



# GAMENOTES

CHICAGO SKY @ MINNESOTA LYNX  
Saturday, May 25 • 7 p.m. CST  
Target Center • Minneapolis, MN  
Regular Season GAME 1 • AWAY GAME 1



## 2019 PRESEASON (0-2)

5/14 INDIANA.....L, 69-58  
5/16 at Indiana.....L, 76-65

## 2019 REGULAR SEASON (0-0)

5/25 at Minnesota .....7:00 PM  
6/1 SEATTLE.....7:00 PM  
6/5 at Washington.....6:00 PM  
6/9 SEATTLE.....5:00 PM  
6/11 .....PHOENIX ..... 7:00 PM  
6/15 at Indiana.....6:00PM  
6/19 at New York.....6:00 PM  
6/21 INDIANA.....7:00 PM  
6/23 CONECTICUT.....5:00 PM  
6/26 WASHINGTON.....11:00 AM  
6/28 at Seattle.....9:00 PM  
6/30 at Los Angeles.....4:00 PM  
7/2 at Las Vegas .....2:00 PM  
7/7 DALLAS.....5:00 PM  
7/10 MINNESOTA .....8:00 PM  
7/12 NEW YORK.....7:00 PM  
7/14 .....at Dallas..... 3:00 PM  
7/17 .....ATLANTA ..... 11:00 AM  
7/21 INDIANA .....5:00 PM  
7/30 at Connecticut.....6:00 PM  
8/3 at Atlanta.....6:00 PM  
8/7 NEW YORK.....7:00 PM  
8/9 at Las Vegas .....9:30 PM  
8/11 .....at Los Angeles..... 4:00 PM  
8/16 LOS ANGELES .....7:00 PM  
8/18 at Las Vegas .....5:00 PM  
8/20 at Atlanta.....6:00 PM  
8/23 WASHINGTON.....7:00 PM  
8/25 at Phoenix.....5:00 PM  
8/27 at Minnesota .....7:00 PM  
8/29 DALLAS.....7:00 PM  
9/1 PHOENIX .....5:00 PM  
9/6 at Connecticut.....6:30 PM  
9/8 at Washington.....3:00 PM

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## PROBABLE STARTERS

Position	#	Name	Ht	Wt	Notes
Forward	1	Diamond DeShields	6-1	-	Drafted No. 3 overall by the Chicago Sky in the 2018 WNBA draft, DeShields started 33 out of 34 games played last season. She ranked second on the team in points per game (14.4) and rebounds per game (4.9). Diamond scored in double-digits 23 times, and she scored a career high 28 points, which was the highest scoring regulation performance by a rookie in Chicago franchise history.
Forward	15	Gabby Williams	5-11	-	After being drafted No. 4 overall by the Chicago Sky in the 2018 WNBA draft, Williams led the team in steals per game (1.6) and ranked No. 2 in the WNBA last season. She started 28 of 32 games played, was No. 4 on the team in rebounds per game (4.3), scored in double-digits 10 times, and scored a career-high 26 points vs. Phoenix on 6/8
Center	31	Stefanie Dolson	6-5	214	Dolson started 25 of 27 games played last season. She ranked No. 15 in the WNBA and second on the team in blocks per game. Dolson was third on the team for assists per game averaging 3.0 and shot 93.8 percent from the free throw line. She averaged 9.7 points and 4.6 rebounds per game
Guard	14	Allie Quigley	5-10	140	The two-time WNBA All-Star and 3-point champion scored in double-digits 24 times last season. In 10 of those games she scored over 20 points. Quigley led the team in points per game with 15.4. She also led the team in 3-point percentage and ranked No. 7 in the WNBA (42.0%). Allie started in all 32 games played.
Guard	22	Courtney Vandersloot	5-8	145	Vandersloot had a record breaking year last season. She led the WNBA in assists per game with 8.6. Sloat recorded the first triple-double in Chicago Sky history with 13 points, 15 assists, 10 rebounds vs. Dallas on 7/20, and was the seventh player in WNBA history to do so. She moved into the No. 9 spot on the WNBA All-Time Assist leaderboard (1385), dished a career high 15 assists twice this season, and became the first WNBA player to score 20 points and 15 assists in a game vs. Connecticut on 8/10

### 2019 Regular Season

Overall (Current Streak):

Eastern:

Western:

Overtime:

### Record:

0-0

0-0

0-0

0-0

### Home:

0-0

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### Road:

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## Recent Transactions

May 23: Victoria Macaulay, Linnae Harper, Hind Ben Abdelkader waived

May 21: Acquire 2020 pick from Minnesota in exchange for Alaina Coates

May 20: Acquire All-Star forward/center Jantel Lavender

May 19: Allazia Blockton waived

May 15: Evelyn Akhator waived

## Injury Report

Jamierra Faulkner is DOUBTFUL (knee)

### Pronunciation Guide

Kahleah Copper.....Kuh-LEE-ah  
Jamierra Faulkner.....jah-MEER-rah

Astou Ndour.....ah-stoo Nuh-doo  
Cheyenne Parker.....SHY-ann  
Courtney Vandersloot.....VAN-der-SLEWT

# C H I C A G O S K Y B A S K E T B A L L

## Last Season By the Numbers | Sky Notes & Milestones

114

Chicago scored a franchise-record 114 points against Dallas to win a high-scoring contest 114-99 on July 20.

