

SIX WNBA PLAYOFF APPEARANCES IN 10 SEASONS  
2002 - 2005 - 2006 - 2007 - 2008 - 2009



# 2009 PLAYOFFS MEDIA GUIDE

# INDIANA FEVER

EASTERN CONFERENCE REGULAR SEASON CHAMPIONS

2000 10<sup>TH</sup> SEASON 2009



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## Indiana Fever vs. Washington Mystics

Owning the East's top playoff seed for the first time in its history, Indiana opens its fifth consecutive WNBA Playoffs appearance when it battles Washington in the 2009 Eastern Conference Semifinals.

The Fever makes its sixth WNBA Playoffs appearance in 10 seasons overall, with trips to the Eastern Conference Finals in 2005 and 2007. The Fever seeks its first trip to the WNBA Finals.



### Potential Eastern Conference Finals Opponents



**Atlanta Dream**



**Detroit Shock**

### SCHEDULE

#### EAST SEMIFINALS – INDIANA (NO. 1 SEED, 22-12) VS. WASHINGTON (NO. 4 SEED, 16-18)

GAME	DATE	TIME (ET)	SITE	TV
1	Thursday, September 17	7:00 p.m.	Comcast Center (U. of Maryland)	ESPN2
2	Saturday, September 19	7:00 p.m.	Conseco Fieldhouse	NBATV
*3	Monday, September 21	8:00 p.m.	Conseco Fieldhouse	ESPN2

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE FINALS

GAME	DATE	TIME (ET)	SITE	TV
1	Wednesday, September 23	8 or 10 p.m.	Lower Seed	ESPN2
2	Friday, September 25	TBD	Higher Seed	NBATV
*3	Saturday, September 26	TBD	Higher Seed	NBATV

\* if necessary

### HOTELS ON THE ROAD

at Washington – Four Points by Sheraton | 1201 K Street | Washington, D.C. 20005 | (202) 289-7600

at Atlanta – Westin Peachtree Plaza | 210 Peachtree Street | Atlanta, Ga. 30303 | (404) 659-1400

at Detroit – Westin Southfield | 1500 Town Center | Southfield, Mich. 48075 | (248) 827-4000

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## PLAYOFFS SCHEDULE

**EAST SEMIFINALS – ATLANTA (NO. 2 SEED, 18-16) VS. DETROIT (NO. 3 SEED, 18-16)**

GAME	DATE	TIME (ET)	SITE	TV
1	Wednesday, September 16	8:00 p.m.	Palace of Auburn Hills	ESPN2
2	Friday, September 18	7:30 p.m.	Gwinnett Center (Duluth, Ga.)	NBATV
*3	Sunday, September 20	3:00 p.m.	Gwinnett Center (Duluth, Ga.)	ESPN2

**EAST SEMIFINALS – INDIANA (NO. 1 SEED, 22-12) VS. WASHINGTON (NO. 4 SEED, 16-18)**

GAME	DATE	TIME (ET)	SITE	TV
1	Thursday, September 17	7:00 p.m.	Comcast Center (U. of Maryland)	ESPN2
2	Saturday, September 19	7:00 p.m.	Conseco Fieldhouse	NBATV
*3	Monday, September 21	8:00 p.m.	Conseco Fieldhouse	ESPN2

**WEST SEMIFINALS – SEATTLE (NO. 2 SEED, 20-14) VS. LOS ANGELES (NO. 3 SEED, 18-16)**

GAME	DATE	TIME (ET)	SITE	TV
1	Wednesday, September 16	10:00 p.m.	STAPLES Center	ESPN2
2	Friday, September 18	10:00 p.m.	KeyArena	NBATV
*3	Sunday, September 20	5:00 p.m.	KeyArena	ESPN2

**WEST SEMIFINALS – PHOENIX (NO. 1 SEED, 23-11) VS. SAN ANTONIO (NO. 4 SEED, 15-19)**

GAME	DATE	TIME (ET)	SITE	TV
1	Thursday, September 17	9:00 p.m.	AT&T Center	ESPN2
2	Saturday, September 19	10:00 p.m.	US Airways Center	NBATV
*3	Monday, September 21	10:00 p.m.	US Airways Center	ESPN2

**CONFERENCE FINALS**

GAME	DATE	TIME (ET)	SITE	TV
1	Wednesday, September 23	8:00 p.m.	Lower Seed	ESPN2
1	Wednesday, September 23	10:00 p.m.	Lower Seed	ESPN2
2	Friday, September 25	TBD	Higher Seed	NBATV
2	Friday, September 25	TBD	Higher Seed	NBATV
*3	Saturday, September 26	TBD	Higher Seed	NBATV
*3	Saturday, September 26	TBD	Higher Seed	NBATV

**WNBA FINALS**

GAME	DATE	TIME (ET)	SITE	TV
1	Tuesday, September 29	7:30 p.m.	Higher Seed	ESPN2
2	Thursday, October 1	7:30 p.m.	Higher Seed	ESPN2
3	Sunday, October 4	3:30 p.m.	Lower Seed	ESPN2
*4	Wednesday, October 7	7:30 p.m.	Lower Seed	ESPN2
*5	Friday, October 9	7:30 p.m.	Higher Seed	ESPN2

\* if necessary

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## PLAYOFFS ROSTER

NO	PLAYER	POS	HT	WT	BIRTHDATE	SCHOOL/YEAR	WNBA YEARS
41	Tully Bevilaqua	G	5-7	145	07/19/1972	Australia	10
24	Tamika Catchings	F	6-1	167	07/21/1979	Tennessee '01	8
50	Jessica Davenport	C	6-5	215	06/21/1985	Ohio State '07	2
21	Tamecka Dixon	G	5-9	148	12/14/1975	Kansas '96	12
23	Katie Douglas	G-F	6-0	165	05/07/1979	Purdue '01	8
32	Ebony Hoffman	F	6-2	215	08/27/1982	USC '04	5
20	Briann January	G	5-8	144	01/11/1987	Arizona State '09	R
31	Jessica Moore	C	6-3	175	07/09/1982	Connecticut '05	4
14	Shay Murphy	G	5-11	164	04/15/1985	USC '07	2
8	Tammy Sutton-Brown	C	6-4	199	01/27/1978	Rutgers '01	8
34	Christina Wirth	F	6-1	172	04/18/1987	Vanderbilt '09	R

**HEAD COACH:** Lin Dunn, Tennessee-Martin '69

**ASSISTANT COACHES:** Gary Kloppenburg, UC San Diego '81  
Jim Lewis, West Virginia '68

**ATHLETIC TRAINER:** Craig Stull, Indianapolis '05

**STRENGTH & CONDITIONING COACH:** Brandon Johnson, Purdue '03

**BASKETBALL & OPERATIONS COORDINATOR:** Ashley Floyd, Purdue '08

### NUMERICAL ROSTER

8 Tammy Sutton-Brown  
14 Shay Murphy  
20 Briann January  
21 Tamecka Dixon  
23 Katie Douglas  
24 Tamika Catchings  
31 Jessica Moore  
32 Ebony Hoffman  
34 Christina Wirth  
41 Tully Bevilaqua  
50 Jessica Davenport

### PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Tully BEVILAQUA – bev-il-AH-qua  
TAMIKA Catchings – tuh-MEE-kuh  
TAMECKA Dixon – tuh-MEE-kuh  
CONSECO Fieldhouse – con-SEE-co  
BRIANN January – bree-ON

QUICK FACTS

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FAN INFORMATION

Ticket Information..... (317) 917-2500  
 Single-Game Ticket Information..... (877) WNBA TIX  
 Website ..... FeverBasketball.com

QUICK FACTS

Conference..... Eastern  
 Arena..... Conseco Fieldhouse (9,210 WNBA | 18,165 NBA)  
 Colors..... Blue (PMS 282), Red (PMS 186), Gold (PMS 123)  
 Flagship Radio ..... 1070 The Fan, WFNI-AM  
 TV:..... FSN Indiana  
 Broadcasters:..... Chris Denari, Debbie Antonelli, Kevin Lee, Tim Newton

TEAM HISTORY

Franchise Evolution..... Indiana Fever, 2000 to present  
 Franchise Record..... 168-166 (.503)  
 Franchise Playoff Record..... 7-11 (.389)  
 WNBA Titles..... 0  
 2008 Record..... 17-17, 4th in East  
 2008 Playoffs ..... lost to Detroit, 2-1

2009 RECAP

Record..... 22-12  
 vs. Eastern Conference..... 17-5  
 Home..... 14-3  
 Road..... 8-9  
 Finish..... 1st in East [first regular season conference championship in franchise history]

# PACERS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT DIRECTORY

## Executive

Owners ..... Melvin Simon, Herbert Simon  
 Chairman and Chief Executive Officer ..... Herbert Simon  
 President of Basketball Operations ..... Larry Bird  
 President ..... Jim Morris  
 Chief Operating Officer ..... Rick Fuson  
 Administrative Assistants ..... Susy Fischer  
 ..... Brenda Lawson

## Pacers Basketball

General Manager ..... David Morway  
 Head Coach ..... Jim O'Brien  
 Assistant Coaches ..... Dan Burke  
 ..... Lester Conner  
 ..... Jay DeFruscio  
 ..... Dick Harter  
 ..... Frank Vogel  
 Advance Scout/Assistant Coach ..... Jimmy Powell  
 Director/Player Development ..... Billy Keller  
 International Director/Scouting ..... Joe Ash  
 Director/Scouting ..... Ryan Carr  
 Director/Player Personnel ..... Mel Daniels  
 Director/Basketball Operations ..... Sonya Clutinger  
 Director/Basketball Administration ..... Peter Dinwiddie  
 Scouts ..... Kevin Mackey, Carl Nicks, Aleksandar Pajovic  
 ..... Leonard Perry, Brian Winters  
 Video Coordinator ..... Vance Catlin  
 Assistant Video Coordinator ..... Hansen Wong  
 Head Physical Therapist/Athletic Trainer ..... Josh Corbeil  
 Physical Therapist/Assistant Athletic Trainer ..... Carl Eaton  
 Head Strength Coach/Assistant Athletic Trainer ..... Shawn Windle  
 Massage Therapist ..... Mark Henderson  
 Equipment Manager ..... Joe Qatato  
 Basketball Staff Assistant/Assistant Equipment Manager ..... Josh Conder  
 Administrative Assistant ..... Cory Burnett  
 Team Physician/Team Orthopedist ..... Tim Hupfer, M.D.  
 Team Internist ..... Kevin McCallum, M.D.  
 Team Cardiologist ..... King Yee, M.D.  
 Team Ophthalmologist ..... John Abrams, M.D.  
 Physical Therapist Consultant ..... Dan Dyrek

## PLAYER RELATIONS

Vice President/Player Relations ..... Sam Perkins  
 Director/Team Security ..... John Gray  
 Director/Player Relations ..... Heather Denton  
 Administrative Assistant ..... Paula Curry

## Fever Basketball Corporation

Chief Operating Officer/General Manager ..... Kelly Krauskopf  
 Head Coach ..... Lin Dunn  
 Assistant Coaches ..... Gary Kloppenburg, Jim Lewis  
 Vice President/Business Operations ..... Julie Graue  
 Director/Media Relations ..... Kevin Messenger  
 Community Relations & Special Projects Manager ..... Roberta Courtright  
 Fever Sales Manager ..... Kris Kovatovic  
 Video Coordinator ..... Hansen Wong  
 Equipment Manager ..... Allison Hawkins  
 Administrative Assistant ..... Ashley Floyd  
 Athletic Trainer ..... Craig Stull  
 Strength Coach ..... Brandon Johnson  
 Rehabilitation and Medical Consultant ..... Holly Heitzman  
 Team Physician ..... David Harsha, M.D.  
 Team Orthopedist ..... Stephen Kollias, M.D.,  
 ..... Scott A. Lintner, M.D.

## Finance

Chief Financial Officer ..... Kevin Bower

## FINANCE

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 Manager/Accounts Payable ..... Theresa Walsh  
 Financial Analyst ..... Brenda Thomas  
 Finance and Accounting Assistant ..... Barbara Maynard  
 Office Manager/Travel Specialist ..... Sandy Clouser  
 Receptionist ..... Janice Franks

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 Director/Human Resources/Payroll ..... Angela Lee  
 Human Resources Coordinator ..... Nancy Doyle

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 Public Information Manager ..... Krissy Myers  
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 Statistics Crew Director, Fever ..... Dana Whitehead  
 Statistics Crew, Pacers ..... Bob Bernath, Bill Bevan, Randy Fishman,  
 ..... Scott Fishman, Mike Furimsky, Paul Furimsky, David George,  
 ..... Gene Hemelgarn, Ed Hruskocy, Tom Rietmann, Elliott Segal,  
 ..... Ed Whitehead, Rick York  
 Statistics Crew, Fever ..... Bob Bernath, Trudy Bernath, Clara Caito,  
 ..... Scott Fishman, David George, Marie Kabrich, Martha Kalb,  
 ..... Beth Masariu, Judy Schneider, Rick York  
 Media Room Attendants, Pacers ..... Kevin Buerge, Beth Cox,  
 ..... Kathy Eren, Deborah Hughes, Susan Kessler,  
 ..... Kaye Totton, Dana Whitehead

## COMMUNICATIONS

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 Broadcast Manager ..... Susan Skelton  
 Director/Game Operations & Fan Development ..... Dean Heaviland  
 Associate Director/Game Operations & Fan Development  
 ..... Doug Morgan  
 Associate Director/Promotions ..... Karen Atkeson  
 Manager/Game Operations & Fan Development ..... Jamie Stewart  
 Game Operations Assistant ..... Ray Henderson  
 Dance Teams Coordinator/Choreographer ..... Michelle Duggan

# PACERS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT DIRECTORY

Director/Production ..... Eric Nelson  
 Senior Producer/Editor ..... Dean McDowell  
 Producers/Editors ..... Christopher Patton, Gary Joe Rice,  
 ..... Brian Rogat, Matthew Scott  
 Radio Announcers, Pacers ..... Mark Boyle, Bob Leonard, Kevin Lee  
 Television Announcers, Pacers ..... Quinn Buckner, Chris Denari,  
 ..... Clark Kellogg, Stacy Paetz  
 Radio/Television Announcers, Fever ..... Chris Denari,  
 ..... Debbie Antonelli, Kevin Lee  
 PA Announcer, Pacers ..... Reb Porter  
 PA Announcer, Fever ..... Michael Grady

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 Database Marketing Specialist ..... Matthew Cooper  
 Websites Manager ..... Justin Hunt  
 Ticket Systems Manager ..... Julie Kolner

## SALES

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 ..... Chris Melby, Thorpe Miller  
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 Corporate Partnerships Services Manager ..... Janae' Swan  
 Corporate Partnerships Business Manager ..... Matthew Lowstetter  
 Corporate Partnerships Services Coordinators ..... Sarah Baird,  
 ..... Emily Cornforth, Heather Elrod  
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 Director/Group Sales ..... Dionna Smith-Widder  
 Director/Premium & Ticket Services ..... Kevin Lane  
 Director/Season Ticket Sales ..... Alan Mowrey  
 Fever/Inside Sales Director ..... Kris Kovatovic  
 Ticket Manager ..... Brenda Smith  
 Premium Seating Manager ..... Dave Neff  
 Suite Services Managers ..... Bethanie Smith, Stephanie Babcock  
 Ticket Services Manager ..... Chris Evans  
 Senior Ticket Services Coordinator ..... Colleen Goddard  
 Ticket Services Coordinator ..... Cameron Nelson  
 Senior Fever Ticket Services Coordinator ..... Darla Jo Parker  
 Group Events Coordinator ..... Stephen Staker  
 Senior Sales Consultant ..... Mike White  
 Sales Consultants ..... Troy Brokl, Edmond Elzy, Kevan Fight,  
 ..... Eric Flatt, Zach Guerrieri, Ben Selcke, Brian Stutzman  
 Senior Fever Sales Consultant ..... Carly Venick  
 Fever Sales Consultants ..... Zach Bonvillian, Beth Coppin, Lynn Miller  
 Group Event Specialist ..... Lindsey Clifford, Alyssa Greco,  
 ..... Alice Laskowski, Jason McGuinness, Katie Vaas  
 Fever Group Event Specialist ..... Jackie Magnuson  
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 ..... Alex Krows, Amber Matthews  
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## ADMINISTRATION

Vice President/Facilities Administration ..... Harry James  
 Director/Box Office ..... Paul Congress  
 Box Office Manager ..... Tricia Brown  
 Box Office Coordinator ..... Beth Schumacher  
 Box Office Ticket Sellers ..... Julie Clark, Scott Dunblazier,  
 ..... Ursula Harvey

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 Associate Director/Event Production ..... Courtney Howell  
 Central Plant Manager ..... Bob Taft  
 Central Plant Coordinator ..... Charles Miles  
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 Shift Engineers, Central Plant ..... Dan Karch, Scott Sermersheim  
 Production Manager ..... Doug Weitkamp  
 Stage Foreman ..... Dave Teepe  
 Houseman ..... Jerry Horne  
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 Conversion ..... Rodney Jenkins  
 Housekeeping Supervisor ..... Bob Olsen  
 Utility Setup Coordinator ..... Kerry Kent  
 Utility Setup ..... Donald Anderson, Terrie Carter,  
 ..... Kevin Ligon, Roy Woods  
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## SERVICES

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 Guest Relations Manager ..... B.J. Brown  
 Guest Relations Coordinator ..... Michele Hoosier  
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 General Merchandise Manager ..... Mark Lippott  
 Associate Merchandise Manager ..... Brad Amberger  
 Assistant Retail Manager ..... Jeremy Jackson

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 The Levy Restaurants/Executive Chef ..... David Harvie  
 Starbucks ..... Joe Ransburg  
 Virginia Avenue Garage/Parking Manager ..... Jeff Allsup  
 Van Ausdall & Farrar ..... Daniel Hill, Brian Drew



HERBERT SIMON, OWNER  
CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Herbert Simon is Chairman Emeritus of Simon Property Group, Inc., which owns or has an interest in more than 385 retail properties worldwide. Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., along with brothers Melvin and Fred, and raised in the Bronx, Mr. Simon earned his bachelor's degree at City College of New York.

Mr. Simon also serves as Co-Chairman of Melvin Simon & Associates, Inc. which, prior to the formation of Simon Property Group, was the largest shopping center developer and manager in the nation and is still a privately owned company.

Mr. Simon, together with Melvin, has led the company to a leadership position within the industry since 1960 that it continues to maintain today. Some of the "breakthrough" retail projects that have drawn worldwide industry and media attention under Simon leadership include The Forum Shops at Caesars in Las Vegas, Nev., The Fashion Centre at Pentagon in the Washington, D.C. metro area and Circle Centre in Indianapolis, Ind., one of the key components in the revitalization of the city's downtown.

A firm supporter of professional, environmental and community groups, Mr. Simon has served on the Boards of numerous organizations and served a term as Chairman of the NBA Board of Governors.

Mr. Simon is married and has seven children.

MELVIN SIMON, OWNER



A native of Brooklyn, New York, Melvin Simon is Chairman Emeritus of the Indianapolis-based real estate development and management company, Simon Property Group, Inc. Simon Property Group is the nation's largest Real Estate Investment Trust. In addition, he serves as Co-Chairman of the Board of Melvin Simon & Associates, Inc., which, until the formation of Simon Property Group in 1993, was the nation's largest developer and manager of shopping centers.

Mr. Simon attended the Bronx High School of Science and the City College of New York where he earned a bachelor's degree in accounting. He came to Indiana while serving in the U.S. Army when a transfer brought him to Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indianapolis.

Following his discharge from the Army, Mr. Simon worked as a leasing representative with the Albert Frankel Company, an Indianapolis developer of strip shopping centers. In 1960, he formed MSA with his brothers Herb and Fred.

Mr. Simon is a Lifetime Trustee of the Urban Land Institute (ULI) and a former Trustee of the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC). He holds board memberships with numerous community and civic organizations, and has received many awards and honors for his involvement. Together, Mr. Simon and his wife Bren have four children.

