



CHICAGO SKY (0-0)

AT PORTLAND FIRE (0-0)

Saturday, May 9, 2026 | 6 p.m. CT | Moda Center (Portland, OR)

TV - The U, NBA TV



PRESEASON STARTERS

PG #4 SKYLAR DIGGINS 5-9 Notre Dame 11 Years

2025 STATS - G/GS 43/43 PTS 15.5 REB 2.5 AST 6.0 STL 1.2 BLK 0.8 FG% 42.3 MIN 31.2
LAST GAME - 4/25 VS. PHO PTS 7 REB 1 AST 4 STL 0 BLK 0 FG% 40.0 MIN 14

NOTES: The Sky signed Six-time WNBA All-Star Diggins in the 2026 offseason in free agency. She averaged 15.5 points, 6.0 assists, 2.5 rebounds and 1.2 steals per game in 2025. Recorded season-high 26 points, seven assists and two steals against Phoenix on June 7. Recorded career-high 14 assists to go along with 24 points, four rebounds, two steals and two blocks against Phoenix on May 23. Diggins was named 2025 WNBA All-Star.

SG #0 JACY SHELDON 5-10 Ohio State 2 Years

2025 STATS - G/GS 30/17 PTS 7.5 REB 1.9 AST 1.9 STL 0.9 BLK 0.2 FG% 46.6 MIN 23.6
LAST GAME - 4/29 VS. ATL PTS 2 REB 2 AST 0 STL 0 BLK 0 FG% 20.0 MIN 17

NOTES: The Sky traded for Sheldon in the offseason. She averaged 7.5 points, 2.0 assists, 1.9 rebounds and 1.0 steals while shooting 47.0% from the field and 41.2% from three-point in Connecticut. Scored 10 or more points in 11 games, including a high of 16 points on July 9 against Seattle. Had seven assists on May 27 against Dallas to go along with four steals.

SF #5 RICKEA JACKSON 6-2 Tennessee 2 Years

2025 STATS - G/GS 38/37 PTS 14.7 REB 3.2 AST 1.5 STL 0.7 BLK 0.4 FG% 45.6 MIN 30.9
LAST GAME - 4/29 VS. ATL PTS 9 REB 3 AST 1 STL 0 BLK 0 FG% 20.0 MIN 21

NOTES: Traded for Jackson from Los Angeles in the offseason. She averaged 14.7 points, 3.6 rebounds and 1.6 assists while shooting 43.9% from the field and 34.7% from the three-point line. Shot 84.0% from the free-line (83 of 98). Set her career high in points (30) and field goals made (11) against Las Vegas on June 11. Averaged 24.0 points while shooting 50.9% from the field and 40.0% from three in three games from Aug. 12-17.

PF #5 AICHA COULIBALY 6-0 Texas A&M Rookie

2026 STATS* - G/GS 2/2 PTS 4.5 REB 1.5 AST 0.5 STL 1.5 BLK 1.5 FG% 33.3 MIN 15.0
LAST GAME - 4/29 VS. ATL PTS 2 REB 2 AST 1 STL 1 BLK 2 FG% 33.3 MIN 14

NOTES: *Denotes preseason stats. Coulibaly is one of two players to be the first in Sky history to sign to developmental contracts. In the first two preseasons game for the Sky, Coulibaly started both and averaged 4.5 points, 1.5 rebounds, 1.5 steals and 1.5 blocks while shooting 33.3% from the field in 15.0 minutes of action.

C #10 KAMILLA CARDOSO 6-7 South Carolina 2 Year

2025 STATS - G/GS 40/39 PTS 13.6 REB 8.5 AST 2.5 STL 0.4 BLK 1.2 FG% 52.8 MIN 27.6
LAST GAME - 4/29 VS. ATL PTS 3 REB 4 AST 0 STL 1 BLK 2 FG% 20.0 MIN 15

NOTES: Averaged 13.6 points, 8.5 rebounds, 2.5 assists and 1.2 blocks per game in 2025. Recorded career-high 27 points, seven rebounds, three assists and two blocks against Los Angeles on June 24. Recorded career-high 15 rebounds against Minnesota on July 12. Cardoso helped the Sky record their biggest win of the season on Sept. 3 against the Sun, going for 16 points, five rebounds and three blocks.