50

With her 14 assists against the Wings on August 1, Courtney Vandersloot recorded the most assists over a four-game period with 50 assists. The previous record was 46 assists by Ticha Penicheiro.

29

On July 28, Allie Quigley set the record for most points made in a 3-point contest across the NBA and WNBA with 20 of 25 shots made, amounting to 29 points.

28

Diamond DeShields scored 28 points in the win in Minnesota. That is the most points scored in regulation by a rookie in Chicago franchise history.

20 & 15

Courtney Vandersloot became the first WNBA player to score 20 points and 15 assists in a game in the Sky's win against Connecticut.

10

Courtney Vandersloot moved into the No. 10 spot on the WNBA All-Time Assist leaderboard, and she now has 1368.

7

Courtney Vandersloot is the seventh player in WNBA history to earn a triple-double. She got 15 assists, 13 points, and 10 rebounds in the win against Dallas on July 20.

2

Chicago ranked No. 2 in the league for 3-point percentage. They shot 36.5 percent from beyond the arc last season.

1

Courtney Vandersloot led the league in assists averaging 8.6 assists.

## 2019 CHICAGO SKY ROSTER

NO	PLAYER	POS	HT	WT	BIRTHDATE	COLLEGE	WNBA YRS	PRONUNCIATION	TWITTER HANDLE
2	Kahleah Copper	G/F	6-1	155	08/28/1994	Rutgers	3	Kuh-LEE-ah	@kahleahcopper
1	Diamond DeShields	G	6-1	163	03/05/1995	Tennessee	1		@DDDeshields
31	Stefanie Dolson	C	6-5	231	01/08/1992	Connecticut	5		@bigmommastef
21	Jamierra Faulkner	G	5-6	138	03/09/1992	Southern Mississippi	4	jah-MEER-rah	@The_Comeup21
0	Chloe Jackson	G	5-8	147	08/21/1996	Baylor	R		@clj_0
7	Jantel Lavender	F/C	6-4	185	11/12/1988	Ohio State	8		@jlav42
45	Astou Ndour	C	6-5	165	08/22/1994	Senegal	3	ah-stoo Nuh-doo	@NdouraStou
32	Cheyenne Parker	F	6-4	193	08/22/1992	Middle Tennessee St.	4	SHY-ann	@prettyballer42
33	Katie Lou Samuelson	G/F	6-3	169	06/13/1997	Connecticut	R		@33katielou
14	Allie Quigley	G	5-10	140	06/20/1986	Depaul	10		@alliquigley
22	Courtney Vandersloot	G	5-8	145	02/08/1989	Gonzaga	8	VAN-der-SLEWT	@Sloot22
15	Gabby Williams	F	5-11	172	09/08/1996	Connecticut	1		@gabbywilliams15

HEAD COACH:

James Wade

ASSISTANT COACHES:

Carla D. Morrow, Bridget Pettis

STRENGTH & CONDITIONING COACH:

Ann Crosby

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT COACH:

Emre Vatansever

HEAD ATHLETIC TRAINER

Megan Lockerby

## LAST SEASON SKY TEAM LEADERS

### POINTS

Allie Quigley  
15.9 PPG



### REBOUNDS

Cheyenne Parker  
5.8 RPG



### ASSISTS

Courtney Vandersloot  
8.6 APG



### STEALS

Gabby Williams



### BLOCKS

Cheyenne Parker



# S P O T T E R ' S   C H A R T

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Chloe Jackson G

1



Diamond DeShields  
G/F

2



Kahleah Copper G/F

7



Jantel Laventer F

14



Allie Quigley G

15



Gabby Williams F

21



Jamierra Faulkner G

22



Courtney Vandersloot  
G

31



Stefanie Dolson C

32



Cheyenne Parker F

33



KatieLou Samuelson F

45



Astou Ndour C



## S K Y L I G H T S

### SEASON OPENER

The Sky will kick off the season in Minnesota against the Lynx on May 25. The team's home opener is Saturday, June 1 at Wintrust Arena. Chicago will face off against Seattle, the defending champion.