I N D I A N A F E V E R  
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER AND GENERAL MANAGER

KELLY KRAUSKOPF

Kelly Krauskopf is in her 10th season as the Indiana Fever's Chief Operating Officer and her sixth as the team's General Manager. The highest-ranking female sports administrator in Indianapolis, she has been the Fever's chief executive since the franchise was founded in 1999.

Since the team was established, Krauskopf has been the guiding force of the Fever from building the team roster to building a fan base for Indiana's Women's National Basketball Association franchise. In her role with the Fever, Krauskopf oversees all aspects of the team's operation.

Since moving to Indianapolis and beginning the task of building a WNBA franchise, Krauskopf has engineered numerous player moves enabling the Fever to improve the team and complete its finest season in 2009. The Fever carried the best record in the WNBA through most of the regular season en route to the club's first regular season conference title and its fifth consecutive playoff appearance. The 2009 campaign eclipsed the Fever's previous best seasons with identical 21-13 records in 2005, 2006 and 2007. Krauskopf has guided the franchise to six playoff berths in its first 10 seasons.

The Krauskopf-built Fever is perhaps the most stable the franchise has ever been, led by a solid core of returning starters that include All-Stars Tamika Catchings, Katie Douglas and Tammy Sutton-Brown, Australian Olympian Tully Bevilaqua and 2008 WNBA Most Improved Player Ebony Hoffman.

Within the past five years, Krauskopf's key trades and free agent acquisitions have re-built the Fever roster. During the 2005-06 winter, in particular, Krauskopf was the league's most active GM, re-tooling the Fever roster with a pair of trades and a slew of free agent acquisitions which netted three new starters.

Besides a February 2008 deal to land Douglas, other moves in recent years



resulted in the signing of veteran centers Natalie Williams and Yolanda Griffith, and former point guard Kelly Miller. A midseason move during the 2002 campaign brought veteran guard Coquese Washington to the Fever to ignite a late run to the franchise's first appearance in the WNBA Playoffs.

The cornerstone of the franchise was solidified by the draft selection of Catchings in the 2001 WNBA Draft. The third overall selection in the 2001 Draft and a 2004 and 2008 U.S. Olympian, Catchings was named Rookie of the Year in 2002 and Defensive Player of the Year in 2005 and 2006. She is a six-time WNBA All-Star and a six-time All-WNBA selection who has finished second or third in MVP balloting four times.

Bevilaqua, a veteran point guard from Australia who helped enable Seattle to win the WNBA title in 2004, was added via free agency in January 2005 to steady the unit and direct the franchise through what would become its finest seasons.

Krauskopf also serves on USA Basketball's Women's Senior National Team Committee, helping to select from WNBA players to develop U.S. National

Team rosters. Krauskopf has been a committee member since 2000, helping select the gold-medal winning roster for the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens, and again for Beijing in 2008.

Krauskopf has been in the forefront of the development of the WNBA. In September 1996, she was named the WNBA's first Director of Basketball Operations. In that role, she was involved in all phases of the league's start-up operation and initiatives. She also developed the league's first set of playing rules, officiating policies, scheduling and other league standards, while working daily with WNBA team general managers and operations personnel.

Before joining the WNBA, Krauskopf was the Managing Director of League Development for Media Sports Partnership, Limited in Dallas, Tex. From 1990 to 1994, she was Assistant Commissioner for the Southwest Conference. In addition to overseeing league marketing, she was the chief administrator for all eight women's sports programs in the conference. She served from 1986 to 1990 as Texas A&M's Assistant Athletic Director for Women's Sports/Marketing.

Krauskopf has served on committees for the Women's Sports Foundation; the Women's Basketball Coaches Association; Citizenship for Sports Alliance and Texas A&M's Lettermen's Association Board of Directors. She currently serves on the Indiana Sports Corporation Presidents Council.

A 1983 graduate of Texas A&M University with a bachelor of arts degree in journalism, she was a three-year letterwinner in basketball for the Lady Aggies after transferring from Stephen F. Austin University where she played her freshman year under legendary coach Sue Gunter.

## HEAD COACH

LIN DUNN

Regarded as one of the most successful women's basketball coaches in history, Lin Dunn was named on Dec. 12, 2007, as the fourth head coach in Indiana Fever history.

Then the owner of 525 wins as a college and professional coach, Dunn shed the assistant title she had worn the previous four seasons in Indiana in order to return to the head coaching ranks. She is well-chronicled as one of the nation's foremost pioneers of women's basketball, and one of its most prominent coaches and leaders.

After two seasons as head coach of the Fever, she now boasts 564 college and pro wins, and enters the WNBA Playoffs as coach of the East's top seeded team.

After a summer with the WNBA's best record from June through August, and a franchise-record 22 regular season wins, Dunn hopes to be on the verge of the championship team that has eluded her through nine WNBA seasons since 2000.

Dunn built what became a championship team in Seattle and appeared in three WNBA Playoffs as a Fever assistant. The 2008 WNBA Playoffs, however, were her first as a WNBA head coach.

Dunn's coaching resume includes four decades of coaching at the highest levels – the past 10 years in the professional ranks, between stints in Portland, Seattle and Indiana. Prior to her four seasons as a Fever assistant, Dunn served as head coach and general manager of the Seattle Storm, operating the city's expansion franchise from 1999 to 2002.

Dunn served in a scouting capacity for the Fever and former coach Nell Fortner during the 2003 season, and was added to the Fever staff in 2004 – allowing her to remain close to her hometown of Dresden, Tenn. She completed four seasons as an assistant coach with the Fever, the final three which saw Indiana match its franchise record with identical 21-13 records. Her on-court responsibilities included work with the Fever defense which has cemented itself among the stingiest in the WNBA. The Fever allowed the fewest points in the WNBA during each of the 2006 and 2007 summers, and finished first or second in the league in steals in both seasons.

Before joining the Fever, Dunn built the Storm by drafting eventual league MVP Lauren Jackson and 2002 NCAA Player of the Year Sue Bird. In her final year with the Storm, 2002, she guided Seattle to a 17-15 record and the club's first appearance in the WNBA Playoffs. Dunn was runner-up as the WNBA's Coach of the Year.



It was with the Storm, at Conseco Fieldhouse coincidentally, that she recorded her 500th coaching victory, when Seattle defeated the Fever, 74-71 in overtime, on June 4, 2001.

Dunn's first assignment in professional basketball came with a midseason phone call to take over the coaching reigns of the American Basketball League's Portland Power during its inaugural campaign in 1996-97. She won her first game on the same night she was introduced as the head coach. A year later, Dunn led the Power on a worst-to-first run that culminated with a 27-17 record and a Western Conference championship. The remarkable turnaround earned Dunn the ABL Coach of the Year honor while guiding such stars as DeLisha Milton-Jones, Sonja Henning, Elaine Powell and former Fever center and two-time ABL MVP Natalie Williams. Portland was in first place at 9-4 when the ABL ceased operations two days before Christmas in 1998.

Her tenure in Portland not only continued the coaching success she has achieved at every level of her career, but also enhanced her profile off the court. In the fledgling league that preceded the WNBA, Dunn's charisma helped the Power to achieve the largest marketing revenue in the ABL and its second-highest attendance.

She is perhaps best known as the architect of the Purdue University women's basketball program, guiding the Boilermakers for nine seasons (1988-96) and collecting three Big Ten conference titles. She led the Old Gold-and-Black to seven NCAA Tournaments, four Sweet Sixteen

appearances and a trip to the Final Four in 1994. In nine years at Purdue, she earned a 206-68 (.752) record and catapulted the school among the elite women's basketball programs in the country. She still is the program's winningest coach.

Dunn coached and recruited three Kodak All-Americans, three Big Ten Players of the Year and two Big Ten Athletes of the Year. Future WNBA stars that emerged from her tenure at Purdue were Summer Erb, Ukari Figgs, Stacey Lovelace, Michelle VanGorp and former Fever star Stephanie White.

Since her collegiate coaching career began at Austin Peay in 1970, she put together a remarkable 25-year record that includes a .635 career winning percentage at four schools (447-257). She left three of those schools – Purdue, Miami and Austin Peay – as the winningest coach in program history.

On the national level, she served on USA Basketball staffs for the 1992 Olympics and 1990 gold medal-winning World Championship and Goodwill Games teams. She was head coach of the 1995 bronze medal-winning USA Jones Cup team, and also served for eight years on the USA Basketball Team selection committee.

Prior to arriving in West Lafayette, she coached at Miami, Fla., from 1979-87. She posted a 149-119 (.556) record through eight seasons and was the first coach to award a scholarship to a women's basketball player. One of the last players she recruited, Frances Savage, was a Kodak All-American in 1992. She was named the Florida Coach of the Year in 1980-81.

After building a program at Austin Peay for five years, Dunn spent one season at Mississippi before taking the Miami job. She led the Rebels to a 25-15 record and a 12th-place finish at the AIAW National Tournament. Her club ended three-time national champion Delta State's 56-game winning streak and was named the Mississippi Coach of the Year.

Dunn has earned induction into the athletic halls of fame at both Miami and Austin Peay. She served as chair of the Kodak All-America Selection Committee from 1982-88 and was president of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association in 1984-85.

Dunn earned a B.S. degree in health, physical education and English from Tennessee-Martin. A year later, she received an M.S. degree in physical education from Tennessee-Knoxville.

## HEAD COACH

LIN DUNN

**COLLEGIATE COACHING HISTORY**

YEAR	TEAM	POSITION
1970-71	Austin Peay (3-6)	Head Coach
1971-72	Austin Peay (6-4)	Head Coach
1972-73	Austin Peay (19-9)	Head Coach
1973-74	Austin Peay (19-10)	Head Coach
1974-75	Austin Peay (11-10)	Head Coach
1975-76	Austin Peay (9-16)	Head Coach
1977-78	Mississippi (25-15)	Head Coach
1978-79	Miami (10-13)	Head Coach
1979-80	Miami (18-16)	Head Coach
1980-81	Miami (24-15)	Head Coach
1981-82	Miami (19-10)	Head Coach
1982-83	Miami (14-13)	Head Coach
1983-84	Miami (19-12)	Head Coach
1984-85	Miami (21-7)	Head Coach
1985-86	Miami (9-18)	Head Coach
1986-87	Miami (15-15)	Head Coach
1987-88	Purdue (21-10)	Head Coach
1988-89	Purdue (24-6)	Head Coach
1989-90	Purdue (23-7)	Head Coach
1990-91	Purdue (26-3)	Head Coach
1991-92	Purdue (23-7)	Head Coach
1992-93	Purdue (16-11)	Head Coach
1993-94	Purdue (29-5)	Head Coach
1994-95	Purdue (24-8)	Head Coach
1995-96	Purdue (20-11)	Head Coach

**Record at Austin Peay – 67-55, .549 (six seasons)**  
**Record at Mississippi – 25-15, .625 (one season)**  
**Record at Miami (Fla.) – 149-119, .556 (nine seasons)**  
**Record at Purdue – 206-68, .752 (nine seasons)**  
**Career Collegiate Record – 447-257, .635 (25 seasons)**

**ABL & WNBA COACHING HISTORY**

YEAR	TEAM	POSITION
1996-97	ABL Portland Power (9-9)	Head Coach
1997-98	ABL Portland Power (27-17)	Head Coach
1998-99	ABL Portland Power (9-4)	Head Coach
2000	Seattle Storm (6-26)	Head Coach/GM
2001	Seattle Storm (10-22)	Head Coach/GM
2002	Seattle Storm (17-15)	Head Coach/GM
2004	Indiana Fever (15-19)	Assistant Coach
2005	Indiana Fever (21-13)	Assistant Coach
2006	Indiana Fever (21-13)	Assistant Coach
2007	Indiana Fever (21-13)	Assistant Coach
2008	Indiana Fever (17-17)	Head Coach
2009	Indiana Fever (22-12)	Head Coach

**Record at ABL Portland – 45-30, .600 (three seasons)**  
**Record at WNBA Seattle – 33-63, .344 (three seasons)**  
**Record at WNBA Indiana – 39-29, .574 (two seasons)**  
**Career Pro Record – 117-122, .490 (eight seasons)**

**Overall College and Pro Coaching Record – 564-379, .598**

**USA BASKETBALL/INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- Bronze medal in 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona (assistant coach)
- Gold medal in 1990 World Championships (assistant coach)
- Gold medal in 1990 Goodwill Games (assistant coach)
- Bronze medal in 1995 as head coach of the Jones Cup team

**HONORS & ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Runner-up, WNBA Coach of the Year, 2002
- ABL Coach of the Year, 1998
- ABL All-Star Game, 1998 assistant coach
- Big Ten Conference Coach of the Year, 1989, 1991
- Lafayette (Ind.) Woman of Achievement Award, 1990
- Florida Coach of the Year, 1981
- Mississippi Coach of the Year, 1978
- President of Women's Basketball Coaches Assoc., 1984-85
- Chair of Kodak All-America Selection Committee, 1982-88
- University of Miami Athletic Hall of Fame, 2003
- Austin Peay State University Athletic Hall of Fame, 1982

**PERSONAL**

**Education:** B.S. in health, physical education and English, University of Tennessee-Martin, 1969; M.S. in physical education, University of Tennessee-Knoxville, 1970

**High School:** Dresden HS

**Hometown:** Dresden, Tenn.

**Born:** 5/10/47 in Nashville, Tenn.

## COACHING STAFF

**GARY KLOPPENBURG, ASSISTANT COACH**

Gary Kloppenburg is in his second season as a Fever assistant coach. A year ago, he re-united with Lin Dunn, with whom he served for three seasons on the staff of the Seattle Storm from 2000-02. Kloppenburg

was most recently on the staff of the NBA's Charlotte Bobcats, where he served with Bernie Bickerstaff for three seasons.

Regarded for his expertise on the defensive end of the floor, Kloppenburg was hired by Bickerstaff when the Bobcats were founded in 2004 – continuing a family bond established when Bickerstaff was in college, and strengthened when

Gary's father Bob coached in the NBA with Bickerstaff in Seattle and Denver.

Kloppenburg has coached at virtually every level of college and professional basketball, ranging from his beginnings at a California community college and intertwined with jobs in the NBA, WNBA, Continental Basketball Association and internationally.

Prior to joining the Bobcats' staff as an assistant coach and advance scout, he was an assistant with the WNBA's Phoenix Mercury for one season after three years with Dunn in Seattle. He worked for the NBA's Toronto Raptors from 1997-99 after two seasons as an assistant coach and assistant director of player personnel in the CBA – first with the Rockford Lightning and then for the Quad City Thunder. Kloppenburg was the

interim head coach for four games in 1999-00 with Rockford where he coached former NBA star Earl Boykins.

In the summer of 1999, he was head coach for Panteras de Miranda of the Venezuelan Professional League, and he has conducted basketball clinics in Greece, Belgium, Iceland and Japan.

After graduating from UC San Diego in 1981, his coaching career began at Lassen Community College (Calif.) where he had successful stints as head coach with both the men's and women's teams. He guided the women's team for five seasons before taking over the men's program for six.

Also fluent in Spanish, Kloppenburg was born Jan. 6, 1953, and has three children – Sonja, Ian and Carlotta.

**JIM LEWIS, ASSISTANT COACH**

Thirty-eight year coaching veteran Jim Lewis is in his second season as an assistant coach for the Indiana Fever. A former head coach and assistant coach in the Women's National Basketball Association, Lewis'

hiring in 2008 completed the staff of coach Lin Dunn.

Including international competition with USA Basketball, he has enjoyed success at every level of basketball. He was the head women's coach at Fordham University for six seasons (2001-06) and at George Mason University for 14 (1984-98). He began his career as an assistant coach with men's programs at Tennessee State, Gannon College, Duke and Tulane. Prior to joining the Fever, he was head girls' basketball coach at T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria, Va., where he led one of the top prep teams in the nation to a 22-1 mark in 2007-08.

Prior to guiding the T.C. Williams program in his hometown, Lewis spent a part of the 2006 summer as an assistant with the Minnesota Lynx after retiring from Fordham in March. Counting his six years with the Rams and 14 at George Mason,

Lewis notched a 257-295 record in 20 years as a collegiate head coach.

Prior to coaching at Fordham, Lewis served as the first head coach of the WNBA Washington Mystics in 1997 and 1998. Prior to his stretch with the Mystics, he compiled a 201-177 record over 14 seasons as the winningest head coach, men's or women's, in George Mason history. At George Mason, Lewis led the Patriots to eight winning seasons, including an appearance in the 1997 Preseason WNIT.

Lewis began his coaching career as a graduate assistant men's basketball coach at Tennessee State (1969-70), which finished as the NCAA Division II runner-up. He then served as an assistant men's coach at Gannon College (1970-71) and moved on to Duke (1972-76) where he served for five years in the same capacity. He was the assistant men's coach at Tulane (1977-81) for five years before becoming the head boys' basketball coach at South Lakes High School (Fairfax, Va.), where his teams compiled a 59-15 record over three years and advanced each year in postseason play.

In 1984, Lewis became the first Division I head women's basketball coach at George Mason University, where he remained until 1997 to become the first

coach of the Mystics. During his tenure with the Patriots, he helped USA Basketball to four medals while assisting on coaching staffs at the 1994 Jones Cup (gold), 1995 World University Games (silver), 1997 Junior World Championships (gold) and 1997 USA International Invitational (gold). One of the USA players on the '97 FIBA Junior World Championships team was current Fever star Tamika Catchings.

Before his coaching career, Lewis was a four-year basketball letterwinner at West Virginia University, competing in two NCAA Tournaments and one NIT, and earning his degree in journalism. During the 2004-05 season, his 1964-65 freshman class was honored at West Virginia for breaking the color barrier at the university. After graduating in 1968, he began his graduate work at the University of Detroit and went on to earn his master's degree in physical education at Tennessee State.

Born December 15, 1946, Lewis and his wife Karen have two children, Jennifer and Christopher, who also reside in northern Virginia. Jennifer is a physical therapist. Christopher is a political campaign manager.

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## COACHING STAFF

### **CRAIG STULL, ATHLETIC TRAINER**



Craig Stull is in his first season as the team's head athletic trainer.

An athletic trainer with St. Vincent Sports Performance, Stull was the Fever's assistant trainer in 2008 under Ruth Hellend. He served as an intern with the Indiana Pacers for two seasons from 2003-05, and again during the 2008-09 NBA season.

A 2005 graduate of the University of Indianapolis where he received a dual degree in athletic training and exercise science, he currently is pursuing a master's degree online from the California University of Pennsylvania. He received the Pursuit of Excellence Scholarship from the National Academy of Sports Medicine to pursue the degree, which he anticipates completing in December 2009.

The 27-year-old Stull is an avid fan of the Chicago Cubs. He resides in Brownsburg with his wife Trina.

### **BRANDON JOHNSON, STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING COACH**



Brandon Johnson is in his second season as the Indiana Fever's strength coach and performance specialist. Johnson most recently worked as an assistant strength coach with the NFL's Green Bay Packers for three years.

As a performance specialist contracted with the St. Vincent Sports Performance Center, Johnson is responsible for the Fever players' overall strength, conditioning, flexibility and nutrition. He also trains high school and middle school athletes that play football, basketball or volleyball.

The Kokomo, Ind., native graduated from Purdue University in 2003 where he was a defensive tackle on the football team. Johnson previously worked as a graduate assistant strength coach at Purdue for the softball, volleyball, and men's golf teams.

Johnson is both a certified member of the National Strength and Conditioning Association, USA Weightlifting, and the National Academy of Sports Medicine.



**2009 Notes:**

**Last Game:** Going without an attempt from 3-pt range for the second time in three games, and just the third time all season, she scored six points on 2-6 FG and 2-2 FT at Connecticut, 9/13. In 21+ minutes, she added an assist and a steal vs. the Sun.

- She has shot 8-37 FG and averaged 3.1 ppg in the last eight games.
- She averaged 6.1 ppg and scored in double figures eight times. In 2009--twice as many as in 2008.
- With an average of 1.82 spg, she was eighth in the WNBA--just ahead of teammate Katie Douglas.

