces falter late in road loss to Los Angeles Sparks	Las Vegas Review-Journal	Sam Gordon
8/1/19	Sparks' defense clamps down to deliver big win over Aces	LA Daily News	Adam Grosbard
8/1/19	Los Angeles Sparks outpace Las Vegas Aces in second half for 76-68 victory	Hoopsfeed	Brady Klopfer

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The Sparks claw back to beat the Las Vegas Aces 76-68.
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For the first time all season, the Los Angeles Sparks can actually play 5 on 5 basketball at the end of practice using their own roster of 12 ...
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LockedOnWBB @LockedOnWBB · 3h
New episode!

Breaking down Thursday's win for the Sparks over the Aces
@BradyKlopferNBA @ben_dull

highposthoops.com/2019/08/02/wnb... #WNBA



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The Athletic WNBA @TheAthleticWNBA · 8h
A 76-68 win over the first-place Aces (with Candace Parker contributing 16 points in her return) was just the start to the second half the @LA_Sparks were looking for.

@sabreenajm wrote about Sparks storylines to watch down the stretch:



Sparks believe a championship push is possible, and here are...
The Sparks should benefit from a home-heavy schedule, but how will Candace Parker fit in?
theathletic.com

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Mechelle Voepel @MechelleV · Jul 31
The Ogwumikes and Chelsea Gray have led @LA_Sparks. As the injury-plagued Sparks host @LVAcers Thursday (10 p.m. ET, ESPN2), it's good to see "probable" next to the names of Candace Parker, Maria Vadeeva and Alexis Jones.



holding their own as WNBA heads to home stretch
Nneka Ogwumike sisters and Chelsea Gray have kept Los Angeles in the...
nd players returning from injury should be a boost for the Sparks.
n.com

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Brady Klopfer @BradyKlopferNBA · 1h
The day after covering a game/event, I always find myself reminiscing most over the human elements.

Last nights: Lailaa Parker - Candace Parker's daughter - walking into the locker room, seeing that media was surrounding her mom, and sneaking up behind Chiney Ogwumike for a hug.

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Mirjam Swanson @MirjamSwanson · 6h
"Never take the game of basketball for granted," - @Candace_Parker, who finished with 16 points, seven rebounds and four blocked shots in a big @LA_Sparks win. @AdamGrosbard with the details ->

dailynews.com/2019/08/01/spa... via @ladailynews



Sparks' defense clamps down to deliver big win over Aces
Nneka Ogwumike (19 points, 11 rebounds) and Chelsea Gray (16 points, 10 assists) set the pace, and L.A. holds Las Vegas to 4-for-19 shooting...
dailynews.com