### WELCOME COACH WADE

James Wade joins the Chicago Sky as General Manager and Head Coach after spending two seasons as an assistant coach with the Minnesota Lynx under head coach Cheryl Reeve, helping guide the team to a 2017 WNBA Championship title. Wade spent the 2013 WNBA offseason in Russia as an advance scout for UMMC Ekaterinburg, which won the FIBA EuroLeague Women championship that same year. The team won again in 2018 and 2019. Along with Wade, Assistant Coach Carla D. Morrow, Assistant Coach Bridget Pettis, Strength and Conditioning Coach / Operations Director Ann Crosby, and Player Development Coach Emre Vatansever will be the coaching staff for the Sky this season.

### MOVING THE BALL

This season, the Sky hope to move the ball while playing with pace and rhythm. Coach Wade said, "We're going to make you have to guard us farther because we'll be able to shoot the ball from multiple positions, so we're going to be attacking closeouts. That's what we want to be known as, an offensive team that you have to guard someone at every position."

### ROOKIES

The Chicago drafted Katie Lou Samuelson out of the University of Connecticut with the No. 4 overall selection in the first round of the draft. Samuelson was the AAC Defensive Player of the Year and became 10th player in UConn history to score more than 2,000 points. The Sky also added the Final Four Most Outstanding Player Chloe Jackson out of Baylor with the No. 15 overall pick. Jackson recently led Baylor to the 2019 NCAA Championship over defending champion Notre Dame.

### SKY PLAYOFF HISTORY

In 2013, the Chicago Sky faced off against longtime rival Indiana Fever in the Eastern Conference Semifinals. The following year, 2014, the Sky made it into the playoffs as the fourth seed in the Eastern Conference, sporting a 15-19 record. Anything can happen in the playoffs, and the Sky proved that. In the Eastern Conference Semifinals, the Sky knocked out the number one seeded Atlanta Dream 2-1 in a three game series. The Eastern Conference Finals featured a rematch of the previous year's Semifinal with the Sky taking on the Indiana Fever. This time it was the Sky who came out ahead, defeating Indiana 2-1 in a three game series. In the Sky's first ever WNBA Finals appearance they took on the Phoenix Mercury. The streak of playoff appearances continued into 2015 for the Sky. Finishing with a 21-13 record, Chicago came in as the number two seed. Their opponent in the Eastern Conference Semifinals was a familiar one in the Indiana Fever. The Sky made their fourth



### JAMES WADE - GENERAL MANAGER AND HEAD COACH

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Wade's coaching career began in 2012 when he was tapped to joining Dan Hughes' coaching staff at the San Antonio Stars. By 2013, Wade was promoted to full-time assistant coach, a position he held for four seasons (2013-16). During his tenure in San Antonio, Wade coordinated the team's defense and led individual player development, game planning, video breakdown, and team development.

A dual citizen of France and the United States, Wade spent the 2013 WNBA offseason in Russia as an advance scout for UMMC Ekaterinburg, which won the FIBA EuroLeague Women championship that same year. The team won again in 2018 and 2019. Wade also served as an assistant coach for French team Basket Lattes Montpellier Agglomération (BLMA) for three seasons (2013-16), which went on to claim the national championship for the first time in club history.

Wade is married to former San Antonio guard and national team member Edwige Lawson-Wade. They have one son, James Wade III.



# TONIGHT'S OPPONENT

Minnesota Lynx



2018 Record	Home	Road	Current Streak	Standings
6-28	2-15	4-13	Won 1	12th in the WNBA
<u>Series History</u> Overall..... 16-35 at Indiana ..... 8-18 at Chicago..... 8-17	<u>Current Streaks</u> Overall..... Lost 1 at Indiana ..... Won 3 at Chicago..... Lost 4	<u>2019 Series Schedule</u> 6/15 at Indiana.....6:00 p.m. 6/21 at Chicago.....7:00 p.m. 7/21 at Chicago.....5:00 p.m.	<u>2018 Series Schedule</u> 5/19 at Indiana.....W, 82-64 8/18 at Indiana.....W, 115-106 8/19 at Chicago.....L, 97-92	

## Series Notes

Last season, the Sky defeated the Fever in the first game of the season. The teams did not face off again until the last two games of the season where Chicago and Indiana traded wins. The Sky took the season series 2-1.

# STAT COMPARISON

2019 CHI	STAT	2019 MINN
---	PPG	---
---	Opponent PPG	---
---	FG%	---
---	Opponent FG%	---
---	3FG%	---
---	Opponent 3FG%	---
---	FT%	---
---	RPG	---
---	Opponent RPG	---
---	APG	---
---	SPG	---
---	TO	---
---	Opponent TO	---
---	BPG	---

2018 CHI	STAT	2018 MINN
83.8	PPG	78.9
90.1	Opponent PPG	
45.3	FG%	45.1
46.2	Opponent FG%	
36.4	3FG%	
35.2	Opponent 3FG%	
79.8	FT%	
33.1	RPG	
36.5	Opponent RPG	
21.2	APG	
6.7	SPG	6.4
15.4	TO	12.1
13.3	Opponent TO	13.6
3.9	BPG	2.7