- Her 62 steals this season represented her second highest total ever.
- Her 1.29-to-1 steals-to-turnover ratio ranked third best in the league.
- She had no steals against the Liberty, 9/8, ending a run of 15 straight games with at least one theft.
- She is tied with Shannon Johnson for fifth on the WNBA's all-time career steals list with 494 and her steal at Connecticut gave her 308 in a Fever uniform.
- Despite having shot 1-16 from 3-pt FG in the last eight games, she was 267th in the league with 34.6 percent 3-pt FG.
- In the last 15 games she passed out 42 assists and committed just 18 turnovers.
- For the season, she was 12th in the WNBA with an assists-to-turnover ratio of 2.02-to-1.
- She led the Fever in assists for the first time in 2009 with her five against Atlanta, 7/17. She topped the team in assists eight more times in the season's last 21 games.

**Career & Personal Highlights**

- She returns to the Fever for a fifth season after assuming point guard duties in 2005 and leading her team to three consecutive 21-13 seasons in her first three seasons and a total of four WNBA Playoff appearances overall.
- She has been selected to a WNBA All-Defensive Team (first or second) in each of her four seasons with Indiana and was the team's top thief (59) for the first time in 2008.
- She ranked second in the WNBA in steals-to-turnover ratio (1.69-to-1).
- She boasts 10 years of WNBA experience and a WNBA Championship (Seattle, 2004).
- She ranks 10th on the WNBA's all-time steals list (439).
- In 2008, she averaged 5.8 points, 2.3 rebounds, 2.2 assists and 1.97 steals per game while starting 30 games for the Fever.

**Pronunciation:** bev-il-AH-qua



**Bevilaqua's Career Highs**

MIN:	39, at HOU, 2ot, 5/29/05
FGM:	7, at CON, 7/26/05
FGA:	13, at DET, 9/5/08
3-pt FGM:	5, vs. CON, 7/5/08
3-pt FGA:	<b>9, at Detroit, 6/19/09</b>
FTM:	9, vs. SEA, 6/23/00
	vs. CLE, 6/28/00
	at SEA, 7/20/01
FTA:	12, vs. SEA, 6/23/00
	vs. NY, 7/24/01
OR:	3, four times
	(most recent: vs. SAC, 8/12/01)
DR:	6, vs. CHI, 7/12/08
TR:	8, at SEA, 6/3/00
AST:	8, vs. CLE, 6/28/00
	<b>at WAS, 7/21/09</b>
ST:	7, vs. SA, 8/5/06
BKS:	3, vs. L.A., 2ot, 5/29/08
PTS:	19, at CON, 7/26/05

Career highs established, or tied, during 2009 season are underlined bold.

**BEVILAQUAS' GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS**

Date	Opponent	W-L	G	GS	MIN	FG	FGA	3P	3PA	FT	FTA	OR	DR	TR	A	PF	ST	TO	BS	PTS
6/6	at Atlanta	L	1	0	31:11	4	5	3	3	7	8	1	4	5	2	5	2	1	0	18
6/7	Minnesota	L	1	0	19:50	1	5	1	4	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	0	2	0	3
6/9	Seattle	W	1	1	31:39	2	6	0	3	1	4	1	2	3	3	1	5	1	0	5
6/12	Los Angeles	W	1	1	22:52	3	3	3	3	0	2	0	5	5	2	3	1	2	0	9
6/19	at Detroit	W	1	1	34:20	3	10	2	9	2	2	0	3	3	3	2	3	1	0	10
6/21	Detroit	W	1	1	16:15	3	7	2	5	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	2	0	8
6/26	at New York	W	1	1	23:47	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	2	3	4	2	0	0
6/27	New York	W	1	1	28:33	4	7	3	5	2	2	1	0	1	3	2	2	0	0	13
7/2	Connecticut	W	1	1	25:46	3	6	2	4	0	1	0	3	3	3	1	3	1	1	8
7/5	Atlanta	W	1	1	23:06	0	4	0	2	1	2	0	2	2	4	2	0	0	0	1
7/10	at Chicago	W	1	1	15:46	3	6	2	4	0	0	0	2	2	4	1	1	1	0	8
7/15	Chicago	W	1	1	30:29	2	6	1	3	0	0	1	3	4	4	4	3	3	2	5
7/17	Atlanta	W	1	1	29:21	3	4	2	3	2	2	0	1	1	5	2	0	1	0	10
7/19	at Connecticut	L	1	1	22:41	1	6	0	2	2	2	1	0	1	2	2	1	3	0	4
7/21	at Washington	W	1	1	30:56	3	6	2	3	2	2	0	3	3	8	3	2	4	1	10
7/23	at San Antonio	L	1	1	24:44	2	5	1	3	2	2	0	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	7
7/28	Washington	W	1	1	25:42	3	4	1	1	0	4	0	2	2	3	3	3	2	1	7
7/30	Connecticut	W	1	1	34:39	1	5	1	4	0	0	0	3	3	4	1	1	1	0	3
8/2	at Washington	W	1	1	24:55	1	4	1	4	2	2	1	2	3	3	1	1	1	0	5
8/5	Chicago	W	1	1	26:40	4	12	2	7	2	3	0	3	3	3	0	1	0	1	12
8/8	at Phoenix	W	1	1	25:49	2	6	2	5	0	0	1	5	6	1	5	1	1	1	6
8/10	at Los Angeles	L	1	1	22:34	1	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	2	0	0	3
8/13	at Minnesota	W	1	1	30:27	5	5	2	2	1	3	0	1	1	4	3	3	3	0	13
8/15	Detroit	W	1	1	21:59	1	5	1	3	0	0	0	1	1	3	5	2	1	0	3
8/20	at Sacramento	L	1	1	20:54	1	5	0	3	1	2	0	3	3	0	4	1	3	0	3
8/22	at Seattle	L	1	1	24:19	4	8	1	4	1	1	0	1	1	4	2	1	1	0	10
8/27	San Antonio	W	1	1	32:54	2	8	0	3	2	2	1	1	2	3	3	1	2	0	6
8/29	Sacramento	L	1	1	28:39	1	4	0	1	1	2	0	3	3	6	3	1	1	0	3
9/2	Phoenix	L	1	1	27:53	0	2	0	2	1	2	1	3	4	4	2	1	4	1	1
9/4	at Detroit	L	1	1	23:23	0	8	0	5	0	0	1	2	3	2	3	1	0	0	0
9/6	Washington	W	1	1	22:03	1	4	0	2	2	2	0	2	2	3	3	5	1	0	4
9/8	at New York	W	1	1	14:41	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	2
9/10	at Chicago	L	1	1	20:31	1	4	1	3	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	3
9/13	at Connecticut	L	1	1	21:38	2	6	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	6







**2009 Notes:**

**Last Game:** In addition to collecting two steals and five rebounds, she scored a team-high tying 13 points and passed out one assist in 17+ minutes at Connecticut, 9/13.

- Her two steals against the Sun gave her a career-high and league-leading 99 for the season, one short of the WNBA record for a single season.
- With an average of 2.91 spg she led the WNBA in steals for a record fifth time. She is the only player in league history to lead it steals more than two times in her career.
- Chalking up her seventh double-double of the season, she scored 15 points and pulled down a game-high 10 rebounds against the Sky in Chicago, 9/10.

- Seven double-doubles tied for sixth best in the WNBA.
- After going scoreless for the first time in her career on 0-9 from the floor at San Antonio, 7/23, she scored 10 or more points in each of the season's last 18 games. She averaged 14.9 ppg in the final 18 games with five 20-point games and a season-best three in a row from 8/27 to 9/2.
- It was announced on 8/17, that she will once again represent her country in the 2010 World Championships in the Czech Republic and in the 2012 Olympics in London.
- Her four steals vs. the Shock, 8/15, gave her 600 in her career and she is one of just three players in league history to reach that figure. Having played just 236 games, she is the fastest to this mark.
- She led the Fever in assists 13 times in 2009 and was 15th in the league with a team-best 3.15 apg.
- She shot a franchise record 14-14 from the foul line at Washington, 7/21, and she has attempted 10+ free throws without a miss five times in her career.
- She set a franchise record by hitting 31 consecutive free throws from 6/9 to 6/27.
- Named an Eastern Conference All-Star for the sixth time, she was the league's top vote-getter for the second time in 2009. She has led Eastern Conference voting three times--2005, 2006 and 2009.

**Career & Personal Highlights**

- Indiana's "do-everything" forward returns for her ninth season in the WNBA after finally healing from a right Achilles tear sustained in Game 3 of the Eastern Conference Finals at Detroit, 9/3/07
- She missed nine games during the 2008 campaign and never fully recovered from her rehabilitation until after the Olympics and the close of the 2008 WNBA Playoffs
- Catchings led the Fever in points per game, rebounds, assists and steals in each of her first six active pro seasons – no other WNBA player has led her team in as many categories in even one of those seasons
- Named the WNBA's Defensive Player of the Year in 2005 and 2006, she has finished among the top three in balloting for the WNBA MVP Award in four of her seven active pro seasons, asserting herself as one of the world's premier players
- She is a six-time All-WNBA recipient
- She has earned WNBA Player of the Week honors 12 times in her career, third most in league history behind Lisa Leslie (18) and Lauren Jackson (14).



**Catchings' Career Highs**

MIN.....	45, at CON, 2ot, 6/26/03
.....	at WAS, 2ot, 6/18/05
FGM.....	13, vs. ORL, 8/7/02
FGA.....	24, at HOU, 7/31/04
3-PT FGM.....	6, at ORL, ot, 7/3/02
3-PT FGA.....	12, at WAS, 8/6/02
FTM.....	15, vs. PHO, 5/24/05
FTA.....	17, vs. PHO, 5/24/05
OR.....	10, vs. CHA, 8/20/05
DR.....	13, at WAS, 2ot, 6/18/05
.....	vs. DET, ot, 6/15/05
TR.....	16, at CON, 2ot, 6/26/03
.....	vs. DET, 6/29/06
.....	vs. CHA, 8/20/05
AST.....	11, vs. CHI, 7/8/07
ST.....	9, vs. MIN, 7/26/02
BKS.....	5, vs. CHA, 6/18/06
PTS.....	32, vs. NY, 6/8/02
.....	vs. ORL, 8/7/02
.....	at NY, 8/22/03

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**CATCHINGS' GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS**

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6/7	Minnesota	L	1	1	21:18	1	2	1	2	5	6	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	0	8
6/9	Seattle	W	1	1	32:54	2	12	1	5	9	12	4	3	7	2	4	2	2	1	14
6/12	Los Angeles	W	1	1	31:53	2	9	0	3	9	9	0	5	5	5	2	3	0	1	13
6/19	at Detroit	W	1	1	32:30	4	13	1	4	6	6	1	5	6	4	2	4	2	1	15
6/21	Detroit	W	1	1	36:22	4	7	1	3	6	6	1	2	3	6	1	2	3	2	15
6/26	at New York	W	1	1	41:02	7	21	3	10	7	7	5	6	11	3	5	6	1	1	24
6/27	New York	W	1	1	30:31	5	9	0	2	3	4	7	4	11	4	0	3	1	0	13
7/2	Connecticut	W	1	1	28:09	2	7	0	1	6	8	1	5	6	5	2	1	0	1	10
7/5	Atlanta	W	1	1	33:28	4	13	1	2	10	11	3	6	9	5	3	6	6	1	19
7/10	at Chicago	W	1	1	7:17	2	3	0	0	1	1	0	2	2	0	0	2	1	0	5
7/15	Chicago	W	1	1	33:00	6	13	2	4	2	2	4	4	8	8	2	6	5	0	16
7/17	Atlanta	W	1	1	32:50	5	10	1	2	3	3	2	6	8	3	2	4	2	1	14
7/19	at Connecticut	L	1	1	33:05	2	12	0	2	1	2	2	3	5	4	3	2	0	5	
7/21	at Washington	W	1	1	33:09	6	15	2	4	14	14	3	7	10	0	2	3	2	0	28
7/23	at San Antonio	L	1	1	16:23	0	9	0	1	0	0	1	2	3	2	1	0	1	0	0
7/28	Washington	W	1	1	35:20	6	11	3	4	0	2	1	5	6	2	4	1	3	1	15
7/30	Connecticut	W	1	1	35:53	4	9	2	2	13	14	2	5	7	2	5	2	2	0	23
8/2	at Washington	W	1	1	34:39	7	13	0	2	5	7	4	5	9	5	3	0	2	0	19
8/5	Chicago	W	1	1	22:57	4	8	2	3	2	2	1	2	3	0	3	1	3	1	12
8/8	at Phoenix	W	1	1	35:14	3	13	1	6	8	10	3	4	7	5	1	2	6	1	15
8/10	at Los Angeles	L	1	1	36:19	7	13	0	2	1	2	3	3	6	2	4	3	0	0	15
8/13	at Minnesota	W	1	1	34:02	4	13	1	4	4	4	1	6	7	3	2	6	3	0	13
8/15	Detroit	W	1	1	31:38	4	10	1	4	1	2	3	6	9	2	4	4	2	0	10
8/20	at Sacramento	L	1	1	36:59	6	14	1	1	3	3	4	5	9	2	5	5	3	1	16
8/22	at Seattle	L	1	1	34:32	4	12	1	4	2	2	1	6	7	2	1	1	2	1	11
8/27	San Antonio	W	1	1	31:31	8	13	2	3	2	2	3	5	8	1	1	5	3	0	20
8/29	Sacramento	L	1	1	33:04	7	18	1	3	7	7	2	4	6	2	4	4	5	0	22
9/2	Phoenix	L	1	1	36:37	9	18	3	7	6	7	4	8	12	5	4	2	2	0	27
9/4	at Detroit	L	1	1	40:20	5	15	2	9	2	3	6	7	13	3	5	3	4	3	14
9/6	Washington	W	1	1	33:15	6	15	0	3	8	8	4	4	8	3	3	3	3	0	20
9/8	at New York	W	1	1	33:36	6	16	1	6	4	4	3	7	10	3	6	4	0	17	
9/10	at Chicago	L	1	1	34:37	5	12	2	5	4	5	4	6	10	3	2	0	3	0	16
9/13	at Connecticut	L	1	1	17:23	5	11	1	3	2	2	2	3	5	1	3	2	2	0	13





**2009 Notes:**

**Last Game:** In more minutes than she had logged in her previous seven appearances combined, she had a team-high tying 13 points, three rebounds, two steals and a blocked shot in a season-high 23+ minutes at Connecticut, 9/13.

- She collected one rebound in her seven appearances prior to the season's final game.
- She had played 21 and a half minutes in her previous seven outings.
- Her 13 points tied her most this season and she led the Fever in scoring both of those games. She scored 10+ points three times in 2009.

- After missing her first two free throws as a member of the Fever, at New York, 6/26, she shot 14-18 FT (.778).
- She blocked 18 shots in her last 20 games, compared to three rejections in her first six appearances with the Fever.
- In her best outing as a member of the Fever, she led the team with a season-best 13 points and six rebounds at San Antonio, 7/23. Against the Silver Stars, she shot 6-8 FG and 1-1 FT, while adding an assist in 14 minutes.
- Signed by the Fever, 6/17, she had been waived by New York just prior to the start of the 2009 regular season.
- In three preseason games for New York, she averaged 6.0 points and 3.3 rebounds per game.
- She also had four blocked shots and two steals, all of which came in the final tune-up vs. Washington, 5/28.
- In three preseason games she shot 7-16 from the floor and was 4-4 from the foul line.

**Career & Personal Highlights**

- After playing in all but one game as a rookie in 2007, she made 14 appearances in 2008, averaging 4.6 ppg and 2.9 rpg.
- She scored in double figures three times in 2008, all of which came in a three-game span from 9/9 to 9/12. In those three games, she tied a career-high 15 points vs. San Antonio, 9/9, and averaged 12.3 ppg on 16-29 FG and 5-6 FT.
- In the last four games of the 2008 season she averaged 7.5 rpg, including a career-high 10 boards at Chicago, 9/12. That game against the Sky represented her only career double-double.
- A former two-time Big 10 Player of the Year (2005 & 2007) at Ohio State, she was the conference's Freshman of the Year in 2004.
- Selected with the second overall pick in the 2007 WNBA Draft, her rights were traded on the day of the draft for Becky Hammon.



**Davenport's Career Highs**

MIN: .....25, at S.A., 6/16/07  
 FGM: .....6, at IND, 9/11/08  
 FGA: .....12, at IND, 9/11/08  
 3-pt FGM: .....0  
 3-pt FGA: .....1, at WAS, 8/16/07  
 FTM: .....6, at CHI, 8/14/07  
 FTA: .....7, vs. PHO, 6/3/07  
 OR: .....4, at IND, 9/11/08  
 DR: .....8, at CHI, 9/12/08  
 TR: .....10, at CHI, 9/12/08  
 AST: .....2, vs. S.A., 9/9/08  
 ST: .....2, at CHI, 6/15/07  
 .....vs. ATL, 9/5/08  
 .....vs. CON, 7/2/09  
 BKS: .....4, at MIN, 6/1/07  
 PTS: .....15, vs. PHO, 6/3/07  
 .....vs. S.A., 9/9/08

Career highs established, or tied, during 2009 season are underlined bold.

**DAVENPORT'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS**

Date	Opponent	W-L	G	GS	MIN	FG	FGA	3P	3PA	FT	FTA	OR	DR	TR	A	PF	ST	TO	BS	PTS
6/6	at Atlanta	L																		
6/7	Minnesota	L																		
6/9	Seattle	W																		
6/12	Los Angeles	W																		
6/19	at Detroit	W	1	0	11:40	1	4	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	0	2	0	1	2	2
6/21	Detroit	W	1	0	1:37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6/26	at New York	W	1	0	2:01	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
6/27	New York	W	1	0	4:26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	0
7/2	Connecticut	W	1	0	7:00	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	0	2	2	2	0	2
7/5	Atlanta	W	1	0	5:21	0	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	2
7/10	at Chicago	W	1	0	17:46	6	7	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	1	2	2	12
7/15	Chicago	W	1	0	0:51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7/17	Atlanta	W	1	0	9:16	2	2	0	0	1	2	2	0	2	2	1	0	0	2	5
7/19	at Connecticut	L	1	0	11:04	1	5	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	2
7/21	at Washington	W	1	0	3:34	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
7/23	at San Antonio	L	1	0	13:59	6	8	0	0	1	1	1	5	6	1	4	0	2	0	13
7/28	Washington	W																		
7/30	Connecticut	W	1	0	9:58	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	3	4	0	2	0	2	1	0
8/2	at Washington	W	1	0	6:34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0
8/5	Chicago	W	1	0	8:15	0	2	0	0	2	2	1	2	3	1	4	0	1	1	2
8/8	at Phoenix	W	1	0	4:29	1	2	0	0	2	2	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
8/10	at Los Angeles	L	1	0	7:46	1	3	0	0	2	2	3	1	4	0	1	0	1	0	4
8/13	at Minnesota	W	1	0	12:09	3	4	0	0	1	2	0	2	2	0	5	0	0	0	7
8/15	Detroit	W	1	0	8:24	0	1	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
8/20	at Sacramento	L	1	0	1:53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0
8/22	at Seattle	L	1	0	1:37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	2	1	0
8/27	San Antonio	W	1	0	2:50	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8/29	Sacramento	L																		
9/2	Phoenix	L																		
9/4	at Detroit	L	1	0	1:27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
9/6	Washington	W	1	0	1:54	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9/8	at New York	W	1	0	2:04	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
9/10	at Chicago	L																		
9/13	at Connecticut	L	1	0	23:20	6	8	0	0	1	1	1	2	3	0	3	2	3	1	13





**2009 Notes:**

**Last Game:** Tying for the team lead, she scored a season-best 13 points on 5-11 FG and 3-3 FT at Connecticut, 9/13.

After scoring no more than eight points in her first 27 appearances, she hit for double figures twice in the final five games.

In the last five games she shot 16-33 FG, compared to 39-101 in the previous 27.

In 12 minutes at Chicago, 9/10, she had two points, on 1-2 from the floor, and a rebound.

- She made three 3-pt FG in her first six games in a Fever uniform, but then made just one more the rest of the season.