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POINTS SCORED AGAINST THE STORM		LEAGUE AND FRANCHISE MILESTONES	
3. Cappie Pondexter	565	ALANA BEARD	
4. Candace Parker	556	WNBA 3PM	Next: 300 Current: 287
21. 2 players	405	LAS AST	Next: 500 Current: 489
23. Alana Beard	393	LAS BLK	Next: 100 Current: 89
25. Tangelia Smith	366	CHELSEA GRAY	
26. Nneka Ogumike	357	WNBA 2PM	Next: 500 Current: 485
61. 2 players	206	WNBA 2PA	Next: 1000 Current: 992
63. Riquna Williams	203	LAS PTS	Next: 1500 Current: 1469
131. 3 players	117	LAS FTM	Next: 250 Current: 238
Chiney Ogumike	117	CHINEY OGWUMIKE	
144. Leilani Mitchell	105	WNBA DREB	Next: 500 Current: 491
145. Chelsea Gray	104	TIERRA RUFFIN-PRATT	
188. 2 players	79	WNBA FTA	Next: 500 Current: 481
190. Tierra Ruffin-Pratt	78	RIQUNA WILLIAMS	
440. 8 players	12	WNBA STL	Next: 200 Current: 196
Sydney Wiese	12	LAS FGA	Next: 500 Current: 490
453. 11 players	10	RECENT MILESTONES	
Alexis Jones	10	CHELSEA GRAY	
482. 18 players	7	LAS AST	500 Jul 23
Marina Mabrey	7	NNEKA OGWUMIKE	
501. 16 players	6	WNBA FGM	1500 Aug 1
Kalani Brown	6	CANDACE PARKER	
580. 34 players	2	WNBA GM	300 Jul 9
Maria Vadeeva	2	RIQUNA WILLIAMS	
	2	LAS 3PM	100 Jul 14
POINTS IN SPARKS FRANCHISE HISTORY		ALL TIME VS. STORM	
1. Lisa Leslie	6253	ALL	36 - 36 (0.500)
2. Candace Parker	5185	HOME	22 - 12 (0.647)
3. DeLisha Milton-Jones	4018	AWAY	14 - 24 (0.368)
4. Nneka Ogumike	3883	2018	1 - 2 (0.333)
8. Jantel Lavender	2267	2018 VS. STORM	
9. Alana Beard	1585	6/7	Sea L 63-88
10. Chelsea Gray	1469	6/28	@Sea L 72-81
21. Ukari Figgs	567	7/10	@Sea W 77-75
22. Riquna Williams	554		
44. La'Keshia Frett	228		
45. Chiney Ogumike	223		
59. Farhiya Abdi	149		
Sydney Wiese	149		
62. Sandrine Gruda	143		
63. Tierra Ruffin-Pratt	139		
68. Nina Bjedov	121		
69. Maria Vadeeva	117		
70. Jennifer Gillom	103		
71. Kalani Brown	101		
76. April Sykes	92		
77. Marina Mabrey	88		
94. Jennifer Hamson	40		
Alexis Jones	40		
102. 2 players	22		
Karlie Samuelson	22		

*Statistics courtesy of www.acrossthe timeline.com

2019 TEAM BOX SCORE

DATE	OPPONENT	MIN	FG-A	PCT	3PM-A	PCT	FTM-A	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AST	STL	BLK	TO	PF	PTS
5/26	@LV	200:0	28 - 77	36.4	5 - 13	38.5	9 - 13	69.2	10	30	40	17	9	8	14	22	70
5/31	CT	200:0	28 - 72	38.9	6 - 20	30.0	15 - 17	88.2	9	30	39	15	6	4	10	22	77
6/4	@NY	200:0	27 - 78	34.6	8 - 21	38.1	16 - 20	80.0	13	27	40	15	9	6	12	15	78
6/6	@CT	200:0	29 - 66	43.9	8 - 25	32.0	11 - 12	91.7	7	18	25	23	13	4	21	18	77
6/8	@MIN	200:0	32 - 74	43.2	9 - 25	36.0	16 - 17	94.1	12	21	33	18	13	5	16	21	89
6/14	@PHX	200:0	34 - 66	51.5	9 - 19	47.4	8 - 9	88.9	5	25	30	19	7	4	9	21	85
6/15	NY	200:0	39 - 84	46.4	8 - 23	34.8	6 - 7	85.7	12	30	42	22	5	3	14	22	92
6/18	WASH	200:0	19 - 66	28.8	3 - 19	15.8	11 - 18	61.6	10	28	38	10	9	1	26	12	52
6/21	@SEA	200:0	23 - 61	37.7	6 - 21	28.6	10 - 12	83.3	5	24	29	13	4	4	14	15	62
6/23	@PHX	200:0	26 - 70	37.1	8 - 23	34.8	12 - 14	85.7	10	29	39	19	2	2	10	24	72
6/27	LV	200:0	32 - 75	42.7	8 - 18	44.4	14 - 15	93.3	8	31	39	17	11	6	14	13	86
6/30	CHI	200:0	35 - 71	49.3	10 - 24	41.7	14 - 15	92.3	10	26	36	21	8	6	14	15	94
7/7	WASH	200:0	36 - 74	48.6	16 - 31	51.6	10 - 12	83.3	7	32	39	24	4	5	6	15	98
7/9	@DAL	200:0	26 - 71	36.6	4 - 19	21.1	6 - 7	85.7	17	19	36	16	6	4	21	12	62
7/12	@IND	200:0	34-78	43.6	7-22	31.8	15-17	88.2	13	18	31	23	16	2	12	13	90
7/14	@ATL	205:0	30 - 87	34.5	6 - 26	23.1	10 - 12	83.3	16	27	43	17	8	6	5	17	76
7/18	DAL	200:0	23 - 60	38.3	4 - 12	33.3	19 - 21	90.5	8	23	31	13	9	1	11	14	69
7/20	@NY	200:0	28 - 65	43.1	10 - 25	40.0	12 - 16	75.0	5	21	26	18	7	6	11	27	78
7/23	@ATL	200:0	28 - 65	43.1	9 - 19	47.4	13 - 15	86.7	11	27	38	22	10	5	13	16	78
8/1	LV	200:0	30 - 71	42.3	9 - 26	34.6	7 - 7	100.0	5	28	33	19	7	7	12	18	76
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9/3	ATL																
9/5	SEA																
9/8	MIN																