2026 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	TV	SCORE
05-09	AT PORTLAND	8:00PM	NBA TV	
05-13	AT GOLDEN STATE	9:00PM	THE U	
05-15	AT PHOENIX	9:00PM	ION	
05-17	AT MINNESOTA	6:00PM	THE U	
05-20	DALLAS	8:00PM	USA NETWORK	
05-23	MINNESOTA	12:00PM	CBS	
05-27	TORONTO	7:00PM	THE U	
05-29	MINNESOTA	6:30PM	ION	
06-02	AT WASHINGTON*	6:30PM	THE U	
06-05	CONNECTICUT*	6:30PM	ION	
06-07	AT TORONTO*	2:00PM	THE U	
06-09	ATLANTA*	6:00PM	ESPN	
06-11	AT INDIANA*	6:00PM	PRIME VIDEO	
06-17	NEW YORK*	7:00PM	USA NETWORK	
06-20	AT DALLAS	7:00PM	CBS	
06-22	AT CONNECTICUT	6:00PM	THE U	
06-24	PORTLAND	7:00PM	THE U	
06-26	PORTLAND	6:30PM	ION	
06-28	LAS VEGAS^	3:00PM	CBS	
07-03	AT LAS VEGAS	9:00PM	ION	
07-07	AT PHOENIX	9:00PM	THE U	
07-10	AT LOS ANGELES	9:00PM	ION	
07-12	AT DALLAS	6:00PM	ESPN	
07-15	SEATTLE	11:00AM	THE U	
07-17	LOS ANGELES	6:30PM	ION	
07-19	AT ATLANTA	3:00PM	CBS	
07-22	AT NEW YORK	6:00PM	THE U	
07-30	CONNECTICUT	7:00PM	PRIME VIDEO	
08-01	LAS VEGAS	12:00PM	CBS	
08-03	PHOENIX	8:00PM	USA NETWORK	
08-05	LOS ANGELES	8:00PM	USA NETWORK	
08-08	INDIANA^	2:30PM	ABC	
08-10	AT SEATTLE	9:00PM	USA NETWORK	
08-12	AT GOLDEN STATE	9:00PM	USA NETWORK	
08-16	AT SEATTLE	4:00PM	THE U	
08-18	NEW YORK	8:00PM	ESPN	
08-21	GOLDEN STATE	6:30PM	ION	
08-23	INDIANA	6:00PM	NBC	
08-25	AT CONNECTICUT	6:00PM	THE U	
08-29	AT NEW YORK	12:00PM	CBS	
09-17	WASHINGTON	7:00PM	THE U	
09-19	AT ATLANTA	6:00PM	PRIME VIDEO	
09-22	TORONTO	7:00PM	THE U	
09-24	AT WASHINGTON	6:30PM	THE U	

All Times Central | * - Commissioner's Cup | ^ - United Center
Home Games (in bold) played at Wintrust Arena or United Center^
 (Chicago, IL)

GAME STATUS REPORT

- Courtney Vandersloot - OUT (Knee)
- Azurá Stevens - OUT (Knee)
- DiJonai Carrington - OUT (Foot)
- Natasha Cloud - OUT (Illness)
- Maddy Westbeld - QUESTIONABLE (Reconditioning)

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2026 ROSTER

	PLAYER	POSITION	HEIGHT	BIRTHDATE	PRIOR TO WNBA / HOME COUNTRY	YEARS
# 0	Jacy Sheldon	G	5-9	08/23/2000	Ohio State/United States	2
# 1	Elizabeth Williams	C/F	6-3	06/23/1993	Duke/United Kingdom	11
# 4	Skylar Diggins	G	5-9	08/02/1990	Notre Dame/United States	11
# 5	Rickea Jackson	F	6-2	03/16/2001	Tennessee/United States	2
# 7	DiJonai Carrington	G	5-11	01/08/1998	Baylor/United States	5
# 9	Natasha Cloud	G	5-10	02/22/1992	Saint Joseph's/United States	10
# 10	Kamilla Cardoso	C	6-7	04/30/2001	South Carolina/Brazil	2
# 11	Gabriela Jaquez	G	6-0	11/19/2003	UCLA/United States	R
# 12	Sydney Taylor	G	5-9	06/21/2001	Louisville/United States	R
# 21	Maddy Westbeld	F	6-3	02/10/2002	Notre Dame/United States	1
# 22	Courtney Vandersloot	G	5-8	02/08/1989	Gonzaga/United States	15
# 24	Rachel Banham	G	5-10	07/15/1993	Minnesota/United States	10
# 30	Azurá Stevens	F	6-6	02/01/1996	UConn/United States	8
# 35	Aicha Coulibaly	G/F	6-0	10/18/2001	Texas A&M/United States	R

General Manager
Jeff Pagliocca

Head Coach
Tyler Marsh

Assistant Coach
Rena Wakama

Assistant Coach
Latricia Trammell

Assistant Coach
Jhared Simpson

Assistant Coach
Kelly Faris

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Jacy (Jay-see) Sheldon

Rickea (Rick-ee-uh) Jackson

DiJonai (Dee-zhuh-nay) Carrington (Care-ing-ton)

Kamilla (kuh-ME-lah) Cardoso (car-DOE-so)

Gabriela (Gab-REE-el-UH) Jaquez (HA-kez)

Courtney Vandersloot (VAN-der-SLEWT)

Rachel Banham (BAN-um)

Azurá (az-urr-raye) Stevens

Aicha (ay-EE-shuh) Coulibaly (Kool-ih-Ball-EE)