- Wrapped around two games in street clothes due to back spasms, she shot 20-40 FG and averaged 6.9 ppg in her last seven appearances. She shot 8-8 from the foul line in those seven games.
- She made her first start in a Fever uniform and scored seven points with three assists and no turnovers vs. Phoenix, 9/2.
- Seven points and three assists are more than she had accumulated in her previous three appearances, combined.
- She shot 3-3 FT against the Mercury and those were the first free throws she had made since going 4-4 at Washington, 8/2.
- In arguably her best overall game with the Fever, she had a season-high six rebounds, two assists, two steals and six points in 16+ minutes without a turnover vs. Chicago, 8/5.
- Her steal against the Mystics, 8/2, was the 350th of her career and she is 21st on the WNBA's all-time career steals list with 353.

**Career & Personal Highlights**

- One of just four active players (along with Tina Thompson, Lisa Leslie and Vickie Johnson) remaining from the WNBA's inaugural season in 1997, she is a three-time All-Star (2001, 2002, 2003) and was named to the All-WNBA Second Team in 2002.
- She is among the WNBA's all-time career leaders in games played (331, tied for eighth), points (3,374, 21st), assists (927, eighth), steals (342, 20th) and minutes (9,065, 13th).
- A starter in 20 of her 24 appearances for the Houston Comets in 2008, she averaged 9.0 ppg, 3.2 rpg and 1.83 apg. She was fifth on the team in steals with an average of 1.04 spg.
- Among Houston players with at least 10 attempts, her 85.7 percent free throw mark ranked third best on the team, behind new Fever teammate Erica White (.897) and Tina Thompson (.859).
- She scored in double figures 12 times, including a season-best 22 points vs. Minnesota, 7/17. That game against the Lynx was the first of a three-game (7/17-22) set in which she scored 10+ points in all three, averaged 16.3 ppg and shot 19-36 (.528) from the floor. She also had eight steals, 11 rebounds and 10 assists in those same three games which were the first games of the Comets' season-long, five-game winning streak.
- In her 20 starts for Houston, she averaged 9.8 ppg, 2.0 apg and 1.2 spg.



**Dixon's Career Highs**

MIN:	.....45, vs. PHO, 7/15/03
FGM:	.....11, at WAS, 7/9/03
FGA:	.....23, at DET, 7/25/98
3-pt FGM:	.....3, four times
	.....(most recent: vs. UTA, 7/7/02)
3-pt FGA:	.....7, at PHO, 8/24/97
FTM:	.....11, at UTA, 6/11/98
FTA:	.....12, vs. UTA, 6/11/98
OR:	.....6, at DET, 6/17/03
DR:	.....8, at HOU, 8/16/03
TR:	.....9, vs. PHO, 8/18/97
AST:	.....8, six times
	.....(most recent: vs. CHI, 8/16/07)
ST:	.....5, six times
	.....(most recent: vs. PHO, 7/31/07)
BKS:	.....3, at HOU, 6/30/97
PTS:	.....28, at WAS, 7/9/03

Career highs established, or tied, during 2009 season are underlined bold.

**DIXON'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS**

Date	Opponent	W-L	G	GS	MIN	FG	FGA	3P	3PA	FT	FTA	OR	DR	TR	A	PF	ST	TO	BS	PTS
6/6	at Atlanta	L	1	0	10:13	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	3	2	0	1	0	0
6/7	Minnesota	L	1	0	16:55	1	4	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	4
6/9	Seattle	W	1	0	8:34	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
6/12	Los Angeles	W	1	0	14:26	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	1	2	0	5
6/19	at Detroit	W	1	0	12:29	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	3	3	2	0	0
6/21	Detroit	W	1	0	16:01	3	5	2	4	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	2	1	0	8
6/26	at New York	W	1	0	10:34	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	2
6/27	New York	W	1	0	12:35	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	0	2	0	4
7/2	Connecticut	W	1	0	11:43	0	2	0	0	2	2	1	3	0	3	0	1	0	0	2
7/5	Atlanta	W	1	0	16:14	1	4	0	0	2	4	2	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	4
7/10	at Chicago	W	1	0	14:58	2	5	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	5	1	0	0	0	4
7/15	Chicago	W	1	0	12:24	1	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	2
7/17	Atlanta	W	1	0	8:04	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	2
7/19	at Connecticut	L	1	0	15:09	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	2	0	1	0	4
7/21	at Washington	W	1	0	9:08	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
7/23	at San Antonio	L	1	0	14:16	3	7	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	1	3	0	0	0	6
7/28	Washington	W	1	0	9:07	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	3
7/30	Connecticut	W	1	0	15:02	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	0	1	0	8
8/2	at Washington	W	1	0	20:51	2	7	0	1	4	4	2	2	4	2	2	1	0	1	8
8/5	Chicago	W	1	0	16:22	3	8	0	1	0	1	1	5	6	2	2	2	0	0	6
8/8	at Phoenix	W	1	0	10:58	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	2	1	0	1	2
8/10	at Los Angeles	L	1	0	12:31	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
8/13	at Minnesota	W	1	0	9:13	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	4	1	0	1	0	8
8/15	Detroit	W	1	0	4:20	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
8/20	at Sacramento	L	1	0	9:47	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0
8/22	at Seattle	L	1	0	9:19	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	1	0	4
8/27	San Antonio	W			Did Not Dress--Back Spasms															
8/29	Sacramento	L			Did Not Dress--Back Spasms															
9/2	Phoenix	L	1	1	19:39	2	5	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	7
9/4	at Detroit	L	1	0	24:19	5	11	0	2	0	0	1	3	4	2	0	0	3	0	10
9/6	Washington	W	1	0	10:06	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	4
9/8	at New York	W	1	0	13:23	3	6	0	0	2	2	0	3	3	0	2	0	1	1	8
9/10	at Chicago	L	1	0	12:00	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	2
9/13	at Connecticut	L	1	0	23:38	5	11	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	3	1	1	1	0	13





**2009 Notes:**

**Last Game:** Scoring 20+ points for the third time in her last 10 appearances, she led all scorers with 25 points on 8-17 FG, 3-7 3-pt FG and 6-6 FT, at Chicago, 9/10. She added six rebounds and team-highs of four assists and four steals against the Sky.

- The team's leading scorer for the second year in a row, she was seventh in the WNBA with an average of 17.6 ppg.
- She scored 20+ points in a team-high 12 games this season, including two games of 30 or more.
- After scoring a total of 10 points in games at Washington, 7/21, and at San Antonio, 7/23, she exploded for a franchise record 34 points in a win over the Mystics, 7/28, and 32 points vs. her

former teammates from Connecticut, 7/30. Those two games represent the first consecutive 30-point games by any player in Fever history.

- In the game vs. Washington, 7/28, she tied a franchise record with 15 free throws made.
- She shot 6-15 3-pt FG (.400) in her last two games and finished the season 23rd in the WNBA with a team-best 34.9 percent. Her 66 3-pt FG ranked sixth most in the league and were the most ever by a Fever player not named Catchings.
- In leading the Fever to a win at Phoenix, 9/2, her 28 points included a team record-tying six 3-pt FG.
- She handed four or more assists 10 times in 2009 and led the team in assists nine times. For the season, she averaged 2.7 app--third best on the team.
- She was 14th in the WNBA at 86.1 percent from the foul line--her best mark since a career-high 86.6 percent in 2002.
- Her one 3-pt FG vs. Chicago, 7/15, was the 400th of her career and with that she became the first player in WNBA history with 3,200 points, 1,000 rebounds, 400 steals and 400 3-pt FG in her career.
- Her 24 points vs. Sacramento, 8/29, gave her 1,009 in a Fever uniform, becoming the fifth player in team history to score 1,000+ points.

**Career & Personal Highlights**

- The first player other than Tamika Catchings to lead the team in scoring since 2001, she averaged 15.6 ppg in 2008, which was 17th best in the WNBA.
- A two-time All-WNBA selection and a three-time member of the WNBA's All-Defensive Team, she begins her second season in her hometown of Indianapolis. She is the second Indianapolis native (Vicki Hall) to play for the Fever.
- She teamed with former Fever guard Stephanie White in leading Purdue to the 1999 NCAA Championship.
- The number she wore (#32) in her first seven WNBA seasons and at Purdue unavailable when she joined the Fever, so she switched to the number she wore in high school (#23), in honor of her favorite baseball player, the Chicago Cubs' Hall of Famer Ryne Sandberg.
- She helped lead Ros Casares of Valencia to the championship of Spain's LFB in the spring of 2008 and was named that league's Player of the Year. In the deciding game of the LFB Finals, she scored a game-high 30 points and collected nine rebounds



**Douglas's Career Highs**

MIN:	.....	<u>47</u> , at ATL, 2ot, 6/6/09
FGM:	.....	11, at WAS, 8/2/03
.....	.....	at LA, 7/7/07
.....	.....	vs. DET, 7/24/07
.....	.....	at NY, 6/26/09
FGA:	.....	27, vs. L.A., 2ot, 5/29/08
.....	.....	at NY, 6/26/09
.....	.....	at PHO, 8/8/09
3-pt FGM:	.....	6, vs. IND, 2ot, 6/26/03
.....	.....	vs. HOU, 5/25/04
.....	.....	at PHO, 8/8/09
3-pt FGA:	.....	11, vs. SAC, 7/28/06
.....	.....	at CON, 5/27/08
.....	.....	at PHO, 8/8/09
FTM:	.....	<u>15</u> , vs. WAS, 7/28/09
FTA:	.....	<u>16</u> , vs. WAS, 7/28/09
OR:	.....	6, at IND, 8/7/02
.....	.....	at SAC, 6/24/05
DR:	.....	8, vs. PHO, 7/6/02
TR:	.....	12, at IND, 8/7/02
AST:	.....	8, at SAN, 5/23/07
.....	.....	vs. CHI, 7/15/09
ST:	.....	5, five times
.....	.....	(most recent: at L.A., 6/22/08)
BKS:	.....	3, at PHO, 7/19/03
.....	.....	vs. MIN, 7/23/03
.....	.....	vs. MIN, 7/26/08
PTS:	.....	30, at IND, 8/22/07

Career highs established, or tied, during 2009 season are underlined bold.

**DOUGLAS' GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS**

Date	Opponent	W-L	G	GS	MIN	FG	FGA	3P	3PA	FT	FTA	OR	DR	TR	A	PF	ST	TO	BS	PTS
6/6	at Atlanta	L	1	1	47:08	7	16	3	6	5	5	0	2	2	4	4	4	4	0	22
6/7	Minnesota	L	1	1	24:35	6	12	1	5	3	3	0	1	1	2	1	2	0	0	16
6/9	Seattle	W	1	1	33:56	6	12	3	5	5	6	0	1	1	1	2	0	1	0	20
6/12	Los Angeles	W	1	1	34:36	4	10	1	5	2	3	0	4	4	5	2	3	2	1	11
6/19	at Detroit	W	1	1	33:06	3	5	1	2	7	8	3	3	6	1	3	1	0	0	14
6/21	Detroit	W	1	1	38:46	9	11	3	5	2	2	0	6	6	2	1	2	2	1	23
6/26	at New York	W	1	1	41:24	11	27	5	13	1	1	1	1	2	4	4	1	2	1	28
6/27	New York	W	1	1	29:44	3	14	2	8	3	6	0	4	4	1	0	1	1	0	11
7/2	Connecticut	W	1	1	29:17	5	11	3	6	1	2	0	3	3	3	2	0	1	1	14
7/5	Atlanta	W	1	1	29:41	5	15	0	2	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	3	3	0	10
7/10	at Chicago	W	1	1	24:14	4	9	1	3	2	2	1	4	5	1	1	1	3	0	11
7/15	Chicago	W	1	1	33:54	6	14	1	5	0	0	1	3	4	8	0	1	2	1	13
7/17	Atlanta	W	1	1	33:28	9	19	5	8	2	2	0	4	4	2	2	1	6	1	25
7/19	at Connecticut	L	1	1	29:42	5	16	2	8	3	4	1	3	4	4	2	1	1	0	15
7/21	at Washington	W	1	1	35:28	3	9	0	3	2	2	1	1	2	3	2	3	5	0	8
7/23	at San Antonio	L	1	1	20:40	1	8	0	2	0	0	1	1	2	2	2	0	0	0	2
7/28	Washington	W	1	1	36:41	9	19	1	7	15	16	1	8	9	3	0	3	6	0	34
7/30	Connecticut	W	1	1	39:03	10	21	2	6	10	12	2	4	6	2	2	1	1	0	32
8/2	at Washington	W	1	1	31:57	7	13	3	5	7	7	0	2	2	3	1	2	5	0	24
8/5	Chicago	W	1	1	24:40	5	16	1	7	3	4	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	14
8/8	at Phoenix	W	1	1	33:30	8	27	6	11	6	6	1	9	10	5	0	2	3	0	28
8/10	at Los Angeles	L	1	1	32:19	5	18	2	9	4	4	0	1	1	1	2	3	2	0	16
8/13	at Minnesota	W	1	1	30:11	6	16	2	5	4	6	0	4	4	3	1	2	1	0	18
8/15	Detroit	W	1	1	29:00	6	13	4	9	3	3	0	4	4	4	0	0	4	0	19
8/20	at Sacramento	L	1	1	31:11	8	18	2	7	3	3	0	4	4	1	0	3	4	0	21
8/22	at Seattle	L	1	1	31:54	4	12	2	6	2	2	1	3	1	2	2	5	1	12	
8/27	San Antonio	W	1	1	30:49	3	12	2	5	0	0	2	2	4	3	2	1	0	0	8
8/29	Sacramento	L	1	1	34:14	9	18	2	8	4	6	0	2	2	4	1	1	3	0	24
9/2	Phoenix	L			Did Not Dress--Sprained Left Ankle															
9/4	at Detroit	L			Did Not Dress--Sprained Left Ankle															
9/6	Washington	W	1	1	33:06	6	15	0	3	2	2	3	5	8	2	2	2	1	0	12
9/8	at New York	W	1	1	33:16	7	16	3	8	0	0	0	3	3	4	0	4	2	0	17
9/10	at Chicago	L	1	1	31:41	8	17	3	7	6	6	2	4	6	4	1	4	2	0	25
9/13	at Connecticut	L			Did Not Dress--Coach's Decision															







**2009 Notes:**

**Last Game:** She scored two points on 2-2 FT in 10+ minutes at Connecticut, 9/13. Against the Sun, she added a rebound and an assist.

- With her 18 points against Chicago, 7/15, she became just the fourth player in franchise history to score 1,000 points in a Fever uniform.
- She was fifth in the league with a team-leading and career-best 89.6 percent from the foul line.
- Second on the team with 199 rebounds, she collected 10+ boards four times and had three double-doubles in 2009.

- Her 14 rebounds in the Fever's overtime win at New York, 6/26, tied her career-high and matched the most by any Indiana player in 2009.
- Including 13 of her last 18, she had multiple steals 19 times and collected a career-best 57 steals in 2009, third best on the team. She was one of four Fever players ranked in the top 10 in steals and was 10th with an average of 1.68 spg.
- After helping lead the Fever to a win vs. San Antonio, 8/27, with 15 points on 6-10 FG, 1-1 3-pt FG and 2-2 FT, she scored 45 points and shot 15-72 FG (.208) in the last seven games. In those seven games, she shot 1-14 3-pt FG and missed her last 13 in a row.

**Career & Personal Highlights**

- One of the Fever's most charismatic and animated personalities, she was rewarded as the WNBA's Most Improved Player in 2008 after posting career numbers in scoring, rebounds, 3-point field goals, assists and steals
- She has ranked among WNBA leaders in rebounds per 40 minutes during each of her five pro seasons
- She has started 76 games the past three seasons and her 164 career games are second in franchise history behind Tamika Catchings (212)
- She enters the 2009 season ranked third in franchise history in minutes (3,277), fourth in games started (89), second in total rebounds (772) and fifth in points scored (884). She is 116 points from becoming the fourth Fever player with 1,000 points (Catchings, Tan White, Natalie Williams).



**Hoffman's Career Highs**

MIN:	.....44, vs. L.A., 2ot, 5/29/08
FGM:	.....11, at NY, 3ot, 6/26/08
FGA:	.....19, at NY, 3ot, 6/26/08
3-pt FGM:	.....4, vs. PHO, 9/14/08
3-pt FGA:	.....4, at NY, 3ot, 6/26/08
FTM:	.....4, vs. PHO, 9/14/08
FTA:	.....9, vs. DET, 5/20/06
OR:	..... <u>9</u> , at MIN, 8/13/09
DR:	.....9, vs. DET, 5/20/06
TR:	..... <u>9</u> , at MIN, 8/13/09
PF:	.....7, vs. ATL, 8/30/08
ST:	.....7, at DET, 9/5/08
TO:	.....10, at CON, 5/27/08
BS:	..... <u>10</u> , at NY, 6/26/09
PTS:	.....14, vs. ATL, 8/30/08
	..... <u>14</u> , at NY, 6/26/09
	..... <u>6</u> , at CHI, 8/10/09
	.....4, six times
	.....(last: at NY, 9/8/09)
	.....3, vs. S.A., 7/24/07
	.....vs. L.A., 2ot, 5/29/08
	.....26, at NY, 3ot, 6/26/08

Career highs established, or tied, during 2009 season are underlined bold.

**HOFFMAN'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS**

Date	Opponent	W-L	G	GS	MIN	FG	FGA	3P	3PA	FT	FTA	OR	DR	TR	A	PF	ST	TO	BS	PTS
6/6	at Atlanta	L	1	1	27:40	2	8	0	1	0	0	2	3	5	2	1	1	3	1	4
6/7	Minnesota	L	1	1	17:57	3	7	2	3	1	1	2	4	6	1	2	1	3	0	9
6/9	Seattle	W	1	1	35:56	5	14	0	3	8	8	3	3	6	4	4	3	3	1	18
6/12	Los Angeles	W	1	1	24:55	5	8	2	2	2	4	1	3	4	0	5	3	4	2	14
6/19	at Detroit	W	1	1	31:35	3	10	2	4	4	4	1	2	3	0	3	3	3	0	12
6/21	Detroit	W	1	1	24:51	3	8	0	1	0	0	0	5	5	3	1	1	3	0	6
6/26	at New York	W	1	1	41:45	5	11	1	3	6	6	4	10	14	1	4	0	4	0	17
6/27	New York	W	1	1	28:58	5	11	3	3	1	1	1	4	5	0	3	0	2	0	14
7/2	Connecticut	W	1	1	28:59	4	8	0	0	2	3	1	5	6	1	3	1	4	0	10
7/5	Atlanta	W	1	1	19:48	3	7	0	1	2	2	0	1	1	1	6	1	2	0	8
7/10	at Chicago	W	1	1	18:21	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	2	2	6	2	2	1	1	3
7/15	Chicago	W	1	1	31:15	8	14	0	1	2	2	3	4	7	1	2	0	3	0	18
7/17	Atlanta	W	1	1	34:06	4	9	1	2	0	0	2	5	7	4	3	2	1	1	9
7/19	at Connecticut	L	1	1	24:01	4	8	3	4	4	4	4	2	6	0	5	3	2	1	15
7/21	at Washington	W	1	1	33:12	7	15	2	3	0	0	1	6	7	1	4	1	4	0	16
7/23	at San Antonio	L	1	1	16:40	2	7	0	2	0	0	3	0	3	0	2	0	2	0	4
7/28	Washington	W	1	1	35:12	2	10	1	3	5	6	2	8	10	1	3	2	3	1	10
7/30	Connecticut	W	1	1	39:06	4	8	0	1	2	2	0	8	8	1	4	1	1	1	10
8/2	at Washington	W	1	1	28:33	6	7	0	1	3	3	0	4	4	2	4	3	0	0	15
8/5	Chicago	W	1	1	30:32	3	9	1	3	0	0	4	2	6	1	3	2	2	0	7
8/8	at Phoenix	W	1	1	28:31	2	3	0	0	2	2	1	5	6	3	5	0	0	0	6
8/10	at Los Angeles	L	1	1	25:45	1	7	0	4	0	0	1	4	5	3	3	2	3	0	2
8/13	at Minnesota	W	1	1	35:05	6	17	3	6	9	9	3	7	10	2	2	2	1	0	24
8/15	Detroit	W	1	1	30:44	5	9	1	3	0	0	2	3	5	1	2	2	3	0	11
8/20	at Sacramento	L	1	1	34:11	3	5	0	0	0	0	2	5	7	0	2	2	5	1	6
8/22	at Seattle	L	1	1	34:13	5	8	0	2	0	0	0	7	7	1	5	2	2	0	10
8/27	San Antonio	W	1	1	26:32	6	10	1	1	2	2	0	5	5	1	6	2	1	0	15
8/29	Sacramento	L	1	1	33:41	2	11	1	4	3	4	1	5	6	0	3	1	1	0	8
9/2	Phoenix	L	1	1	31:43	3	14	0	5	5	7	1	2	3	1	2	4	3	1	11
9/4	at Detroit	L	1	1	39:25	4	17	0	3	0	1	6	5	11	3	2	1	3	0	8
9/6	Washington	W	1	1	33:49	0	5	0	0	2	2	0	2	2	4	2	2	3	1	2
9/8	at New York	W	1	1	32:41	3	11	0	1	1	1	2	6	8	0	1	4	2	0	7
9/10	at Chicago	L	1	1	34:37	3	11	0	1	1	1	2	6	8	2	6	3	2	0	7
9/13	at Connecticut	L	1	1	10:35	0	3	0	0	2	2	1	0	1	1	1	0	3	0	2





**2009 Notes:**

**Last Game:** Making just the fourth start of her career, and her second since the first week of June, she had five assists, seven points, a steal and four rebounds at Connecticut, 9/13.