2019 REGULAR SEASON SUPERLATIVES

LOS ANGELES SPARKS HIGHS

Points, Game.....98 vs. Washington 7/7
Points, First Half.....51 vs. Washington 7/7
Points, Second Half..... 48 @ Atlanta 7/23
Points, 1Q.....29 vs. Washington 7/7
Points, 2Q.....31 vs. New York 6/15
Points, 3Q.....31 @ Indiana 7/12
Points, 4Q.....32 @ Atlanta 7/23
Points, Overtime.....12 @ Atlanta 7/14

Field Goals Made.....39 vs. New York 6/15
Field Goals Att.....87 @ Atlanta 7/14
Field Goal Percentage...51.9% @ Phoenix 6/14
3FG Made.....16 vs. Washington 7/7
3FG Att..... 31 vs. Washington 7/7
3FG Percentage.....51.6 % vs. Washington 7/7
Free Throws Made.....16 @ NY 6/4, @ MIN 6/8
Free Throws Att..... 20 @ New York 6/4
FT Percentage.....100% vs Las Vegas 8/1

Offensive Rebounds.....17 @ Dallas 7/9
Defensive Rebounds....32 vs. Washington 7/7
Total Rebounds.....43 @ Atlanta 7/14
Assists.....24 vs. Washington 7/7
Steals.....16 vs. Indiana 7/12
Turnovers.....26 vs. Washington 6/18
Blocked Shots..... 8 @ Las Vegas 5/26
Personal Fouls.....27 @ New York 7/20

OPPONENT HIGHS

Points, Game..... 98 vs. New York 6/15
Points, First Half..... 48 vs. NY 6/15, vs. WSH 6/18
Points, Second Half.....50 vs. New York 6/15
Points, 1Q.....27 @ Las Vegas 5/26
Points, 2Q.....31 vs. New York 6/1
Points, 3Q.....27 @ Minnesota 6/8
Points, 4Q.....32 vs. Indiana 7/12
Points, Overtime.....7 @ Atlanta 7/14

Field Goals Made.....34 @ Connecticut 6/6
Field Goals Att.....76 @ Atlanta 7/14
Field Goal Percentage..47.1 % vs. New York 6/14
3FG Made.....14 vs. WSH 6/18, @ SEA 6/21
3FG Att.....28 vs. Washington 6/18
3FG Percentage.....72.7% @ New York 7/20
Free Throws Made.....27 @ New York 7/20
Free Throws Att.....39 @ New York 7/20
FT Percentage.....100.0% @PHX 6/14,@DAL 7/9

LOS ANGELES SPARKS LOWS

-Points, Game.....52 vs. Washington 6/18
-Points, First Half.....27 vs. Washington 6/18
-Points, Second Half.....25 vs. Washington 6/18
-Points, 1Q.....10 vs. Washington 6/18
-Points, 2Q.....8 @ Las Vegas 5/26
-Points, 3Q.....10 @ Seattle 6/21
-Points, 4Q.....13 vs. DAL 7/18, vs. LV 8/1
-Points, Overtime.....12 @Atlanta 7/14

