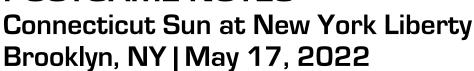
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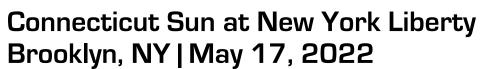


TEAM	SCORE	RECORD	PTS LEADER	REB LEADER	AST LEADER
Connecticut	92	2-1	DeWanna Bonner- 16	2 players- 6	4 players- 3
New York	65	1-4	Betnijah Laney- 16	Stefanie Dolson- 7	Sabrina Ionescu- 4

### **GAME HIGHLIGHTS**

- The Connecticut Sun defeated the New York Liberty, 92-65. The Sun set a new franchise record for most turnovers forced in a single game with 32 Liberty turnovers.
- Connecticut moves to 2-1 on the season, while New York falls to 1-4.
- In her first game back with the Sun this season, **DeWanna Bonner** led the way with 16 points, one rebound, three assists and four steals in the victory.
- Betnijah Laney had 16 points, one rebound and three assists to lead the Liberty.
- New York opened the game on a quick 10-2 run, forcing Connecticut to call an early timeout at the 6:20 mark in the first quarter. Laney led the way for New York, draining two triples in that stretch
- Alyssa Thomas had the Sun's first six points to cut into the Liberty's lead, 10-6. A Natisha Hiedeman three-pointer at the 1:26 mark of the first quarter gave the Sun their first lead in the game, 16-15.
- Connecticut held an 18-15 lead after the first quarter of play. **Hiedeman** led the way for the Sun with eight points off the bench. The Sun have had the lead after the first quarter in each of their three games this season.
- A quick 4-0 spurt to start the second quarter for the Sun gave them a 22-15 lead at the 9:15, forcing the Liberty to burn their second time-out of the first half of play.
- Connecticut started the second quarter on a 11-0 tear, holding the Liberty scoreless in the second quarter until the 6:25 mark.
- The Sun took a 51-32 lead into the locker room after two quarters of play. **Bonner** led the charge with 12 points, one rebound, one assist and three steals in her first half of the 2022 season.
- After the 10-2 start by New York, Connecticut went on a 49-22 run the rest of the way to finish the half. The Sun held a 25-2 advantage in fast break points.
- The Sun forced 19 turnovers in the first half, setting a new franchise record for most turnovers forced in a half of action. The previous record was 17 forced turnovers against Indiana on June 7, 2014.
- Connecticut outscored New York 20-13 in the third quarter to give them the 71-45 lead with ten minutes left in the game. **Jonquel Jones** tallied eight of her 13 points in the third.
- The Sun bench went to work in the fourth quarter, scoring 19 out of the Sun's 21 fourth quarter points. Connecticut outscored New York 21-20 in the final ten minutes.
- **Hiedeman** finished with a season-high 15 points. She also added three rebounds, three assists and three steals in 23 minutes off the bench.

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- **Brionna Jones** had a season-high 14 points, three rebounds and one block in 25 minutes coming off the bench for the first time this season. She also finished +39.
- **Joyner Holmes** scored her first career points with the Sun, finishing with two points, three rebounds, one steal and one block in 12 minutes in the win.
- The Sun outscored the Liberty in the paint 38-30 and in fast break points, 32-6. Connecticut's bench outscored New York's 43-20.
- Everyone on the Sun roster played and scored in tonight's win.
- With two steals tonight, Jasmine Thomas moved up the WNBA all-time steals list, passing Swin Cash to move into 41<sup>st</sup> in WNBA history with 385 steals in her career.
- Tonight's victory was the Sun's first Commissioner's Cup win of the season.

## **NEXT GAME**

The Connecticut Sun are back home on Friday, May 20 to play the Indiana Fever at Mohegan Sun Arena at 7:00 P.M. EST. The Sun went 2-1 against the Fever during the 2021 season, dropping the last head-to-head matchup of the year 73-67 in Indiana. Connecticut has won eight of the last ten contests against Indiana, dating back to the 2018 season. The Sun look to continue an 11-game regular season win-streak at home, not losing a regular season game at Mohegan Sun Arena since June 13, 2021 (Seattle, 89-66).

### **HIGHLIGHTS & MEDIA AVAILABILITY RECORDINGS**

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