- That was her most assists since handing out a season-high tying six at Sacramento, 8/20, and her four rebounds tied her career-high.
- In those four games, she shot 16-37 FG (.432), 8-18 3-pt FG (.444) and 15-20 FT (.750).
- After starting the season 3-19 from beyond the 3-pt arc in eight appearance, she made 21 of her next 63, and made more than one seven times in her next 23 outings.

- Including nine in her last two games, she was second among the WNBA's rookies with an average of 2.33 apg. Her assists-to-turnover ratio (1.35-to-1) was also second best among all rookies.
- Extending her career-high string of scoring in double figures to four in a row, she had 12 points on 4-8 FG, 2-3 3-pt FG and 2-2 FT at New York, 9/8.
- Making her first start since the second game of the season, and her first along side Tully Bevilacqua, she had 13 points, four rebounds, three assists and a steal in a team-high 41+ minutes before fouling out in Detroit, 9/4.
- Four rebounds against the Shock tied her career-best.

**Career & Personal Highlights**

- The Fever's first round pick in the 2009 WNBA Draft, she was the 2008 and 2009 Pac-10 Defensive Player of the Year while playing at Arizona State.
- She was a First Team All-Pac 10 selection in 2009, as well as an honorable mention All-American choice by AP in 2008 and by the AP and WBCA in 2009.
- She ended her career as the Sun Devils' all-time leader in assists (538) and free throw percentage (.830). She was also among the Sun Devils' all-time leaders in steals (second, 272), free throws (second, 401), 3-pt field goal percentage (fourth, .399), 3-pt field goals (fifth, 132) and scoring (seventh, 1,317 points).
- In 2008-09, she set the school's single-season record for 3-pt field goals (65) and she is the only player in school history to lead the team in steals and assists four straight years.
- She ended the regular season second in the nation in 3-pt FG pct. (.469) and 12th in assist-to-turnover ratio (2.1-to-1).
- In Pac-10 play, she was first in assists (4.7 apg), 3-pt FG percentage (.469) and assist-to-turnover ratio, second in steals (2.3 spg) and fourth in FT pct. (.840) and 3-pt FGS per game (2.0).
- She averaged 13.8 points, 5.8 assists and 1.5 steals in ASU's four NCAA Tournament games.
- She recorded a season-best nine assists four times (one short of her career best and the second-highest single-game total in the Pac-10 in 2008-09 and had five or more steals four times, including a season-high six vs. Florida.

**Pronunciation:** bree-ON

**JANUARY'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS**

Date	Opponent	W-L	G	GS	MIN	FG	FGA	3P	3PA	FT	FTA	OR	DR	TR	A	PF	ST	TO	BS	PTS	
6/6	at Atlanta	L	1	1	39:16	3	11	0	4	4	6	2	1	3	5	2	1	0	0	10	
6/7	Minnesota	L	1	1	19:56	2	6	1	3	0	0	0	1	1	3	3	2	5	0	5	
6/9	Seattle	W	1	0	13:13	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	4	2	4	1	1	0	0	
6/12	Los Angeles	W	1	0	21:58	1	4	1	3	5	5	1	2	3	4	3	0	2	1	8	
6/19	at Detroit	W	Did Not Dress--Bruised Tailbone																		
6/21	Detroit	W	1	0	23:45	1	6	1	3	2	4	1	0	1	3	3	2	1	0	5	
6/26	at New York	W	1	0	21:13	1	6	0	3	0	0	0	1	1	2	4	2	1	0	2	
6/27	New York	W	1	0	6:41	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	
7/2	Connecticut	W	1	0	17:35	1	4	0	2	3	3	0	2	2	1	2	0	5	0	5	
7/5	Atlanta	W	1	0	22:18	2	6	1	1	2	2	0	1	1	1	0	3	2	0	7	
7/10	at Chicago	W	1	0	24:14	3	9	2	6	0	0	0	3	3	6	3	0	1	0	8	
7/15	Chicago	W	1	0	16:34	3	6	2	5	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	8	
7/17	Atlanta	W	1	0	10:39	0	1	0	0	2	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	3	0	2	
7/19	at Connecticut	L	1	0	17:19	2	4	0	1	3	4	1	1	2	1	2	3	0	0	7	
7/21	at Washington	W	1	0	9:04	1	2	0	0	2	2	1	0	1	0	4	1	0	0	4	
7/23	at San Antonio	L	1	0	26:02	4	11	1	4	2	2	2	0	2	6	1	2	3	0	11	
7/28	Washington	W	1	0	14:12	2	3	2	3	4	4	0	1	1	1	2	1	1	0	10	
7/30	Connecticut	W	1	0	10:21	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	0	2	
8/2	at Washington	W	1	0	23:08	2	5	0	2	2	2	1	3	4	0	5	2	1	0	6	
8/5	Chicago	W	1	0	13:48	2	6	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	4	
8/8	at Phoenix	W	1	0	21:34	2	6	1	3	2	2	0	0	0	3	1	1	1	0	7	
8/10	at Los Angeles	L	1	0	20:32	2	7	0	2	6	8	1	1	2	1	4	0	2	0	10	
8/13	at Minnesota	W	1	0	13:25	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	2	2	
8/15	Detroit	W	1	0	26:10	4	8	2	4	7	8	2	0	2	3	2	3	4	0	17	
8/20	at Sacramento	L	1	0	18:08	1	5	1	3	2	2	0	1	1	6	2	0	2	0	5	
8/22	at Seattle	L	1	0	24:51	1	8	0	3	4	4	1	3	4	2	5	1	1	0	6	
8/27	San Antonio	W	1	0	19:38	3	6	1	3	0	0	1	1	2	2	4	2	2	0	7	
8/29	Sacramento	L	1	0	18:15	2	5	0	2	1	1	2	1	3	1	4	1	1	1	5	
9/2	Phoenix	L	1	0	26:27	4	7	1	3	5	6	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	14	
9/4	at Detroit	L	1	1	41:42	3	13	2	8	5	6	1	3	4	3	6	1	4	0	13	
9/6	Washington	W	1	0	22:15	5	9	3	4	3	6	0	3	3	1	2	1	2	0	16	
9/8	at New York	W	1	0	26:18	4	8	2	3	2	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	12	
9/10	at Chicago	L	1	0	19:29	0	5	0	1	2	2	2	0	2	4	2	1	1	0	2	
9/13	at Connecticut	L	1	1	32:51	1	7	1	4	4	4	2	2	4	5	2	1	3	0	7	



**January's Career Highs**

MIN:	42, at DET, ot, 9/4/09
FGM:	5, vs. WAS, 9/6/09
FGA:	13, at DET, ot, 9/4/09
3-pt FGM:	3, vs. WAS, 9/6/09
3-pt FGA:	8, at DET, ot, 9/4/09
FTM:	7, vs. DET, 8/15/09
FTA:	8, at L.A., 8/10/09
OR:	2, at ATL, 2ot, 6/6/09
DR:	3, vs. SEA, 6/9/09
TR:	4, vs. SEA, 6/9/09
AST:	6, at CHI, 7/10/09
ST:	3, vs. ATL, 7/5/09
BKS:	1, vs. L.A., 6/12/09
PTS:	17, vs. DET, 8/15/09





**2009 Notes:**

**Last Game:** Making her ninth start of the season, and her first since late August, she had nine points, three rebounds and a steal in 16 minutes at Connecticut, 9/13.

- That was her most points since scoring a career-high 19 points at Phoenix, 8/8.
- In the win on the Mercury's home floor, she added eight rebounds and gathered in a career-high six offensive boards--one off the most by any Fever player in 2009.
- After claiming just five offensive rebounds in her first 12 games with the Fever, she had two or more in 11 of her last 19 appearances. She averaged 1.8 orpg in her last 19 games.

- Waived by Los Angeles just prior to the start of the 2009 season, she signed with the Fever, 6/11, and made her regular season debut against the Sparks, 6/12.
- In her first appearance for the Fever, she was the first player off the Indiana bench vs. L.A. and scored two points with two rebounds in just under 18 minutes against her former teammates.
- Going without a rebound for the first time in 28 games, she had five points, an assist and two steals in 16 and a half minutes at Chicago, 9/10. She has failed to collect a rebound in just two of her 31 games with the Fever.
- The game at Chicago was her third this season with multiple steals, but her first in the last 15.
- She had three or more rebounds in just two of her first 10 appearances for the Fever, but collected at least three boards in all but five of her last 21 outings.
- The former UConn Huskies star made her first start for the Fever against Connecticut, 7/30, and she scored 12 points in Indiana's 94-85 win. In that game, she added a season-high three steals and that was one of just four games this season in which she had multiple steals.
- As a starter, she averaged 9.0 ppg on 37-56 FG (.661) and 16-20 FT (.800).
- In her first four WNBA seasons, she averaged 2.9 ppg and 2.2 rpg while logging 14.0 minutes per game.

**Career & Personal Highlights**

- Originally drafted in the second round of the 2005 WNBA Draft by Charlotte, she played six games for the Sting before being waived. She signed with L.A. in July 2005 and played 15 games for the Sparks.
- She enjoyed her best WNBA season in 2006, starting 33 of 34 games for L.A. and averaging 4.3 ppg and 2.9 rpg in 19.3 mpg.
- She was a member of three NCAA Division I titles at Connecticut, where she played every game and posted a record of 132-13 in four seasons.
- A native of Palmer, Alaska, she was the named that state's Gatorade Player of the Year twice, while also playing varsity volleyball at Colony High School.



**Moore's Career Highs**

MIN: ..... 38, vs. CON, 7/30/09  
 FGM: ..... 6, at PHO, 8/8/09  
 FGA: ..... 11, at PHO, 8/5/06  
 3-pt FGM: ..... 0  
 3-pt FGA: ..... 1, at DET, 7/21/06  
 ..... at WAS, 8/16/07  
 FTM: ..... 7, at PHO, 8/8/09  
 FTA: ..... 8, at PHO, 8/8/09  
 OR: ..... 6, at PHO, 8/8/09  
 DR: ..... 7, vs. MIN, 8/13/06  
 TR: ..... 9, vs. MIN, 8/13/06  
 ..... 9, at CON, 7/24/08  
 AST: ..... 3, five times  
 ..... (last: vs. SEA, 9/14/08)  
 ST: ..... 4, at S.A., 5/25/06  
 BKS: ..... 2, five times  
 ..... (last: at SAC, 8/20/09)  
 PTS: ..... 19, at PHO, 8/10/09

Career highs established, or tied, during 2009 season are underlined bold.

**MOORE'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS**

Date	Opponent	W-L	G	GS	MIN	FG	FGA	3P	3PA	FT	FTA	OR	DR	TR	A	PF	ST	TO	BS	PTS
6/6	at Atlanta	L			Not with Team															
6/7	Minnesota	L			Not with Team															
6/9	Seattle	W			Not with Team															
6/12	Los Angeles	W	1	0	17:48	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	3	0	3	0	2
6/19	at Detroit	W	1	0	4:59	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	2	0	0
6/21	Detroit	W	1	0	10:06	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	1	0	0	0	4
6/26	at New York	W	1	0	6:43	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
6/27	New York	W	1	0	24:19	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	6	7	0	1	1	0	0	2
7/2	Connecticut	W	1	0	13:17	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	3	1	3	0	2
7/5	Atlanta	W	1	0	15:32	1	1	0	0	3	4	0	2	2	0	2	1	1	0	5
7/10	at Chicago	W	1	0	21:16	2	4	0	0	2	2	0	2	2	1	1	0	0	1	6
7/15	Chicago	W	1	0	8:21	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
7/17	Atlanta	W	1	0	10:54	2	4	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	4
7/19	at Connecticut	L	1	0	16:26	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	2	0	2	0	2
7/21	at Washington	W	1	0	11:27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	0	1	0	0
7/23	at San Antonio	L	1	0	17:22	2	6	0	0	2	4	2	1	3	1	4	0	0	0	4
7/28	Washington	W	1	0	21:36	1	2	0	0	2	2	3	2	5	1	4	2	0	0	4
7/30	Connecticut	W	1	1	38:09	5	8	0	0	2	4	3	1	4	0	5	3	3	1	12
8/2	at Washington	W	1	1	27:54	5	11	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	0	5	0	3	0	10
8/5	Chicago	W	1	1	31:14	2	3	0	0	2	2	3	0	3	1	2	3	0	0	6
8/8	at Phoenix	W	1	1	35:31	6	8	0	0	7	8	6	2	8	0	3	0	2	0	19
8/10	at Los Angeles	L	1	1	34:27	4	8	0	0	0	0	2	4	6	1	5	0	0	0	8
8/13	at Minnesota	W	1	1	32:46	3	4	0	0	0	0	1	5	6	3	4	0	0	1	6
8/15	Detroit	W	1	1	26:19	3	5	0	0	2	2	1	1	2	0	3	0	0	0	8
8/20	at Sacramento	L	1	1	28:16	2	5	0	0	0	0	1	3	4	2	3	1	1	2	4
8/22	at Seattle	L	1	1	17:42	1	6	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	2	1	0	0	2
8/27	San Antonio	W	1	0	22:32	3	6	0	0	1	2	2	1	3	0	3	0	1	0	7
8/29	Sacramento	L	1	0	17:32	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	3	1	1	0	3
9/2	Phoenix	L	1	0	19:02	1	4	0	0	3	4	2	2	4	0	2	0	1	0	5
9/4	at Detroit	L	1	0	13:06	1	2	0	0	2	2	1	3	4	1	2	1	2	1	4
9/6	Washington	W	1	0	12:22	0	1	0	0	1	2	2	0	2	0	3	0	1	0	1
9/8	at New York	W	1	0	23:29	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	3	0	1	0	2
9/10	at Chicago	L	1	0	16:35	2	4	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	3	2	1	0	5
9/13	at Connecticut	L	1	1	16:06	3	4	0	0	3	4	2	1	3	0	4	1	1	0	9





**2009 Notes:**

**Last Game:** Logging more than 30 minutes for the first time in her career, she came off the bench to score a team-high tying 13 points on 4-15 FG and 5-6 FT at Connecticut, 9/13.

- After averaging 2.9 ppg in her previous 11 appearances, she scored in double figures in each of the last two games, matching her total of games with 10+ points in her first 22 games with Indiana.
- Her 15 attempts from the floor and six attempts from the foul line at Connecticut are her most ever in the WNBA, while her five free throws made tied her career-best.

- Collecting multiple steals for the second time this season, she had two against the Sun.
- Her six rebounds against the Sun were one short of her most in 2009.
- After missing the last of her four free throws at San Antonio, 7/23, she made 12 in a row, and 18 of her last 20.
- Coming off her first DNP-CD in 13 games, she led the Indiana bench with 10 points on 4-5 FG and 2-2 3-pt FG in five minutes at Chicago, 9/10. She added one rebound against the Sky.
- Her two 3-pt FG tied her career-high and she has made two seven times in her career.
- After logging a total of eight minutes, and scoring three points, in her first four appearances for the Fever, she had arguably her best game ever in the WNBA, leading the Fever with a career-high 15 points and collecting a bench-high six rebounds with an assist in 23+ minutes at Chicago, 7/10.
- Against the Sky, 8/5, she had 13 points and led the Fever with a season-high seven rebounds, including a season-best four offensive boards. That was one of six games in which she had multiple offensive rebounds and one of two with four.

**Career & Personal Highlights**

- In 2008, she played for three different teams, being traded twice.
- Starting the 2008 season with Minnesota, she was traded to Detroit in exchange for LaToya Thomas, 6/22...she was then part of a deal, along with Tasha Humphrey and Detroit's 2009 first round draft pick, for Taj McWilliams-Franklin, 8/12
- In 2007, she came off the bench in 32 games for Minnesota, averaging 5.2 points and 3.3 rebounds in 13.6 minutes
- She scored in double figures nine times, including a season-high 14 points at Houston, 7/12
- A college teammate of Ebony Hoffman at Southern California, she finished her collegiate career as the all-time 3-pt FG shooter in school history with 181 and she was among the school's top 10 with 1,492 points
- She ranked sixth at USC in steals (234) and eighth in rebounds (722)
- She had a 47-game double-figure scoring streak spanning the 2005-06 and 2006-07 seasons and was named to the All-Pac-10 First team as a senior.
- Her full name is Eshaya Marie Murphy, but prefers to be called "Shay"
- She has always wanted to be a backup dancer for Janet Jackson
- She graduated from USC in 2007 with a bachelor's degree in sociology.



**Moore's Career Highs**

MIN:	.....	<u>31</u> , at CON, 9/13/09
FGM:	.....	<u>7</u> , at CHI, 7/10/09
FGA:	.....	<u>15</u> , at CON, 9/13/09
3-pt FGM:	.....	2, seven times
.....	(last: at CHI, 9/10/09)	
3-pt FGA:	.....	6, vs. SEA, 8/7/07
FTM:	.....	5, at HOU, 7/12/07
FTA:	.....	5, at HOU, 7/12/07
.....	.....	at NY, 8/2/07
OR:	.....	7, vs. NY, 6/1/07
DR:	.....	5, vs. NY, 6/1/07
.....	.....	at CON, 7/17/07
TR:	.....	12, vs. N&, 6/1/07
AST:	.....	2, six times
.....	(last: at S.A., 7/23/09)	
ST:	.....	3, at SAC, 7/29/07
BKS:	.....	2, vs. NY, 6/1/07
.....	.....	at WAS, 7/18/08
PTS:	.....	<u>15</u> , at CHI, 7/10/09

Career highs established, or tied, during 2009 season are underlined bold.