HOW THE 2026 SKY WERE BUILT

DRAFT

Kamilla Cardoso - April 15, 2024 (No. 3)

Maddy Westbeld - April 14, 2025 (No. 16)

Aicha Coulibaly - April 14, 2025 (No. 22)

Gabriela Jaquez - April 13, 2026 (No. 5)

FREE AGENCY

Elizabeth Williams - Feb. 3, 2023

Courtney Vandersloot - Feb. 1, 2025

Azurá Stevens - April 11, 2026

Skylar Diggins - April 11, 2026

DiJonai Carrington - April 12, 2026

Sydney Taylor - April 13, 2026

Natasha Cloud - May 4, 2026

TRADE

Rachel Banham - July 17, 2024 (from CON)

Jacy Sheldon - April 11, 2026 (from WAS)

Rickea Jackson - April 12, 2026 (from LAS)

2026 SKY TRANSACTIONS

April 11: Signed free agent forward Azurá Stevens ... Signed free agent guard Skylar Diggins ... Re-signed free agent guard Rachel Banham ... Traded a 2028 first-round pick to Washington in exchange for Jacy Sheldon ... Re-signed free agent forward Elizabeth Williams ... April 12: Re-signed free agent guard Courtney Vandersloot ... Traded guard Ariel Atkins to the Los Angeles Sparks in exchange for Rickea Jackson ... Signed free agent guard DiJonai Carrington ... April 13: Signed free agent guard Sydney Taylor ... Signed 2025 WNBA Draft pick Aicha Coulibaly to her rookie-scale contract ... Drafted guard Gabriela Jaquez out of UCLA with the No. 5 overall pick in the 2026 WNBA Draft ... May 4: Signed free agent guard Natasha Cloud. ... May 7: Signed Maddy Westbeld and Aicha Coulibaly to developmental contracts.

2026 SPOTTER CHART



JACY SHELDON
#0 | G | 5'10"



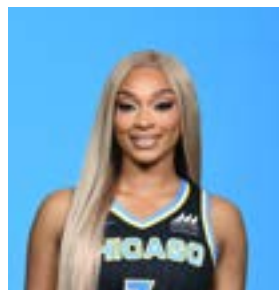
ELIZABETH WILLIAMS
#1 | C/F | 6'3"



SKYLAR DIGGINS
#4 | G | 5'9"



RICKEA JACKSON
#5 | F | 6'2"



DIJONAI CARRINGTON
#7 | G | 5'11"



NATASHA CLOUD
#9 | F/G | 5'10"



KAMILLA CARDOSO
#10 | C | 6'7"



GABRIELA JAQUEZ
#11 | G | 6'0"



SYDNEY TAYLOR
#12 | G | 5'9"



MADDY WESTBELD
#21 | F | 6'3"



COURTNEY VANDERSLOOT
#22 | G | 5'8"



RACHEL BANHAM
#24 | G | 5'10"



AZURÁ STEVENS
#30 | F | 6'6"



AICHA COULIBALY
#35 | G/F | 6'0"



TYLER MARSH
Head Coach



LATRICIA TRAMMELL
Assistant Coach



RENA WAKAMA
Assistant Coach



JHARED SIMPSON
Assistant Coach



KELLY FARIS
Assistant Coach



JEFF PAGLIOCCA
General Manager



DAVID SIMON
Dir. of Player Development



AARON JOHNSON
Player Dev. Coach



CAN OZBALKAN
Video Coordinator



DONNIE MARSH
Basketball Operations
Specialist





TYLER MARSH

Head Coach

Marsh joins the Sky with a plethora of coaching experience as the franchise's ninth head coach in history. He spent the past two seasons as an assistant coach and head of player development with the Las Vegas Aces, helping lead the team to back-to-back WNBA Championships in 2022 and 2023 and a Commissioner's Cup Championship win in 2022. In the three years on the Aces coaching staff under Head Coach Becky Hammon, Marsh helped coach the Aces to three straight playoff berths from 2022-24.

Prior to his time with the Aces, Marsh held a similar role as an assistant coach on the NBA side with the Indiana Pacers from 2020-22 under head coaches Rick Carlisle and Nate Bjorkgren. Before Indiana, Marsh won an NBA Championship under Head Coach Nick Nurse in 2019 as the Toronto Raptors' assistant video coordinator/player development coach.

Before the NBA, Marsh also coached in the NBA D League — now the G League — with the Fort Wayne Mad Ants from 2016-17, Bakersfield Jam from 2014-15 (currently the Motor City Cruise), Iowa Energy from 2013-14 (currently the Iowa Wolves) and the Rio Grande Valley Vipers from 2012-13.

The Miami, Florida native also played collegiately at Alabama Birmingham from 2006-08 and Birmingham-Southern from 2008-10.

Marsh is no stranger to coaching, as his father, Donnie Marsh, has been coaching basketball for decades. Donnie was recently an assistant coach for the men's basketball team at Detroit-Mercy. Marsh also coached under his father as an assistant coach for the Alabama A&M men's basketball team during the 2017-18 season.