-Field Goals Made.....19 vs. Washington 6/18
-Field Goals Att..... 61 @ Seattle 6/21
-Field Goal Percentage....28.8% vs. Washington 6/18
-3FG Made.....3 vs. Washington 6/18
-3FG Att..... 13 @ Las Vegas 5/26
-3FG Percentage.....15.8% vs. Washington 6/18
-Free Throws Made.....6 vs. NY 6/15, @DAL 7/9
-Free Throws Att.....7 vs. NY 6/15, @ DAL 7/9
-FT Percentage.....61.1% vs. Washington 6/18

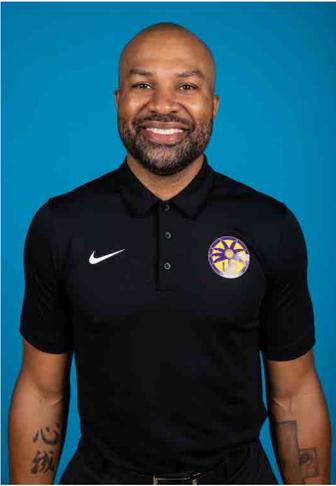
-Offensive Rebounds...5 @ PHX 6/14, @ SEA 6/21, @NY 7/20, vs. LV 8/1
-Defensive Rebounds.....18 @ CT 6/6, @ IND 7/12
-Total Rebounds.....25 @ Connecticut 6/6
-Assists.....10 vs. Washington 6/18
-Steals.....2 @ Phoenix 6/23
-Turnovers.....5 @ Atlanta 7/14
-Blocked Shots.....1 vs. Washington 6/18
-Personal Fouls.....12 vs. WSH 6/18, @ DAL7/9

OPPONENT LOWS

-Points, Game.....66 @ Atlanta 7/23
-Points, First Half.....31 vs. Connecticut 5/31
-Points, Second Half.....32 @ Phoenix 6/14
-Points, 1Q.....12 @ Atlanta 7/14
-Points, 2Q.....12 vs. Connecticut 5/31
-Points, 3Q..... 11 vs. Washington 7/7
-Points, 4Q.....8 vs. Las Vegas 8/1
-Points, Overtime..... 7 @ Atlanta 7/14

-Field Goals Made.....24 vs. CT 5/31, vs. CHI 6/30, @NY 7/20
-Field Goals Att.....52 @ New York 7/20
-Field Goal Percentage..30.8% vs Connecticut 5/31
-3FG Made.....2 @ATL 7/14, @ATL 7/23
-3FG Att.....11 @ New York
-3FG Percentage.....9.5% @ Atlanta 7/23
-Free Throws Made.....9 vs. Las Vegas 5/27
-Free Throws Att.....12 vs. Las Vegas 5/27
-FT Percentage.....64% vs. Connecticut 5/3

HEAD COACH DEREK FISHER



Derek Fisher was named the 12th head coach of the Los Angeles Sparks on December 5, 2018. Fisher is a Los Angeles basketball legend, playing 18 seasons in the NBA and winning five championships with the Los Angeles Lakers. Fisher was drafted 24th overall by the Lakers in 1996, and played alongside Kobe Bryant and Shaquille O’Neal en route to three consecutive titles from 2000-2002. He later added two more rings in 2009 and 2010 with Los Angeles. Fisher also played for the Golden State Warriors, Utah Jazz, Dallas Mavericks and Oklahoma City Thunder.

Fisher’s accolades include holding the all-time NBA record for playoff game appearances (259). He’s also known for hitting a buzzer-beater with 0.4 seconds left against the San Antonio Spurs in Game 5 of the 2004 Western Conference Semifinals as a member of the Lakers. In his time as a player, he served as president of the players’ union from 2006-2013.

After finishing the 2013 season with the Thunder, Fisher transitioned to the sidelines, being named head coach of the New York Knicks on June 10, 2014. Fisher coached into the 2015-2016 season with New York, helping develop then-rookie Kristaps Porzingis.