**MURPHY'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS**

Date	Opponent	W-L	G	GS	MIN	FG	FGA	3P	3PA	FT	FTA	OR	DR	TR	A	PF	ST	TO	BS	PTS
6/6	at Atlanta	L			Not with Team															
6/7	Minnesota	L			Not with Team															
6/9	Seattle	W			Not with Team															
6/12	Los Angeles	W	1	0	0:58	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6/19	at Detroit	W	1	0	4:02	1	3	1	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	3
6/21	Detroit	W			Did Not Play--Coach's Decision															
6/26	at New York	W			Did Not Play--Coach's Decision															
6/27	New York	W	1	0	0:38	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7/2	Connecticut	W	1	0	2:21	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7/5	Atlanta	W			Did Not Play--Coach's Decision															
7/10	at Chicago	W	1	0	23:26	7	12	1	4	0	0	2	4	6	1	2	0	0	0	15
7/15	Chicago	W			Did Not Play--Coach's Decision															
7/17	Atlanta	W	1	0	5:38	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
7/19	at Connecticut	L	1	0	7:23	0	2	0	0	1	2	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1
7/21	at Washington	W	1	0	2:16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7/23	at San Antonio	L	1	0	15:22	2	8	2	4	2	4	3	2	5	2	3	0	0	1	8
7/28	Washington	W			Did Not Play--Coach's Decision															
7/30	Connecticut	W	1	0	2:50	0	1	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4
8/2	at Washington	W			Did Not Play--Coach's Decision															
8/5	Chicago	W	1	0	23:28	5	9	1	3	2	2	4	3	7	0	0	0	2	1	13
8/8	at Phoenix	W	1	0	4:24	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
8/10	at Los Angeles	L	1	0	6:53	2	6	0	2	1	1	4	0	4	0	2	1	0	0	5
8/13	at Minnesota	W	1	0	2:42	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
8/15	Detroit	W	1	0	8:35	2	4	1	1	2	2	1	3	4	0	3	0	1	0	7
8/20	at Sacramento	L	1	0	3:01	1	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	3
8/22	at Seattle	L	1	0	3:37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
8/27	San Antonio	W	1	0	10:20	1	5	0	2	0	0	2	1	3	2	2	2	0	0	2
8/29	Sacramento	L	1	0	5:48	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	3
9/2	Phoenix	L	1	0	9:21	2	5	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	5
9/4	at Detroit	L	1	0	5:16	1	1	1	1	1	2	0	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	4
9/6	Washington	W	1	0	1:28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
9/8	at New York	W			Did Not Play--Coach's Decision															
9/10	at Chicago	L	1	0	4:54	4	5	2	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	10
9/13	at Connecticut	L	1	0	31:19	4	15	0	5	5	6	2	4	6	1	5	2	0	0	13

# 14 Shay Murphy - ALL-TIME PLAYOFFS STATISTICS

Date	Site	Opponent	W-L	G	GS	MIN	FIELD GOALS			3-POINT GOALS			FREE THROWS			REBOUNDS			AST	PF	STL	TO	BLK	PTS
							FGM	FGA	PCT	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT						
<b>INDIANA FEVER</b>																								
9/17/09	@	Washington - ESF																						
9/19/09		Washington - ESF																						
<b>totals</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>#DIV/0!</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>#DIV/0!</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>#DIV/0!</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
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season low						0	0	0	#DIV/0!	0	0	#DIV/0!	0	0	#DIV/0!	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>BY ROUND</b>																								
			<b>G</b>	<b>GS</b>	<b>MIN</b>	<b>FGM</b>	<b>FGA</b>	<b>PCT</b>	<b>FGM</b>	<b>FGA</b>	<b>PCT</b>	<b>FTM</b>	<b>FTA</b>	<b>PCT</b>	<b>OFF</b>	<b>DEF</b>	<b>TOT</b>	<b>AST</b>	<b>PF</b>	<b>STL</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>BLK</b>	<b>PTS</b>	
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Conference Finals			0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	0	0	#DIV/0!	0	0	#DIV/0!	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
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<b>WINS/LOSSES</b>																								
			<b>G</b>	<b>GS</b>	<b>MIN</b>	<b>FGM</b>	<b>FGA</b>	<b>PCT</b>	<b>FGM</b>	<b>FGA</b>	<b>PCT</b>	<b>FTM</b>	<b>FTA</b>	<b>PCT</b>	<b>OFF</b>	<b>DEF</b>	<b>TOT</b>	<b>AST</b>	<b>PF</b>	<b>STL</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>BLK</b>	<b>PTS</b>	
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<b>SEASON TOTALS</b>																								
			<b>G</b>	<b>GS</b>	<b>MIN</b>	<b>FGM</b>	<b>FGA</b>	<b>PCT</b>	<b>FGM</b>	<b>FGA</b>	<b>PCT</b>	<b>FTM</b>	<b>FTA</b>	<b>PCT</b>	<b>OFF</b>	<b>DEF</b>	<b>TOT</b>	<b>AST</b>	<b>PF</b>	<b>STL</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>BLK</b>	<b>PTS</b>	
2009 IND			0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>INDIANA CAREER TOTALS</b>																								
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<b>CAREER TOTALS</b>																								
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**2009 Notes:**

**Last Game:** Sitting out of her seventh game this season, she did not dress for the game at Connecticut, 9/13, due to a coaching decision.

Going without a blocked shot for the first time in six games, she had six points, four rebounds and three assists in 22+ minutes at Chicago, 9/10.

- After scoring 10+ points in five straight games, she totaled six points and shot 3-8 FG in her last two outings.
- The game against the Sky marked her fifth this season with more than one assist and represented her most since having three vs. Atlanta, 7/17.
- Bothered by a sore toe, she played just nine minutes and had two rebounds with an assist while going without a shot attempt at New York, 9/8/
- Leading up to the game with the Liberty, she had scored 10+ points in a season-high five straight games for the second time in 2009.
- Notching her third double-double of the season, she had 13 points and a game-high 11 rebounds vs. Washington, 9/6. She added two steals and a game-high four blocked shots vs. the Mystics.
- Four blocks represents her first game with more than two since having five vs. Atlanta, 7/2, and she had more than two blocks four times in 2009.
- Averaging 1.54 bpg, she is fifth in the WNBA and second in the Eastern Conference.
- She was named the Eastern Conference Player of the Week for the week ending July 5 after averaging 18.0 ppg and 11.5 rpg in the Fever's two wins during the week. She has been named Player of the Week twice in her career, both since joining the Fever in 2007.
- With her two blocks vs. the Shock, 6/21, she became the sixth player in WNBA history with 400 rejections in her career.

**Career & Personal Highlights**

- One of five returning Fever starters, she was selected to her second All-Star Game in 2007...she returns to provide the Fever lineup with a veteran, proven center
- Before joining the Fever, she spent her entire WNBA career in Charlotte, where she averaged 9.5 points, 5.6 rebounds and 1.49 blocks while shooting 48.5 percent from the field
- She has started all but 14 games over the course of her career and is ranked sixth among the WNBA's career blocked shot leaders (400).
- She scored the 2,000th point of her WNBA career in 2007, and became one of six players in league history with 2,000 career points and 300 career blocked shots. She is 311 points from 3,000 in her career and just six blocks from 400 in her career.
- She started all eight playoff games while helping lead Charlotte to the WNBA Finals in 2001.
- She is Canadian born and was a member of the 2000 Canadian Olympic Team. Her parents still reside in Toronto.



**Sutton-Brown's Career Highs**

MIN:	50, at NY, 3ot, 6/26/08
FGM:	10, vs. ORL, 7/17/02
	.....at NY, 3ot, 6/26/08
FGA:	16, vs. NY, 8/12/05
3-pt FGM:	0
3-pt FGA:	1, at WAS, 9/2/08
FTM:	10, at ORL, 7/12/02
	.....vs. IND, 5/28/04
	.....at PHO, 7/29/07
	.....at ATL, 6/13/08
FTA:	12, vs. IND, 7/23/05
	.....at PHO, 7/29/07
	.....at ATL, 6/13/08
	.....vs. PHO, 9/14/08
OR:	7, at WAS, 7/15/04
DR:	12, vs. IND, 6/26/04
	.....12, vs. CON, 7/2/09
TR:	15, vs. NY, 6/26/08
AST:	5, at CON, 6/29/07
ST:	4, vs. CON, 8/27/05
BKS:	6, at IND, 7/28/04
	.....at WAS, 7/8/08
PTS:	26, vs. PHO, 9/14/08

Career highs established, or tied, during 2009 season are underlined bold.

**SUTTON-BROWN'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS**

Date	Opponent	W-L	G	GS	MIN	FG	FGA	3P	3PA	FT	FTA	OR	DR	TR	A	PF	ST	TO	BS	PTS
6/6	at Atlanta	L	1	1	29:55	7	13	0	0	1	2	2	3	5	1	4	0	2	1	15
6/7	Minnesota	L	1	1	17:50	1	4	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	2	0	1	0	2
6/9	Seattle	W	1	1	32:40	4	8	0	0	2	2	6	4	10	0	5	0	2	1	10
6/12	Los Angeles	W	1	1	25:27	4	8	0	0	0	0	2	3	5	0	3	1	5	3	8
6/19	at Detroit	W	1	1	26:09	2	5	0	0	6	8	2	7	9	1	4	0	1	1	10
6/21	Detroit	W	1	1	32:17	5	7	0	0	3	4	3	6	9	4	2	1	2	2	13
6/26	at New York	W	1	1	36:10	1	4	0	0	5	6	3	3	6	0	6	0	2	4	7
6/27	New York	W	1	1	22:17	1	9	0	0	1	2	0	4	4	1	2	2	1	2	3
7/2	Connecticut	W	1	1	30:44	6	11	0	0	2	2	2	12	14	0	1	1	2	5	14
7/5	Atlanta	W	1	1	32:06	7	14	0	0	8	8	5	4	9	2	2	1	0	1	22
7/10	at Chicago	W	1	1	20:54	5	9	0	0	1	2	1	6	7	0	1	1	2	1	11
7/15	Chicago	W	1	1	33:12	10	11	0	0	2	3	0	4	4	2	4	0	2	2	22
7/17	Atlanta	W	1	1	25:44	4	11	0	0	5	6	4	3	7	3	4	1	3	2	13
7/19	at Connecticut	L	1	1	22:58	1	3	0	0	4	6	0	3	3	0	4	0	3	2	6
7/21	at Washington	W	1	1	31:47	5	7	0	0	6	12	1	8	9	1	3	1	2	2	16
7/23	at San Antonio	L	1	1	18:49	2	5	0	0	4	4	1	1	2	0	2	0	1	0	8
7/28	Washington	W	1	1	22:10	0	4	0	0	2	2	0	1	1	1	3	1	2	0	2
7/30	Connecticut	W			Did Not Dress--Stress Reaction, Right Big Toe															
8/2	at Washington	W			Did Not Dress--Stress Reaction, Right Big Toe															
8/5	Chicago	W			Did Not Dress--Stress Reaction, Right Big Toe															
8/8	at Phoenix	W			Did Not Dress--Stress Reaction, Right Big Toe															
8/10	at Los Angeles	L			Did Not Dress--Stress Reaction, Right Big Toe															
8/13	at Minnesota	W			Did Not Dress--Stress Reaction, Right Big Toe															
8/15	Detroit	W	1	0	10:47	2	3	0	0	1	2	0	3	3	1	0	1	1	1	5
8/20	at Sacramento	L	1	0	15:41	1	3	0	0	2	2	0	3	3	1	4	1	1	1	4
8/22	at Seattle	L	1	1	17:58	1	3	0	0	3	4	0	2	2	0	2	1	1	0	5
8/27	San Antonio	W	1	1	22:27	5	14	0	0	2	2	1	5	6	1	1	0	1	0	12
8/29	Sacramento	L	1	1	28:47	3	4	0	0	4	4	2	5	7	0	6	0	3	2	10
9/2	Phoenix	L	1	1	26:06	7	11	0	0	5	7	1	3	4	0	2	0	2	1	19
9/4	at Detroit	L	1	1	36:02	3	14	0	0	4	6	3	6	9	0	3	0	0	1	10
9/6	Washington	W	1	1	29:43	5	11	0	0	3	5	3	8	11	0	4	2	2	4	13
9/8	at New York	W	1	1	8:52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	1	0
9/10	at Chicago	L	1	1	22:21	3	8	0	0	0	1	0	4	4	3	2	0	5	0	6
9/13	at Connecticut	L			Did Not Dress--Coach's Decision															





**2009 Notes:**

**Last Game:** In, by far, her most minutes (23) of the season, she scored a career-high nine points on 3-3 from beyond the 3-pt arc and dealt a team-high seven assists with two rebounds at Connecticut, 9/13.


- After scoring a total of six points on a pair of 3-pt FG in her first 18 appearances, she averaged 5.3 ppg and shot 6-10 FG (3-4 3-pt FG) from the floor in the last three games.
- In her first 18 outings she shot 2-19 from the floor
- Prior to the game at Connecticut, she had totaled six assists and had no more than one in any of

her first 20 games.

- Including her first free throw (1-1) of the season, she tallied three points in just over three minutes at Chicago, 9/10.
- She made her first two 2-pt field goals in the WNBA on 2-2 FG at New York, 9/8. She totaled four points, three rebounds and an assist in nearly 12 minutes against the Liberty. Her three rebounds against New York tied her most this season
- Logging double-digit minutes for the first time in her career, she had three points, two rebounds, an assist and a blocked shot in 11+ minutes vs. New York, 6/27. Her blocked shot against the Liberty was her first of the season.

**Career & Personal Highlights**

- A unanimous selection to the coaches' first-team All-Southeastern Conference team, she was also named a first-team All-SEC performer by the Associated Press and was a regional finalist for the State Farm Coaches' All-America Team.
- One of only two student-athletes nationally to earn a \$1,000 postgraduate scholarship from the WBCA, she was also recognized on ESPN The Magazine's Academic All-America women's third team presented by CoSIDA.
- She was named to the 2009 SEC Community Service Team and was one of the final 10 student-athletes nationally nominated for the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award.
- She capped her stellar four-year career at Vanderbilt with a career-high 28 points on 10-23 FGS, 5-17 3-pt FGS and 3-4 FTS in the Commodores' four-point (78-74) loss to Maryland in the NCAA Tournament's Sweet 16, 3/28. She also led the team with six rebounds against the Terrapins. Her 17 attempts from beyond the 3-pt arc, and her 23 attempts from the floor overall, vs. Maryland were career-highs and her five 3-pt field goals were one short of her most ever.
- As a senior in 2008-09, she led the Commodores in scoring and rebounding with averages of 16.6 ppg and 5.7 rpg. She was second in the SEC in scoring and tied for third in 3-pt field goals made per game.
- She recorded her only double-double of the season, and the third of her career, at Alabama with 15 points and 10 rebounds.
- She became the fourth player in school history to make 200 career 3-pt FGS with her three against Mississippi State.
- Scoring 20+ points in three consecutive games for the first time in her career, she led the team in points (20) and rebounds (7) in win at Kentucky, 2/8, then followed that up with 20 points in a win over Florida and 21 against Georgia. Those three efforts led her to be named SEC Player of the Week, 2/16.
- After having been an All-Tournament selection in 2007, she was awarded the SEC Tournament MVP trophy in 2009. In the Commodores' three tournament games, she scored 61 points and pulled down 20 rebounds while playing all 120 minutes.



**Wirth's Career Highs**  
 MIN: .....23, at CON, 9/13/09  
 FGM: .....3, at CON, 9/13/09  
 FGA: .....5, vs. L.A., 6/12/09  
 .....5, at CON, 9/13/09  
 3-pt FGM: .....3, at CON, 9/13/09  
 3-pt FGA: .....3, vs. L.A., 6/12/09  
 .....3, at CON, 9/13/09  
 FTM: .....1, at CHI, 9/10/09  
 FTA: .....1, at CHI, 9/10/09  
 OR: .....1, vs. L.A., 6/12/09  
 .....1, vs. CON, 7/2/09  
 .....1, at CON, 9/13/09  
 DR: .....3, at CHI, 7/10/09  
 .....3, at NY, 9/8/09  
 TR: .....3, at CHI, 7/10/09  
 .....3, at NY, 9/8/09  
 AST: .....7, at CON, 9/13/09  
 ST: .....2, at S.A., 7/23/09  
 BKS: .....1, vs. NY, 6/27/09  
 PTS: .....9, at CON, 9/13/09

**WIRTH'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS**

Date	Opponent	W-L	G	GS	MIN	FG	FGA	3P	3PA	FT	FTA	OR	DR	TR	A	PF	ST	TO	BS	PTS	
6/6	at Atlanta	L	1	0	2:47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
6/7	Minnesota	L	1	0	6:25	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
6/9	Seattle	W	1	0	1:44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
6/12	Los Angeles	W	1	0	5:07	1	5	1	3	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	
6/19	at Detroit	W	1	0	9:13	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	
6/21	Detroit	W	Did Not Play--Coach's Decision																		
6/26	at New York	W	1	0	0:22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
6/27	New York	W	1	0	11:19	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	1	3	
7/2	Connecticut	W	1	0	5:09	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
7/5	Atlanta	W	1	0	2:27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
7/10	at Chicago	W	1	0	11:49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	2	4	0	0	0	0	
7/15	Chicago	W	Did Not Play--Coach's Decision																		
7/17	Atlanta	W	Did Not Play--Coach's Decision																		
7/19	at Connecticut	L	1	0	0:12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
7/21	at Washington	W	Did Not Play--Coach's Decision																		
7/23	at San Antonio	L	1	0	15:43	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	
7/28	Washington	W	Did Not Play--Coach's Decision																		
7/30	Connecticut	W	Did Not Play--Coach's Decision																		
8/2	at Washington	W	1	0	1:29	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
8/5	Chicago	W	1	0	2:06	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
8/8	at Phoenix	W	Did Not Play--Coach's Decision																		
8/10	at Los Angeles	L	1	0	0:54	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
8/13	at Minnesota	W	Did Not Play--Coach's Decision																		
8/15	Detroit	W	0	0	2:04	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
8/20	at Sacramento	L	Did Not Play--Coach's Decision																		
8/22	at Seattle	L	Did Not Play--Coach's Decision																		
8/27	San Antonio	W	1	0	0:27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
8/29	Sacramento	L	Did Not Play--Coach's Decision																		
9/2	Phoenix	L	1	0	3:12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	
9/4	at Detroit	L	Did Not Play--Coach's Decision																		
9/6	Washington	W	Did Not Play--Coach's Decision																		
9/8	at New York	W	1	0	11:40	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	1	1	0	0	0	4	
9/10	at Chicago	L	1	0	3:15	1	3	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	
9/13	at Connecticut	L	1	0	23:10	3	5	3	3	0	0	1	1	2	7	4	0	1	0	9	



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### UNPRECEDENTED

The Indiana Fever returns to the WNBA Playoffs for a fifth consecutive season in 2009, and for the sixth time in the franchise's 10-year history.

For the first time, however, Indiana enters as a No. 1 seed, winning the East's regular season crown for the first time in franchise history.

Prior to a No. 4 seed last year, the Fever had been a No. 2 or 3 seed for three consecutive seasons – reaching the conference finals in each year it was seeded No. 2.



2002	16-16	No. 4	lost to NY in ESF
2005	21-13	No. 2	lost to Conn. in EF
2006	21-13	No. 3	lost to Detroit in ESF
2007	21-13	No. 2	lost to Detroit in EF
2008	17-17	No. 4	lost to Detroit in ESF
2009	22-12	No. 1	

### FRANCHISE-BEST

Indiana's 22-12 mark was its best in franchise history, narrowly beating a three-year string of 21-13 records in 2005, 2006 and 2007.

### BEST AT HOME

The Fever's 14-3 home mark in 2009 matched the best in franchise history (2005) and was the best in the WNBA this season.

### PLAYOFF-TESTED

Eight of the Fever's 11 players have appeared in the playoffs before, and all eight have tasted at least the conference finals. Only Shay Murphy, and rookies Briann January and Christina Wirth have not qualified for previous playoff action.

Player (Playoff App)	Titles	Finals App	CF App
Bevilaqua (6th)	04 (Sea)	1	3
Catchings (6th)	-	-	2
Davenport (3rd)	-	-	1
Dixon (9th)	01, 02 (LA)	3	5
Douglas (7th)	-	2	4
Hoffman (5th)	-	-	2
January (1st)	-	-	-
Moore (3rd)	-	-	2
Murphy (1st)	-	-	-
Sutton-Brown (6th)	-	1	2
Wirth (1st)	-	-	-

### ANOTHER TITLE?

Tamecka Dixon and Tully Bevilaqua each have won titles before – Dixon two with the Sparks (2001, 2002) and Bevilaqua one with Seattle in 2004.

### ANOTHER TITLE SHOT?

Beyond Dixon and Bevilaqua, Fever stars Tammy Sutton-Brown and Katie Douglas both have appeared in the WNBA Finals previously – Sutton-Brown with Charlotte in 2001; Douglas with Connecticut in 2004 and 2005.

### SECOND FOR COACH

Lin Dunn makes her second playoff appearance as a WNBA head coach, though she was largely responsible for building and shaping the Seattle franchise that won the 2005 crown.

### EAST DOMINANCE

During most of the regular season, Indiana boasted a dominance over the Eastern Conference that has been rare in either conference, in the history of the league.