Marsh is married to his wife, Kiara, and they have a son together named Jaxxon and are expecting another child.

WNBA HEAD COACHING RECORD

SEASON	TEAM	RECORD	PCT.	PLAYOFFS	PCT.
2025	CHI	10-34	.227	0-0	-
TOTALS		10-34	.227	0-0	-



LATRICIA TRAMMELL

Assistant Coach

The Chicago Sky announced Latricia Trammell joined as an assistant on head coach Tyler Marsh's staff on Nov. 24, 2025. Trammell joins the Sky with eight seasons of WNBA coaching experience, including two years as the head coach of the Dallas Wings from 2023-24. She was most recently a special assistant on Lynne Roberts' staff in Los Angeles during the 2025 season. In Trammell's first year as head coach in 2023, the Wings won 22 games, their most since relocating to Dallas in 2016. Their 22-win season was also the franchise's most since its last Finals appearance as the Detroit Shock in 2018.

In addition to regular season success, Trammell's Wings won a first-round playoff series in 2023, their first and only since relocating to Dallas. The Wings had a potent offense in both seasons under Trammell, ranking third in points per game and offensive rating in 2023, and ranking fourth in points per game and first in pace the following year. For her efforts, Trammell was runner-up for Coach of the Year in 2023 and oversaw players earn one Most Improved Player and two All-WNBA selections in her two seasons there.

Trammell began her coaching career at the high school level before making the jump to college as an assistant at Texas Women's University in 2003. She got her first collegiate head coaching job at Western State from 2007-12 before returning to Oklahoma City University in 2012, where she also previously served as an assistant. In three years with Oklahoma City, Trammell compiled an 85-10 record, winning the NAIA Championship in each of her last two seasons there.

She moved to the professional ranks as an assistant for the San Antonio Stars (now Las Vegas Aces) in 2017 before spending 2019-22 in the same role for Los Angeles. While with Los Angeles in 2019-22, Trammell again helped oversee several star-caliber seasons. Sparks players earned four All-WNBA selections, one Defensive Player of the Year, two Defensive Player of the Year runner-ups, two All-Defensive Team selections and one top-three Most Valuable Player finish during Trammell's tenure. The Sparks also did not finish with lower than a top-four defensive rating in each of her first three seasons there. With Trammell serving as special assistant of the Sparks in 2025, Los Angeles finished the year ranked second in points per game and first in pace.



RENA WAKAMA

Assistant Coach

The Sky hired Rena Wakama as assistant coach on March 25, 2025. Wakama recently led the Nigerian Women's National Team to new heights after gaining success in the 2024 Paris Olympics this past summer. She was hired as the Nigerian Women's National Basketball Head Coach in June 2023 and became the first female coach to ever win the Women's AfroBasketball title in August 2023. She led Nigeria to the quarterfinals stage, where no African team, men or women, were able to make it out of the group stage prior to that. As one of the youngest head coaches in Olympic history, Wakama was awarded Best Coach by FIBA after her achievements in Paris. The Raleigh, North Carolina native joined the coaching staff at Tulane in 2024 as an assistant coach.



JHARED SIMPSON

Assistant Coach

The Sky hired Simpson as an assistant on April 17, 2026. Simpson spent last WNBA season with the Dallas Wings as Director of Player Development. He has over 15 years of experience coaching across the WNBA, NBA and NBA G League. Prior to the Wings, he spent four seasons as an assistant coach with the Indiana Fever. Before that, Simpson held assistant coaching roles with the Northern Arizona Suns and Fort Wayne Mad Ants (now the Boom) in the G League. He was a video coordinator with the Indiana Pacers. Prior to making the jump to the professional basketball ranks as a coach, Simpson was an assistant coach at his alma mater, Wheeling Jesuit University. He holds both undergraduate and graduate degrees from Wheeling Jesuit.



KELLY FARIS

Assistant Coach

Faris was hired by the Sky on April 17, 2026. Faris comes to the Sky after being an assistant coach with the NBA G League's Noblesville Boom. She played collegiately for the University of Connecticut, helping contribute to two national championships during her time there. Faris experienced a successful professional career, playing in the WNBA for the Connecticut Sun from 2013-16 before enjoying overseas stints in Hungary, Australia, Israel, Austria and Iceland. After her playing career, Faris served as an assistant coach for the women's basketball teams at Marian University (2023-24) and Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School in Indianapolis (2024-25) before landing with the Boom. Faris often engages in leadership through community work and aids with the NBA's Basketball Without Borders program.