Fisher is a native of Little Rock, Arkansas where he attended Parkview Arts and Science Magnet High School, lettering in basketball. He then attended the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, where he finished his four-year career second all-time in school history in points (1,393), assists (472) and steals (189). His senior year, he was named Sun Belt Conference Player of the Year.

In the spring of 2016, Fisher became a television analyst for TNT, NBA TV and later Spectrum SportsNet as an in-studio analyst for the Lakers.



ASSISTANT COACHES

Fred Williams



Fred Williams was named assistant coach of the Los Angeles Sparks on Jan. 22, 2019 and brings over 35 years of collegiate and professional coaching experience. Most recently, Williams served as the Dallas Wings, previously Tulsa Shock, head coach from 2014-2018 where he coached WNBA All-Stars Skylar Diggins and Liz Cambage.

Williams launched his coaching career in 1983 as an assistant coach at USC where he coached standouts Cynthia Cooper, Pamela McGee, Cheryl Miller, Lisa Leslie and Tina Thompson. Williams helped lead the Trojans to back-to-back NCAA titles in 1983 and 1984 before serving as head coach from 1995-1997.

In addition to his time in Dallas, Williams previously served as head coach of the Utah Starzz from 1999-2001. Williams then spent six seasons with the Atlanta Dream, winning three WNBA Eastern Conference Championships. Williams took over Atlanta's head coach in 2012 and led the Dream to the WNBA finals in 2013.

Williams played for Boise State men's basketball program from 1976-1979 and averaged 12.0 points and 5.8 assists in his final season. The All-Big Sky Conference point guard played briefly in the NBA for the wUtah Jazz before transitioning to a role on the sidelines. He also served as an advance scout for the Washington Mystics, Utah Jazz, Seattle Supersonics and Sacramento Kings.

Off the court, Williams is an avid musician who produces jazz music under the name "Freddy Bass Williams." He has released two jazz albums titled "Game Time" and "My Gift to You." Williams is originally from Inglewood, California, but currently resides in Irving, Texas with his wife Bo and their five children.

Latricia Trammell



Latricia Trammell was named assistant coach of the Los Angeles Sparks on Jan. 22, 2019. Trammell most recently served as an assistant coach for the San Antonio Stars in 2017 where she worked with the first overall pick Kelsey Plum.

Trammell also served as head coach at Oklahoma State University, producing an 85-10 record with the Stars. She led the team to back-to-back NAIA Division I women's basketball national championships in 2014 and 2015, which earned her National Coach of the Year honors in those two years. After her two titles at OCU, Trammell transitioned to Division I basketball and became an assistant coach for Georgia State from 2015-2017 before transitioning to the WNBA. Trammell holds a 255-131 overall high school and college coaching record in her 24 years on the sidelines.

The Oklahoma native debuted as a head coach when she took over the job at Western State (Colo.) University. Trammell spent five seasons with the Mountaineers and built Western State to be a top contender in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference. Trammell's team notched a 105-76 record and made five consecutive RMAC Shootout appearances, catapulting her to become the third winningest coach in program history.

Trammell formally served on the WBCA National Convention Advisory Board and on the voting committee for USA Today/ESPN D-II Top 25. The Seminole, Oklahoma native is also a frequent basketball clinician and was a former player for both Seminole State College and East Central Oklahoma.

Jamal Lovell



The Los Angeles Sparks named Jamal "Dash" Lovell their player development assistant coach on March 4, 2019. Lovell is a professional basketball skills trainer bringing over 11 years of experience working with NBA, WNBA and NCAA athletes, including Candace Parker, Paul George and Dwyane Wade.

Lovell is currently involved with high-profile training clinics in Los Angeles, New York and Miami. In total, Lovell has helped 22 players play NCAA Division I basketball and has worked with over 30 NBA and WNBA players. Lovell, who's known for his training brand DashLetics, believes that aggressiveness, balance and footwork are the key components for success on the court.