Until it lost its final two games at Chicago and Connecticut, Indiana's 17-3 mark against the East was the best in-conference mark in East history, and third overall.

The Fever dropped from the top five with its last two losses.

1998 Houston	.938	15-1
2001 Los Angeles	.905	19-2
<b>2009 Indiana</b>	<b>.850</b>	<b>17-3 (finished 17-5)</b>

### STREAKING

Indiana's 11-game win streak through June and July was the best in franchise-history and the seventh-longest in league history. Indiana is just the fourth WNBA franchise ever to post a win streak of 10 games or more.

### Longest WNBA Win Streaks

- 18, L.A., 2001
- 15, Houston, 1998
- 12, L.A., 2006
- 12, Connecticut, 2006
- 12, L.A., 2002-03
- 12, L.A., 2000
- 11, Indiana, 2009**
- 10, Houston, 2002
- 10, Houston, 2000

- *Katie Douglas was a part of the Connecticut streak in 2006.*
- *Tamecka Dixon was a part of L.A.'s record streak in 2001, and each of the Sparks' 12-game streaks.*
- *Jessica Moore was the starting center through all 12 games of L.A.'s streak in 2006.*

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### CONSECO FIELDHOUSE STREAK

After falling miserably in its home opener to the Minnesota Lynx on June 7, 96-74, the Fever reeled off a single-season franchise mark of 12 straight home wins.

When Katie Douglas turned an ankle wearing low-top pink shoes in the first quarter of Breast Health Awareness Night against Sacramento, Aug. 29, the streak ended as the Monarchs overturned a 14-point deficit for a 79-78 upset.

#### Fever Home Win Streaks, Overall

13 July 22, 2002 to July 10, 2003  
 12 **June 9, 2009 to Aug. 27, 2009**

### ROAD STREAK

In a season of notes and streaks, Indiana's season-long three-game road win streak matched the longest in franchise history.

#### Fever Road Win Streaks

3 **June 19, 2009 to July 10, 2009**  
 3 June 8, 2007 to June 24, 2007

### COMPLEMENTARY MVPs

Who deserves to be the WNBA MVP this season. No matter who wins the final tally of league-wide voters, both Indiana candidates – Tamika Catchings and Katie Douglas – have been more than deserving of consideration.

They both score points and they both play great defense. Both are among league leaders for scoring and steals. But where Catchings fuels the league's top defense, Douglas has added relevance and meaning to a once stagnant offense with her quick release, shot creation and deft touch.

Career numbers and accolades aside, here is why each of them warrants consideration for accomplishments this season:

#### **Tamika Catchings**

- Nobody else in the WNBA can beat you in as many ways. Catchings not only is the best defender in the league, but she ranks among the Top 15 in points, rebounds, assists and steals. She is the ONLY player in the WNBA to make that claim.

- Catchings' 99 steals helped fuel the league's leading defense – on a team whose success was so mightily dependent on that defense.

- Even her double-doubles were among the league's Top 10. Catchings had seven double-doubles and ranked sixth.

- She paced the Fever in rebounds, assists and steals, and was second in scoring.

- She set a franchise record by hitting 31 consecutive free throws from 6/9 to 6/27.

#### **Katie Douglas**

- Might Douglas be the straw that stirs the drink? The Fever has often led the WNBA in defense and steals over the years, but in previous campaigns, the Indiana offense was often stagnant. Enter Katie Douglas and her 17.6 point average in 2009. With Douglas boasting the league's best scoring average after the All-Star Break, it has become very obvious that the Fever will go as far as Douglas can carry them.

- Indiana was winless (0-3) without Douglas in the lineup.

- Douglas was the WNBA's top scorer after the All-Star Break, averaging 20.3 points per game.

- Twice, she matched or eclipsed the Fever's previous scoring record (32). And she did it in consecutive games! On July 28, she scored 34 points in a win over Washington to establish a new career high. Two nights later, she scored 32 in an overtime win over her former team, Connecticut.

- Scoreless and 0-for-9 in the first half at New York on June 26, she scored 26 second half points to almost single-handedly bring the Fever back from a 17-point deficit. Indiana won the game in overtime behind 28 from Douglas.

- Douglas' 1.81 steals per game ranked ninth among leaders. Her 2.7 assists per game trailed only Catchings and Bevilacqua among Fever players.

SEASON AVERAGES	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG
Catchings	15.1	7.2	3.1	2.91
Douglas	17.6	3.9	2.7	1.81

### AFTER THE BREAK

Katie Douglas' 20.3-point scoring average after the All-Star Break was the league's best. During the playoff chase, here were the league's top scorers:

Player	Games	Scoring Average
<b>Katie Douglas, Ind</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>20.3</b>
Diana Taurasi, Pho	16	20.0
Lauren Jackson, Sea	11	19.6
Becky Hammon, SA	18	19.5
Deanna Nolan, Det	20	19.5

### TOP THIEF NOW ...

Tamika Catchings finished one steal shy of breaking the league's all-time mark for steals in a single season. With 99 for the season, Catchings now owns four of the top five marks in league history.

#### WNBA Single-Season Steals Leaders

100, Teresa Weatherspoon, 1998  
**99, Tamika Catchings, 2009**  
**94, Tamika Catchings, 2006**  
**94, Tamika Catchings, 2002**  
**90, Tamika Catchings, 2005**

### ... AND OF ALL TIME

Now in her ninth season, Catchings' 631 career steals are just one shy of Sheryl Swoopes (632) in the No. 2 position on the league's all-time steals chart. Ticha Penicheiro paces all career leaders with 685.

She already is the league's career leader with 2.57 steals per game.

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### THEFT LEADERS

Beyond just Tamika Catchings leading the WNBA in steals for an unprecedented fifth time, the Fever is loaded with a plethora of steals notes:



- Indiana in 2009 is the first team ever to have at least four players each with at least fifty steals. Catchings finished with 99, Tully Bevilaqua had 62, Ebony Hoffman had 57 and Katie Douglas posted 56.

- In fact, the Fever narrowly missed becoming just the second team ever to record at least three players 60 steals or more. That distinction remains with Sacramento in 1999 (Yolanda Griffith 73, Ticha Penicheiro 67, Kedra Holland-Corn 63).

- In 2006, Catchings (94) and Bevilaqua (71) combined for what was a WNBA-record 165 steals by a tandem. The tandem finished with 161 in 2009.

- Last season, Indiana became the first team in WNBA history to boast five different players with at least 40 steals. The Fever narrowly missed that distinction again, with rookie Briann January (36) finishing four shy of the mark.

- As a team, Indiana broke its own WNBA mark of total steals by a team in one season. Similarly, the Fever's average of 10.97 steals per game is ranked fourth all-time – and the best since a 34-game schedule came into play in 2003.

#### Total Team Steals, All-Time

**373 - Indiana, 2009**  
 354 - Indiana, 2006  
 343 - Phoenix, 1997  
 336 - Indiana, 2005  
 332 - Sacramento, 2000

#### Team Steals Per Game, All-Time

12.25 - Phoenix, 1997 (28 gms)  
 11.11 - Houston, 1997 (28 gms)  
 11.07 - Houston, 1998 (30 gms)  
**10.97 - Indiana, 2009 (34 gms)**  
 10.41 - Indiana, 2006 (34 gms)

### CAREER YEAR FOR TULLY

Tully Bevilaqua, who turned 38 years old this summer, completed perhaps the finest regular season of her career.

She had eight double-digit scoring games this season – on top of her crafty defense and sound decision-making on offense. In 129 games through four seasons prior to 2009, she had 15 double-figure scoring games with the Fever.

She carried a scoring average of 7.0 points or better for much of the season, but tailed off at season's end to post a 6.1 scoring clip.

Prior to this season, she averaged one double-digit game every 8.6 games. This year, she had one in every 4.25 games – more than twice as frequently.

She didn't set any career highs this season, but she had near-career highs and second-best numbers across the board.

BEVILAQUA	Points	Rebounds	Assists	Steals
2009	209 (2nd)	79 (3rd)	97 (2nd)	62 (2nd)
Best Season	223 (2006)	95 (2000)	103 (2001)	71 (2006)

### TOP ROOKIE

Fever coaches consider Briann January to have been a steal at the No. 6 pick in last year's draft.

The talented rookie has taken a back seat to starting point guard Bevilaqua, but by season's end, she was providing the Fever lineup with a valuable spark and welcomed athleticism to counter her older, wiser tutor.

She averaged 6.9 points, 2.3 assists and 1.09 steals per game, while averaging over 20 minutes each outing.

A look at where she ranked with other top rookies:

JANUARY	PPG	APG	SPG
WNBA Rookie Rank	6.9 (7th)	2.3 (2nd)	1.09 (2nd)

### TOP RESERVE

Waived from the Los Angeles Sparks prior to the season and acquired by the Fever after three games, Jessica Moore played a valuable reserve role throughout the regular season.

Her role was elevated when Tammy Sutton-Brown was lost for a period with a toe injury. All that Moore did was fill the role to the tune of 9.3 points and 4.3 rebounds per game. She scored in double figures three times, with a career-high 19 points at Phoenix, 8/8.

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### SHOT AT TITLE ... WITHOUT SHOOTING?

The Fever is attempting to go where no other WNBA team has gone before – win a WNBA title while owning the league’s worst shooting percentage.

Indiana shot 40.2 percent from the floor in 2009, good for 13th in the league’s rankings. The 2009 Fever is just the third team ever to finish last in field goal percentage to make the playoffs.

The best that any team has ever done while owning the league’s worst shooting mark was, ironically, the Fever in 2005. In that season, Indiana advanced to the Eastern Conference Finals despite a 40.3 percent shooting clip.

Further, no team has ever reached the WNBA Finals while finishing 10th or below among league FG% rankings.

Indiana is the only playoff club among this year’s lower tier of shooting teams (10th, 11th, 12th or 13th). Historically, the 2009 Fever is just the 11th team in the “10th or below lower tier” to ever qualify for the playoffs, since the league expanded beyond 10 teams in 1999.

Playoff bound poor-shooting teams:

Team	Pct.	Rank	Playoff Advance
<b>2009 Indiana</b>	<b>.402</b>	<b>13th (13)</b>	
2008 Sacramento	.409	12th (14)	WSF
<b>2008 Indiana</b>	<b>.402</b>	<b>13th (14)</b>	<b>ESF</b>
2007 Sacramento	.407	11th (13)	WSF
2005 Detroit	.403	12th (13)	ESF
<b>2005 Indiana</b>	<b>.400</b>	<b>13th (13)</b>	<b>EF</b>
2004 Minnesota	.404	12th (13)	WSF
2003 Sacramento	.409	11th (14)	WF
2002 Seattle	.408	13th (16)	WSF
<b>2002 Indiana</b>	<b>.401</b>	<b>15th (16)</b>	<b>ESF</b>
2001 Houston	.392	12th (16)	WSF
1997 Phoenix	.373	8th (8)	WNBA SF

### ALL-TIME STATS LEADERS

A look at Fever players on WNBA regular season career lists.

Points	Rank	Total	Avg.
Catchings	12th	4,047	16.5
Douglas	18th	3,641	13.1
Dixon	22nd	3,500	9.7

Rebounds	Rank	Total	Avg.
Catchings	12th	1,892	7.7
Sutton-Brown	17th	1,637	5.7

Assists	Rank	Total	Avg.
Dixon	11th	961	2.7
Catchings	14th	897	3.6

Steals	Rank	Total	Avg.
Catchings	3rd	631	2.57
Bevilaqua	5th	494	1.50
Douglas	12th	451	1.62

Blocks	Rank	Total	Avg.
Sutton-Brown	6th	432	1.51
Catchings	14th	218	0.89

### EARLY SEASON ADDITIONS

When Indiana broke training camp, Erica White and Khadijah Whittington still were on the Fever roster, with Yolanda Griffith. The Griffith injury, though, plus the availability of Jessica Moore on waivers (cut from Sparks), spurred three early season moves which all have paid dividends. Moore has become a very consistent and reliable reserve center – who made nine starts while Sutton-Brown nursed a toe injury. Shay Murphy and Jessica Davenport both have had significant accomplishments – both as leading scorers at least once – in spot roles.

### NEMESIS LURKING?

Indiana has been bumped from the playoffs in each of the past three seasons by the Detroit Shock. This season, if the Fever is to reach the WNBA Finals for the first time, another playoff series with the Shock could be on the horizon.

Different this year from season’s past however, is that the Fever beat the Shock 3-1 in its season series. Coincidentally, it is the first time Indiana has won the season series with the Shock since 2005 – also the last time the Shock was not responsible for Indiana’s playoff exit.

### PLAYER OF THE WEEK FIRSTS

Through the 2007 season, the only player in Fever history ever to win a WNBA Player of the Week Award was Tamika Catchings.

In 2008, however, Katie Douglas won the Eastern Conference Player of the Week Award in the season’s first week and Tammy Sutton-Brown closed the year with the first such award in her career.

In 2009, the Fever won four player of the week awards, including the first time a Fever player ever won in consecutive weeks.

Player	Week	Career POW Awards
Tamika Catchings	6/28/09	12th
Tammy Sutton-Brown	7/5/09	2nd
Katie Douglas	8/2/09	4th
Katie Douglas	8/9/09	5th



# 2009 FEVER FINAL STATISTICS

## DAY-BY-DAY RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Result	Home	Road	Total	High Scoring	High Rebounds	High Assists	Opponent Scoring	Atten.
Jun 6	@Atlanta	L 86- 87 2OT	0-0	0-1	0-1	Douglas-22	Catchings-9	January-5	Holdsclaw-23	8,709
Jun 7	MINNESOTA	L 74- 96	0-1	0-1	0-2	Griffith-17	Griffith-7	White-4	Houston-23	9,234
Jun 9	SEATTLE	W 73- 66	1-1	0-1	1-2	Douglas-20	Sutton-Brown-10	Hoffman-4	Jackson-21	7,253
Jun 12	LOS ANGELES	W 73- 61	2-1	0-1	2-2	Hoffman-14	Catchings-5 Bevilaqua-5 Sutton-Brown-5	Catchings-5 Douglas-5	Leslie-21	9,320
Jun 19	@Detroit	W 66- 54	2-1	1-1	3-2	Catchings-15	Sutton-Brown-9	Catchings-4	Nolan-13	7,725
Jun 21	DETROIT	W 82- 70	3-1	1-1	4-2	Douglas-23	Sutton-Brown-9	Catchings-6	Nolan-16	7,610
Jun 26	@New York	W 82- 81 OT	3-1	2-1	5-2	Douglas-28	Hoffman-14	Douglas-4	Christon-20	9,304
Jun 27	NEW YORK	W 63- 54	4-1	2-1	6-2	Hoffman-14	Catchings-11	Catchings-4	Carson-14	8,481
Jul 2	CONNECTICUT	W 67- 53	5-1	2-1	7-2	Douglas-14 Sutton-Brown-14	Sutton-Brown-14	Catchings-5	Whalen-11	6,468
Jul 5	ATLANTA	W 78- 74	6-1	2-1	8-2	Sutton-Brown-22	Catchings-9 Sutton-Brown-9	Catchings-5	Lyttle-18	7,024
Jul 10	@Chicago	W 83- 54	6-1	3-1	9-2	Murphy-15	Sutton-Brown-7	January-6 Hoffman-6	Ely-12	4,021
Jul 15	CHICAGO	W 84- 74	7-1	3-1	10-2	Sutton-Brown-22	Catchings-8	Catchings-8 Douglas-8	Dupree-17	10,050
Jul 17	ATLANTA	W 84- 79	8-1	3-1	11-2	Douglas-25	Catchings-8	Bevilaqua-5	de Souza-23	7,975
Jul 19	@Connecticut	L 61- 67	8-1	3-2	11-3	Douglas-15 Hoffman-15	Hoffman-6	Catchings-4 Douglas-4	Whalen-15	6,517
Jul 21	@Washington	W 82- 70	8-1	4-2	12-3	Catchings-28	Catchings-10	Bevilaqua-8	Harding-17	9,798
Jul 23	@San Antonio	L 65- 84	8-1	4-3	12-4	Davenport-13	Davenport-10	January-6	Young-24	9,985
Jul 28	WASHINGTON	W 85- 81	9-1	4-3	13-4	Douglas-34	Hoffman-16	Bevilaqua-3 Douglas-3	Beard-19	5,904
Jul 30	CONNECTICUT	W 94- 85 OT	10-1	4-3	14-4	Douglas-32	Hoffman-8	Bevilaqua-4	Jones-21	6,538
Aug 2	@Washington	W 87- 79	10-1	5-3	15-4	Douglas-24	Catchings-9	Catchings-5	Beard-23	11,595
Aug 5	CHICAGO	W 76- 67	11-1	5-3	16-4	Douglas-14	Murphy-7	Bevilaqua-3 January-3	Dupree-19	6,581
Aug 8	@Phoenix	W 90- 83	11-1	6-3	17-4	Douglas-28	Douglas-10	Catchings-5 Douglas-5	Taurasi-16	9,867
Aug 10	@Los Angeles	L 63- 75	11-1	6-4	17-5	Douglas-16	Catchings-6 Moore-6	Hoffman-3	Leslie-21	8,263
Aug 13	@Minnesota	W 91- 81	11-1	7-4	18-5	Hoffman-24	Hoffman-10	Bevilaqua-4 Dixon-4	Wiggins-23	7,156
Aug 15	DETROIT	W 82- 59	12-1	7-4	19-5	Douglas-19	Catchings-9	Douglas-4	Zellous-16	9,963
Aug 20	@Sacramento	L 62- 67	12-1	7-5	19-6	Douglas-21	Catchings-9	January-6	Brunson-16	6,290
Aug 22	@Seattle	L 60- 74	12-1	7-6	19-7	Douglas-12	Catchings-7 Hoffman-7	Catchings-7	Bird-16	8,273
Aug 27	SAN ANTONIO	W 77- 66	13-1	7-6	20-7	Catchings-20	Catchings-8	Bevilaqua-3 Douglas-3	Young-18 Wauters-18	6,836
Aug 29	SACRAMENTO	L 78- 79	13-2	7-6	20-8	Douglas-24	Sutton-Brown-7	Bevilaqua-6	Powell-19	8,579
Sep 2	PHOENIX	L 90-106	13-3	7-6	20-9	Catchings-27	Catchings-12	Catchings-5	Pondexter-25	7,446
Sep 4	@Detroit	L 63- 70 OT	13-3	7-7	20-10	Catchings-14	Catchings-13	Tied with-3	Nolan-22	7,230
Sep 6	WASHINGTON	W 72- 61	14-3	7-7	21-10	Catchings-20	Sutton-Brown-11	Hoffman-4	Langhorne-13	9,702
Sep 8	@New York	W 69- 63	14-3	8-7	22-10	Catchings-17 Douglas-17	Catchings-10	Douglas-4	Carson-17	7,583
Sep 10	@Chicago	L 79- 86	14-3	8-8	22-11	Douglas-25	Catchings-10	Douglas-4 January-4	Toliver-19	2,902
Sep 13	@Connecticut	L 85- 95	14-3	8-9	22-12	Tied with-13	Murphy-6	Wirth-7	Gardin-23	9,047