PORTLAND FIRE

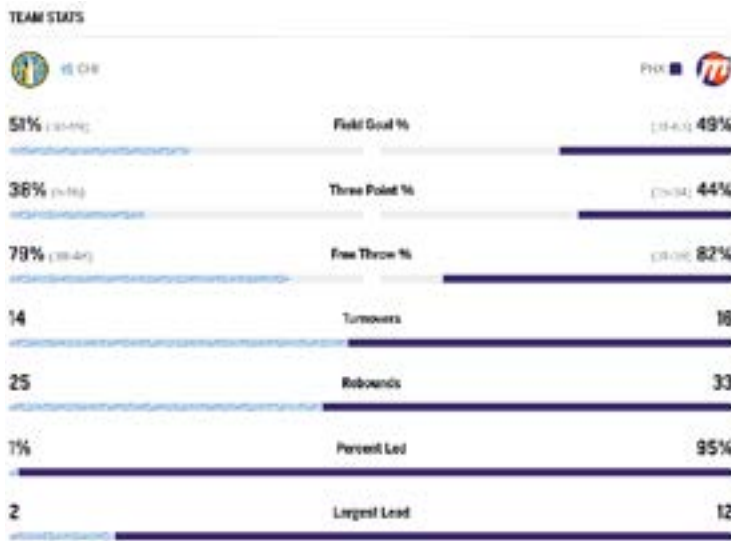
- Western Conference
 - WNBA
 Overall: 0-0
 Home: 0-0
 Away: 0-0
 Conf: 0-0
 Streak: -

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OPP. PPG	-	-
FG%	-	-
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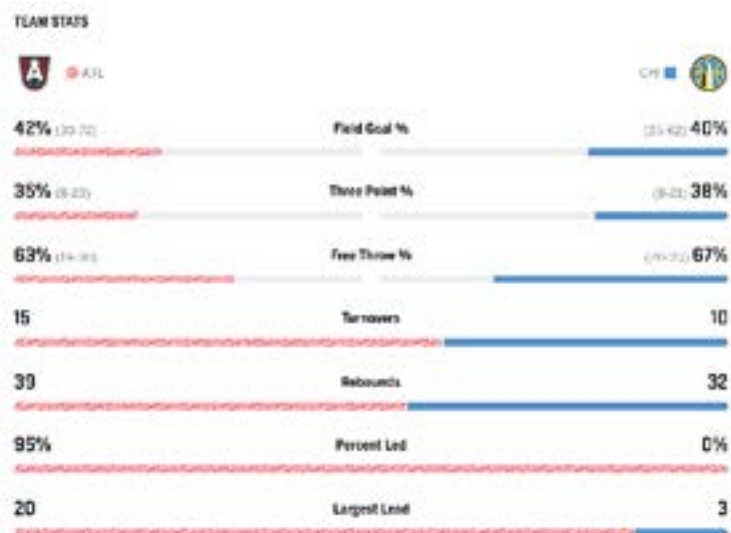
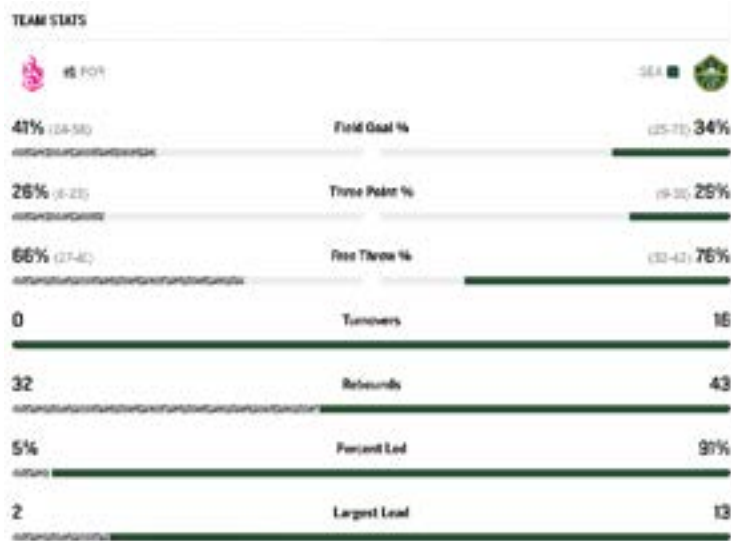
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PRESEASON FOR TEAMS

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SKYLINES

BREAKOUT YOUTH POTENTIAL

Second-year **Kamilla Cardoso** finished her sophomore season with the Sky averaging 13.6 points, 8.5 rebounds, and 2.5 assists per game. Cardoso set a career-high 15 rebounds and 27 points in the 2025 season. The Sky also acquired **Ricke Jackson** in the offseason, who was taken one pick after Cardoso in the 2024 WNBA Draft. She earned an MVP vote with stellar play last season and was on the 2024 All-Rookie Team alongside Cardoso. After playing in the SEC against each other and now in training camp with each other, both players are primed for breakout years with the Sky.

After both Cardoso and Jackson were taken at Nos. 3 and 4 in the 2024 draft, Jacy Sheldon was picked fifth overall. The Sky also traded for her, where she will be expected to play a major role on and off the ball. She shot 41.2% from three while with Connecticut last season and is the perfect piece to fit alongside Cardoso and Jackson.

STARS IN THE SKY

The Sky made numerous splash signings in the backcourt in 2026, and now roster three players who rank in the top 10 of the WNBA's all-time assists list in **Courtney Vandersloot**, **Skylar Diggins** and **Natasha Cloud**. Diggins, a Notre Dame native, is returning close to home to help lift the Sky to new heights

Diggins added to her All-Star repertoire with another nod in 2025 after averaging 15.5 points and 6.0 assists. In her age-35 season, Diggins is seeking her eighth All-Star nod and will pair with championship-winning guards in Vandersloot and Cloud to lead the Sky to glory.

Cloud signed with the Sky on May 4 and brings all-defensive guard play and an elite passer to the mix for the Sky.

Vandersloot became the Sky's all-time leading scorer in the 2025 season despite being limited to seven games due to injury. She is on track for a return during the 2026 season.

DISTRIBUTING THE ROCK

Vandersloot is second in career assists (2,887), 347 behind career leader Sue Bird. She is over 1,000 assists ahead of the closest active player (Chelsea Gray - 1,870). Vandersloot is also the WNBA career leader in assists per game (6.6). Second is Sabrina Ionescu at 5.9.

Diggins ranks eighth all-time in career assists with 1768. She is fourth among active players in assists behind Vandersloot, Chelsea Gray (1870) and Alyssa Thomas (1820). She ranks sixth all-time in assists per game at 5.3.

Cloud is ninth all-time in career assists with 1733. She is fifth among active players. Cloud ranks fifth all-time in assists per game at 5.3

The trio also each rank in the top eight all time in career points-assists double-doubles. Vandersloot is first all-time with 62 (25 ahead of second-place Alyssa Thomas), Natasha Cloud is sixth all time with 17 and Skylar Diggins is eighth all time with 16.

2021 REUNION

Sloot is also reuniting with old teammate, **Azurá Stevens**. The two players helped the Sky win their first championship in franchise history in 2021, with both players providing crucial plays and games en route to the chip.

NEW HEIGHTS

The Sky now boast one of the tallest frontcourts in the league with Kamilla Cardoso and **Azurá Stevens**. Cardoso stands at 6-foot-7 while Stevens is 6-foot-6. Stevens brings a stretch ability next to Cardoso that will propel the Sky. Stevens took 4.4 three-point attempts per game last season, shooting 38.1% from three. For her efforts, she finished second in Most Improved Player voting and will look to build on a breakout season in familiar territory after playing with the Sky from 2020-22.

ROOKIE DEBUTS

Sky rookies **Gabriela Jaquez**, **Sydney Taylor** and **Aicha Coulibaly** made their WNBA debuts in the Sky's first preseason game on April 25 against Phoenix and will look to make their official debuts in the regular season opener. Jaquez was fifth overall in the 2026 draft, coming off a national championship victory. She scored 12 points in her first preseason game.

Taylor signed a training camp contract on April 13. Taylor led the Sky in the second preseason game against Atlanta with 23 points, going 7 for 13 from the field in just 17 minutes of action. She made the Sky's opening night 12-player roster.

The Sky signed Coulibaly to one of the first developmental contracts in team history alongside **Maddy Westbeld**. Coulibaly was selected in the second round of the 2025 WNBA draft by the Sky. She started in both of Chicago's preseason games. In just 30 minutes combined, she totaled nine points, three steals and three blocks. In the preseason opener against Phoenix, she made it to the free-throw line five times, knocking down all of her attempts.

FREE AGENT MOVES

Chicago added guards **Jacy Sheldon** and **DiJonai Carrington** in the offseason. Carrington has a Most Improved Player award, All-Defensive nods, and she tied for fourth for Defensive Player of the Year all in the 2024 season. She appeared in 20 games for the Dallas Wings in the 2025 season, starting in 13 of those. She averaged 10.4 points, 5.1 rebounds and 1.8 assists in 24.9 minutes per game. She then appeared in 11 games for the Lynx after being traded midseason. She averaged 8.6 points, 2.1 rebounds and 1.2 steals per game there.

In the 2025 season, Sheldon appeared in 28 games with Connecticut including 17 starts. She averaged 7.5 points, 2.0 assists, 1.9 rebounds and 1.0 steals while shooting 47.0% from the field and 41.2% from three-point range. She scored 10 or more points in 11 games, including a high of 16 points on July 9 against Seattle. Had a high seven assists on May 27 against Dallas to go along with four steals.

SKYLINES

TYLER'S SECOND SEASON

Head coach **Tyler Marsh** heads into his second season in the league. His first season saw the team rank toward the top of the league in unique starting lineups used with 16. This was mostly due to games missed due to injury. Vandersloot was limited to seven games and their combined top eight in minutes played missed a combined 68 games to injury.

Marsh now employs a new-look roster filled with top-of-the-line veteran talent and young pieces who can make an impact. Additionally, he retained Rena Wakama, who has taken the Nigerian National Team to new heights, and added assistants **Latricia Trammell**, **Jhared Simpson** and **Kelly Faris**. Trammell is the former head coach of the Wings who is responsible for the franchise's last playoff appearance while Simpson and Faris are former G League coaches. Faris is a former WNBA player and UConn player.

AN IMPRESSIVE OFFSEASON

Of the Sky's 12 active roster players this season, only **Kamilla Cardoso**, **Courtney Vandersloot**, **Rachel Banham** and **Elizabeth Williams** return from the 2025 season. The Sky added an external 70.4 points, 23.3 rebounds, 18.3 assists, 6.2 steals, 3.2 blocks and 8.0 three-pointers in 2025 production from their six non-rookie external additions. Just from those six players, their numbers in 2025 combined would rank in the middle of full team production in 2025.

In addition, general manager **Jeff Pagliocca** retained 10.0 points, 3.1 rebounds and 5.3 assists worth of production from the three players he re-signed and Cardoso.

That doesn't factor in rookies **Gabriela Jaquez**, undrafted rookie find **Sydney Taylor** and 2025 second-round pick **Aicha Coulibaly** or fellow returner **Maddy Westbeld**.

RETURNERS MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS

Chicago re-signed **Elizabeth Williams** and **Rachel Banham**. The Sky also signed 2025 second-round pick **Maddy Westbeld** to a developmental contract for the 2026 season. The three players are returning to the Sky to build off their chemistry from the previous season.

Williams gave the Sky a major spark coming off the bench last year in a return season from injury. In just 21.1 minutes per game, she averaged 8.5 points, 5.2 rebounds, 0.7 steals and 0.9 blocks. Williams' statistics were actually among the best per-minute production she's had in her career. Per 36 minutes entering Sept. 11, she averaged 14.5 points (career high per 36), 8.9 rebounds, 3.1 assists (second highest per 36), 1.2 steals and 1.5 blocks. She scored a season-high 16 points on June 22 against Atlanta, 14 of which came in the first half. Williams scored a season-high 20 points against the Mystics on July 8, along with a career-high 17 field goal attempts (making nine of them, also a season high). Williams secured her first double-double of the 2025 season on Aug. 3 against Phoenix when she recorded 15 points and 15 rebounds, both of which led the team.

Banham earned her first start of the season for the Sky on June 10. Banham reached 300 career made three-pointers on June 15 against Connecticut. Scored 10 points and four assists in her second start of the year on June 22. Banham knocked down three three-pointers on June 29 against Los Angeles and scored 13 points to help guide the Sky to a victory. Her 58 total threes after her 27th game passed her career high for total threes in a season (previous: 57 in 2022 across 36 games). There were 17 games left in the season at the point she accomplished these feats. She wound up finishing with the second-most threes in a single season for the Sky last year.

In Westbeld's rookie season, she appeared in 26 games, averaging 4.1 points and 2.4 rebounds while shooting 39.5% from the three in just 13.6 minutes. She had her best career game for the Sky in their final game of the season. Westbeld scored 25 points, seven rebounds and three assists against New York, knocking down 8 of 12 shots overall and 5 of 6 three-point attempts.

E-WILL IN THE RECORD BOOKS

Williams enter the 2026 season second among active players in offensive rebounds (757) behind Nneka Ogwumike (850). She ranks 15th all-time in offensive rebounds. She also enters the season third among active players in blocks (483) behind A'ja Wilson (533) and Brittney Griner (859). She ranks 11th all-time in blocks.

DIGGINS MOVING UP

Diggins enter the season fourth among active players in free throws made (1,422) behind Breanna Stewart (1,429), A'ja Wilson (1,458) and DeWanna Bonner (1,938). She ranks 12th all time in free throws made. She also enters the season fourth among active players in free throws attempted (1,687) behind Stewart (1,709), Wilson (1,775) and Bonner (2,259). She is 15th all time in free throws attempted.

CARDOSO'S HOT STREAK

Cardoso had an excellent finish to the 2025 season, averaging 16.1 points, 8.8 rebounds, 3.6 assists and 1.7 blocks in her last 13 games of the year to go along with four double-doubles in those games.

SKY-FIRE CONNECTIONS

PLAYER PRO CONNECTIONS

DiJonai Carrington and Portland's **Bridget Carleton** were teammates in the 2025 season with the Minnesota Lynx.

Rachel Banham and Carleton were teammates on the Lynx during the 2020-2023 seasons. The duo appeared in the playoffs together three times during their tenure with the Lynx. Furthermore, the duo played against the Chicago Sky in the 2021 WNBA playoffs who were led by **Azurá Stevens** and **Courtney Vandersloot**.

Stevens and the Fire's **Megan Gustafson** were teammates in the 2019 season with the Dallas Wings. Both players were drafted by Dallas in the first round in the 2018 and 2019 WNBA drafts. Gustafson was teammates with **Natasha Cloud** on the Mystics in the 2021 season. **Skylar Diggins** and Gustafson played together on the Mercury in the 2022 season and made a playoff appearance together.

PLAYER COLLEGIATE/HOMETOWN CONNECTIONS

Sydney Taylor and the Fire's **Emily Engstler** played at Louisville, but did not overlap. Taylor, Engstler and Portland's **Serah Williams** are New York natives.

Azurá Stevens and Williams played at Connecticut and coached by Geno Auriemma. Both players won a conference title during their collegiate career at UConn, but did not overlap.

Ricke Jackson, **Kamilla Cardoso** and Portland's **Sarah Ashlee Barker** played in the SEC against each other. Cardoso and the Gamecocks defeated Barker and the Tide in the regular season, as well as Jackson with the Lady Vols securing a win over the Tide. The trio went on to be first round picks in the 2024 and 2025 WNBA drafts.

COACHING PRO CONNECTIONS

Tyler Marsh and **Alex Sarama** were both NBA player development coaches and both coach in the NBA G League before their head coaching careers in the WNBA.

Portland assistant **Sylvia Fowles** was drafted by the Chicago Sky in the 2008 WNBA draft and was a three-time All-Star with the Sky.

MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS AND RECORDS

SKY MILESTONE WATCH

Major and/or imminent milestones in bold

PLAYER	MILESTONE	HAS	NEEDS	NOTES
Natasha Cloud	No. 8 on all-time career assists list	1,732	37	Would pass teammate Skylar Diggins for 8th on the list
	3,000 career points	137	2,863	
	1,000 career field goals	11	989	
Skylar Diggins	No. 7 on all-time career assists list	1,758	53	Would pass Alyssa Thomas for 7th on the list
	5,500 career points	5,489	11	
	1,000 career rebounds	955	45	
	No. 10 on free throws list	1,422	19	
	No. 10 on 20+ points list	122	17	
Azurá Stevens	300 career assists	292	8	
	No. 10 on Sky blocks list	84	4	
Rickeya Jackson	300 career rebounds	277	23	
Rachel Banham	500 careeer assists	495	5	
	2,000 career points	1,768	232	
	No. 8 on Sky 3-PT list	115	12	
Kamilla Cardoso	1,000 career points	856	144	
	No. 6 on Sky o-reb list	214	18	
Elizabeth Williams	No. 11 on all-time o-reb list	757	28	
	No. 10 on all-time blocks list	483	23	
Courtney Vandersloot	3,000 career assists	2,887	113	
	4,500 career points	4,352	148	
	200 career blocks	193	7	
	200 offensive rebounds	199	1	
Jacy Sheldon	500 career points	449	51	

2025 SKY SEASON STATISTICAL LEADERS (INCLUDING TIES)

PLAYER	PTS	REB	AST	STL	BLK
ELIZABETH WILLIAMS		1	2	3	6
HAILEY VAN LITH	1		1	1	1
MORIAH JEFFERSON					
ANGEL REESE	6	20	6	7	6
ARIEL ATKINS	6		8	19	6
REBECCA ALLEN	2	1	1	2	6
KAMILLA CARDOSO	5	3			1
KIA NURSE		1	1	1	
MICHAELA ONYENWERE	1			1	1
MADDY WESTBELD					2
COURTNEY VANDERSLOOT			4	1	1
RACHEL BANHAM	2	1	3	4	

2026 SEASON SCHEDULE AND LEADERS

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	RECORD	HIGH SCORING	OPP. HIGH SCORING	HIGH ASSIST	HIGH REBOUND	ATTENDANCE
05/09	at Portland							
05/13	at Golden State							
05/15	at Phoenix							
05/17	at Minnesota							
05/20	vs. Dallas							
05/23	vs. Minnesota							
05/27	vs. Toronto							
05/29	vs. Minnesota							
06/02	at Washington (CC)							
06/05	vs. Connecticut (CC)							
06/07	at Toronto (CC)							
06/09	vs. Atlanta (CC)							
06/11	at Indiana (CC)							
06/17	vs. New York							
06/20	at Dallas							
06/22	at Connecticut							
06/24	vs. Portland							
06/26	vs. Portland							
06/28	vs. Las Vegas^							
07/03	at Las Vegas							
07/07	at Phoenix							
07/10	at Los Angeles							
07/12	at Dallas							
07/15	vs. Seattle							
07/17	vs. Los Angeles							
07/19	at Atlanta							
07/22	at New York							
07/30	vs. Connecticut							
08/01	vs. Las Vegas							
08/03	vs. Phoenix							
08/05	vs. Los Angeles							
08/08	vs. Indiana^							
08/10	at Seattle							
08/12	at Golden State							
08/16	at Seattle							
08/18	vs. New York							
08/21	vs. Golden State							
08/23	vs. Indiana							
08/25	at Connecticut							
08/29	at New York							
09/17	vs. Washington							
09/19	at Atlanta							
09/22	vs. Toronto							
09/24	at Washington							

Regular Season Record 0-0