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## SEASON HIGHS

PLAYER	MINUTES	FIELD GOALS	FREE THROWS	OFFENSIVE REBOUNDS	DEFENSIVE REBOUNDS	TOTAL REBOUNDS	ASSISTS	STEALS	TURNOVERS	BLOCKED SHOTS	POINTS
TULLY BEVILAQUA	35 JUL. 30 vs Conn.	5 AUG. 13 at Minn.	7 JUN. 6 at Atl.	2 JUN. 26 at N.Y.	5 (2) AUG. 8 at Phoe.	6 AUG. 8 at Phoe.	8T JUL. 21 at Wash.	5 (3) SEP. 6 vs Wash.	4 (2) SEP. 2 vs Phoe.	2 JUL. 15 vs Chi.	18 JUN. 6 at Atl.
TAMIKA CATCHINGS	42 JUN. 6 at Atl.	9 SEP. 2 vs Phoe.	14 JUL. 21 at Wash.	7 JUN. 27 vs N.Y.	8 (2) SEP. 2 vs Phoe.	13 SEP. 4 at Det.	8 JUL. 15 vs Chi.	6 (5) SEP. 8 at N.Y.	6 (3) AUG. 8 at Phoe.	3 SEP. 4 at Det.	28 JUL. 21 at Wash.
JESSICA DAVENPORT	23 SEP. 13 at Conn.	6T(3) SEP. 13 at Conn.	2 (5) AUG. 15 vs Det.	3 (2) AUG. 10 at L.A.	5 JUL. 23 at S.A.	6 JUL. 23 at S.A.	2T JUL. 17 vs Atl.	2T(2) SEP. 13 at Conn.	3 SEP. 13 at Conn.	2 (4) AUG. 2 at Wash.	13 (2) SEP. 13 at Conn.
TAMECKA DIXON	24 (2) SEP. 13 at Conn.	5 (2) SEP. 13 at Conn.	4 AUG. 2 at Wash.	2 (3) AUG. 2 at Wash.	5 AUG. 5 vs Chi.	6 AUG. 5 vs Chi.	5 JUL. 10 at Chi.	3 JUN. 19 at Det.	3 SEP. 4 at Det.	1 (3) SEP. 8 at N.Y.	13 SEP. 13 at Conn.
KATIE DOUGLAS	47C JUN. 6 at Atl.	11T JUN. 26 at N.Y.	15C JUL. 28 vs Wash.	3 (2) SEP. 6 vs Wash.	9C AUG. 8 at Phoe.	10 AUG. 8 at Phoe.	8T JUL. 15 vs Chi.	4 (3) SEP. 10 at Chi.	6 (2) JUL. 28 vs Wash.	1 (7) AUG. 22 at Sea.	34C JUL. 28 vs Wash.
YOLANDA GRIFFITH	23 JUN. 7 vs Minn.	5 JUN. 7 vs Minn.	7 JUN. 7 vs Minn.	4 JUN. 7 vs Minn.	3 JUN. 7 vs Minn.	7 JUN. 7 vs Minn.	0	0	2 JUN. 6 at Atl.	1 (2) JUN. 7 vs Minn.	17 JUN. 7 vs Minn.
EBONY HOFFMAN	42 JUN. 26 at N.Y.	8 JUL. 15 vs Chi.	9T AUG. 13 at Minn.	6 SEP. 4 at Det.	10T JUN. 26 at N.Y.	14T JUN. 26 at N.Y.	6C JUL. 10 at Chi.	4T(2) SEP. 8 at N.Y.	5 AUG. 20 at Sac.	2 JUN. 12 vs L.A.	24 AUG. 13 at Minn.
BRIANN JANUARY	42C SEP. 4 at Det.	5C SEP. 6 vs Wash.	7C AUG. 15 vs Det.	2C(6) SEP. 13 at Conn.	3C(6) SEP. 6 vs Wash.	4C(5) SEP. 13 at Conn.	6C(3) AUG. 20 at Sac.	3C(3) AUG. 15 vs Det.	5C(2) JUL. 2 vs Conn.	1C(3) AUG. 29 vs Sac.	17C AUG. 15 vs Det.
JESSICA MOORE	38C JUL. 30 vs Conn.	6C AUG. 8 at Phoe.	7C AUG. 8 at Phoe.	6C AUG. 8 at Phoe.	6 JUN. 27 vs N.Y.	8 AUG. 8 at Phoe.	3T AUG. 13 at Minn.	3 (2) AUG. 5 vs Chi.	3 (4) AUG. 2 at Wash.	2T AUG. 20 at Sac.	19C AUG. 8 at Phoe.
SHAY MURPHY	31C SEP. 13 at Conn.	7C JUL. 10 at Chi.	5T SEP. 13 at Conn.	4 (2) AUG. 10 at L.A.	4 (2) SEP. 13 at Conn.	7 AUG. 5 vs Chi.	2T(2) AUG. 27 vs S.A.	2 (2) SEP. 13 at Conn.	3 AUG. 29 vs Sac.	1 (2) AUG. 5 vs Chi.	15C JUL. 10 at Chi.
TAMMY SUTTON-BROWN	36 (2) SEP. 4 at Det.	10T JUL. 15 vs Chi.	8 JUL. 5 vs Atl.	6 JUN. 9 vs Sea.	12T JUL. 2 vs Conn.	14 JUL. 2 vs Conn.	4 JUN. 21 vs Det.	2 (2) SEP. 6 vs Wash.	5 (2) SEP. 10 at Chi.	5 JUL. 2 vs Conn.	22 (2) JUL. 15 vs Chi.
ERICA WHITE	17 JUN. 7 vs Minn.	1 JUN. 7 vs Minn.	0	0	2 JUN. 7 vs Minn.	2 JUN. 7 vs Minn.	4 JUN. 7 vs Minn.	1 JUN. 9 vs Sea.	0	1T JUN. 7 vs Minn.	2 JUN. 7 vs Minn.
KHADIJAH WHITTINGTON	16 JUN. 7 vs Minn.	4 JUN. 7 vs Minn.	0	2T JUN. 7 vs Minn.	2 JUN. 7 vs Minn.	4T JUN. 7 vs Minn.	1T(2) JUN. 7 vs Minn.	0	0	0	8 JUN. 7 vs Minn.
CHRISTINA WIRTH	23C SEP. 13 at Conn.	3C SEP. 13 at Conn.	1C SEP. 10 at Chi.	1C(3) SEP. 13 at Conn.	3C(2) SEP. 8 at N.Y.	3C(2) SEP. 8 at N.Y.	7C SEP. 13 at Conn.	2C JUL. 23 at S.A.	1C(3) SEP. 13 at Conn.	1C JUN. 27 vs N.Y.	9C SEP. 13 at Conn.
FEVER High Games	250 JUN. 6 at Atl.	36 JUL. 15 vs Chi.	31 JUL. 30 vs Conn.	19 SEP. 4 at Det.	34 JUL. 2 vs Conn.	50 SEP. 4 at Det.	26 (2) JUL. 15 vs Chi.	17 JUL. 5 vs Atl.	24 AUG. 20 at Sac.	8 (2) JUL. 2 vs Conn.	94 JUL. 30 vs Conn.
FEVER Low Games	200 (30) SEP. 13 at Conn.	17 JUN. 19 at Det.	6 (2) JUL. 15 vs Chi.	5 (2) JUL. 10 at Chi.	13 SEP. 13 at Conn.	24 SEP. 13 at Conn.	10 AUG. 10 at L.A.	5 JUN. 7 vs Minn.	10 AUG. 5 vs Chi.	0 (3) SEP. 10 at Chi.	60 AUG. 22 at Sea.
OPPONENTS High Games	250 JUN. 6 at Atl.	41 SEP. 2 vs Phoe.	27 JUN. 6 at Atl.	24 SEP. 6 vs Wash.	38 JUN. 6 at Atl.	50 JUN. 6 at Atl.	29 SEP. 13 at Conn.	14 JUN. 6 at Atl.	27 JUN. 6 at Atl.	8 JUL. 23 at S.A.	106 SEP. 2 vs Phoe.
OPPONENTS Low Games	200 (30) SEP. 13 at Conn.	18 (2) JUL. 10 at Chi.	5 JUN. 21 vs Det.	3 (2) AUG. 27 vs S.A.	18 (3) JUL. 17 vs Atl.	24 JUL. 15 vs Chi.	9 (2) AUG. 29 vs Sac.	2 AUG. 10 at L.A.	13 (3) AUG. 22 at Sea.	0 (2) JUN. 21 vs Det.	53 JUL. 2 vs Conn.

"C" indicates a new career-high, "T" a tied career-high.

Numbers in parentheses indicate the number of games in which a player or team has reached a given total (if more than one).



## 2009 FEVER FINAL STATISTICS

### 2009 STARTING LINEUPS

C	F	F	G	G	W-L	Pct.
Sutton-Brown	Catchings	Hoffman	Douglas	January	0-2	.000
Sutton-Brown	Catchings	Hoffman	Douglas	Bevilaqua	16-5	.762
Moore	Catchings	Hoffman	Douglas	Bevilaqua	6-2	.750
Sutton-Brown	Catchings	Hoffman	Dixon	Bevilaqua	0-1	.000
Sutton-Brown	Catchings	Hoffman	January	Bevilaqua	0-1	.000
Moore	Catchings	Hoffman	January	Bevilaqua	0-1	.000

### 2009 GAME LEADERS

	Scoring			10+	10+	Double-	Team Leaders		
	10+	20+	30+	Rebs	Asts	Doubles	Pts	Rebs	Asts
Bevilaqua, Tully	8								9
Catchings, Tamika	30	7		7		7	8	17	13
Davenport, Jessica	3						2	1	
Dixon, Tamecka	2						1		1
Douglas, Katie	28	12	2	1		1	18	1	9
Hoffman, Ebony	17	1		4		4	5	7	5
January, Briann	9								6
Moore, Jessica	3							1	
Murphy, Shay	4						2	2	
Sutton-Brown, Tammy	16	2		3		3	3	9	
Wirth, Christina									1

### 2009 FEVER VS. OPPONENTS MISCELLANEOUS STATS

Date	Opponent	W/L	Pts in Paint	2nd Chance Pts	Fast Break Pts	Bench Pts	Pts Off Turnovers
June 6	at Atlanta	L	30-36	10-17	5- 8	20-34	29-26
June 7	Minnesota	L	32-38	16- 9	3-18	34-22	26-26
June 9	Seattle	W	16-28	16-10	1- 2	6-23	18-11
June 12	Los Angeles	W	22-18	6- 8	8- 4	18-16	26-20
June 19	at Detroit	W	10-14	8-13	6- 2	5-20	22- 4
June 21	Detroit	W	22-26	12-11	6-13	17-19	20-17
June 26	at New York	W	18-26	12- 6	2- 3	6-19	23-11
June 27	New York	W	18-20	5- 0	4- 6	9-16	18-11
July 2	Connecticut	W	28-22	6- 9	8- 6	11-22	15-18
July 5	Atlanta	W	28-30	11-13	6-14	18-30	15-20
July 10	at Chicago	W	38-22	7-12	6-12	45-23	23- 9
July 15	Chicago	W	50-24	17- 5	8- 3	10-33	25-17
July 17	Atlanta	W	32-46	12-13	7-12	13-16	18-23
July 19	at Connecticut	L	18-14	13- 6	4-11	16-10	29-10
July 21	at Washington	W	26-26	12- 8	15-10	4-19	21-19
July 23	at San Antonio	L	24-30	22- 9	6-17	44-28	21-19
July 28	Washington	W	24-30	8-10	12-11	17-10	21-25
July 30	Connecticut	W	26-44	17-23	9- 6	14-28	21-12
Aug. 2	at Washington	W	32-40	8-15	9-30	14-14	16-20
Aug. 5	Chicago	W	32-40	16-12	10- 5	25-14	17- 8
Aug. 8	at Phoenix	W	18-44	20- 8	5-28	16-28	21-20
Aug. 10	at Los Angeles	L	28-30	17- 4	8- 2	19-20	17-14
Aug. 13	at Minnesota	W	28-42	13- 4	7-14	17-26	13-13
Aug. 15	Detroit	W	20-30	8- 7	4- 9	31-36	45-16
Aug. 20	at Sacramento	L	26-38	15-11	12- 6	12-20	16-26
Aug. 22	at Seattle	L	22-30	9- 8	9-10	14-12	14-17
Aug. 27	San Antonio	W	30-24	15- 4	14-16	16-27	27-10
Aug. 29	Sacramento	L	22-30	4- 8	12- 6	11-10	23-16
Sept. 2	Phoenix	L	38-46	14-13	11-11	25-38	20-19
Sept. 4	at Detroit	L	28-22	16- 8	14- 9	18-22	16-21
Sept. 6	Washington	W	26-24	13-16	16- 8	21-24	17-10
Sept. 8	at New York	W	30-24	6-12	4- 6	26-15	16- 9
Sept. 10	at Chicago	L	32-46	10-12	13-19	22-37	24-23
Sept. 13	at Connecticut	L	32-42	10-11	4-19	48-30	10-16

## 2009 WNBA FINAL STATISTICS

## FINAL STANDINGS

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

-----	W	L	PCT	GB	HOME	ROAD	LAST-10	STREAK
<u>Indiana</u>	22	12	.647	-	14- 3	8- 9	3-7	Lost 2
Atlanta	18	16	.529	4	12- 5	6-11	5-5	Lost 1
Detroit	18	16	.529	4	11- 6	7-10	8-2	Won 2
Chicago	16	18	.471	6	12- 5	4-13	4-6	Lost 1
Connecticut	16	18	.471	6	12- 5	4-13	3-7	Won 1
Washington	16	18	.471	6	11- 6	5-12	4-6	Lost 1
New York	13	21	.382	9	8- 9	5-12	4-6	Won 1

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

-----	W	L	PCT	GB	HOME	ROAD	LAST-10	STREAK
Phoenix	23	11	.676	-	12- 5	11- 6	6-4	Lost 1
Seattle	20	14	.588	3	13- 4	7-10	7-3	Won 1
Los Angeles	18	16	.529	5	11- 6	7-10	7-3	Won 3
San Antonio	15	19	.441	8	10- 7	5-12	4-6	Lost 1
Minnesota	14	20	.412	9	9- 8	5-12	3-7	Lost 2
Sacramento	12	22	.353	11	7-10	5-12	5-5	Won 1

## ATTENDANCE

-----	HOME ATTENDANCE			ROAD ATTENDANCE		
TEAM	G	ATT	AVG	G	ATT	AVG
Washington Mystics	17	192,747	11,338	17	125,352	7,374
Los Angeles Sparks	17	176,587	10,387	17	156,992	9,235
New York Liberty	17	166,604	9,800	17	122,871	7,228
Phoenix Mercury	17	144,884	8,523	17	126,949	7,468
Detroit Shock	17	136,184	8,011	17	132,815	7,813
<u>Indiana Fever</u>	17	134,964	7,939	17	134,265	7,898
Seattle Storm	17	133,858	7,874	17	136,569	8,033
Sacramento Monarchs	17	131,654	7,744	17	132,552	7,797
Minnesota Lynx	17	128,127	7,537	17	139,381	8,199
San Antonio Silver Stars	17	127,957	7,527	17	151,239	8,896
Atlanta Dream	17	120,737	7,102	17	145,626	8,566
Connecticut Sun	17	115,496	6,794	17	131,937	7,761
Chicago Sky	17	63,522	3,737	17	136,773	8,045
TOTALS	221	1,773,321	8,024	221	1,773,321	8,024



## 2009 WNBA FINAL STATISTICS

## WNBA TEAM STATISTICS RANKINGS

## TEAMS' STATISTICS, RANK WITHIN LEAGUE

----	ATL	CHI	CT	DET	IND	LA	MIN	NY	PHO	SAC	SA	SEA	WAS
Points/game	2	10	5	4	8	12	3	13	1	7	6	11	9
FG pct.	2	3	12	5	13	6	10	11	1	4	8	7	9
FT pct.	10	9	12	11	2	3	8	5	1	4	7	6	13
3-pt FG pct.	12	1	11	5	9	13	6	3	2	8	7	4	10
Off. Reb./gm	1	10	6	4	7	5	8	13	11	2	12	9	3
Def. Reb./gm	3	10	5	4	9	2	13	7	1	12	11	8	6
Rebounds/game	1	11	6	3	8	2	10	12	5	7	13	9	4
Assists/game	6	9	2	5	10	4	12	11	1	7	3	8	13
Steals/game	2	11	10	8	1	13	4	6t	12	5	9	6t	3
Turnovers/gm	12	6	1	8	5	10	4	7	2	11	3	9	13
Blocks/gm	7t	4	5	13	10	2	6	7t	1	12	11	3	9
Pers.Fouls/gm	12	3	6	13	7	1	8	4	11	5	2	9	10
DQ/game	6t	1	8t	12	8t	4t	4t	3	8t	2	6t	13	8t

## OPPONENTS' STATISTICS, RANK WITHIN LEAGUE

----	ATL	CHI	CT	DET	IND	LA	MIN	NY	PHO	SAC	SA	SEA	WAS
Points/game	11	10	7	6	3	2	12	4	13	9	8	1	5
FG pct.	5	11	7	2	8	1	13	4	6	12	10	3	9
FT pct.	6	9	12	8	4	5	7	11	1	13	10	3	2
3-pt FG pct.	7	11	2	6	1	3	13	9	4	12	10	8	5
Off. Reb./gm	10	11	7	3t	2	3t	1	9	13	6	12	8	5
Def. Reb./gm	7	6	13	4	10	2	9	12	11	1	8	3	5
Rebounds/game	9	6	12	4	8	2	7	11	13	1	10	3	5
Assists/game	12	11	7	5t	2	3	9	1	10	13	8	4	5t
Steals/game	13	8	1	10	7	11	2	6	3	4	5	9	12
Turnovers/gm	2	11	6	9	1	12	8	7	13	3t	10	5	3t
Blocks/gm	9	5	7	1	3	2	10	6	11	12	4	8	13
Pers.Fouls/gm	4t	11	7	2	4t	12	6	13	9	3	10	8	1
DQ/game	9t	9t	2t	2t	1	6	11	2t	12t	7t	12t	2t	7t

## COMBINATION TEAM/OPPONENT STATISTICS, RANK WITHIN LEAGUE

Pts/game/diff.	4	13	7	6	2	5	12	8	1	11	10	3	9
Off. Reb. Pct.	3	8	10	5	7	2	9	13	12	1	11	6	4
Def. Reb. Pct.	6	11	3	2	5	1	8	7	12	10	13	9	4
Total Reb. Pct.	5	10	8	3	7	1	9	11	13	2	12	6	4





## 2009 WNBA FINAL STATISTICS

## WNBA INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS LEADERS

STEALS PER GAME	G	STL	AVG	BLOCKS PER GAME	G	BLK	AVG	MINUTES PER GAME	G	MIN	AVG
Catchings, Ind.	34	99	2.91	Parker, L.A.	25	53	2.12	Bird, Sea.	31	1101	35.5
Anosike, Min.	30	81	2.70	Jackson, Sea.	26	45	1.73	Harding, Was.	34	1194	35.1
Beard, Was.	31	72	2.32	T. Smith, Pho.	34	57	1.68	Dupree, Chi.	34	1186	34.9
McCoughtry, Atl.	34	74	2.18	Gruda, Ct.	26	41	1.58	Thompson, L.A.	34	1182	34.8
Perkins, Chi.	34	73	2.15	Sutton-Brown, Ind.	27	40	1.48	Cash, Sea.	32	1094	34.2
Lyttle, Atl.	34	68	2.00	Fowles, Chi.	24	35	1.46	Hammon, S.A.	31	1049	33.8
Moore, N.Y.	34	66	1.94	Riley, S.A.	31	45	1.45	Nolan, Det.	33	1113	33.7
Bevilaqua, Ind.	34	62	1.82	Taurasi, Pho.	31	43	1.39	Young, S.A.	33	1113	33.7
Douglas, Ind.	31	56	1.81	McCarville, N.Y.	32	44	1.38	Smith, Det.	27	894	33.1
Hoffman, Ind.	34	57	1.68	de Souza, Atl.	34	44	1.29	Parker, L.A.	25	815	32.6
Hammon, S.A.	31	49	1.58	Dupree, Chi.	34	41	1.21	Wright, Sea.	33	1072	32.5
Bird, Sea.	31	47	1.52	Anosike, Min.	30	28	0.93	Jackson, Sea.	26	843	32.4
Wright, Sea.	33	50	1.52	Burse, Sea.	34	31	0.91	Douglas, Ind.	31	1003	32.4
Brunson, Sac.	27	40	1.48	Hayden, L.A.	25	22	0.88	Catchings, Ind.	34	1084	31.9
Jackson, Sea.	26	38	1.46	Melvin, Was.	34	29	0.85	Beard, Was.	31	985	31.8
Powell, Sac.	34	49	1.44	Christon, N.Y.	32	27	0.84	Christon, N.Y.	32	1014	31.7
Holdsclaw, Atl.	25	34	1.36	Black, Ct.	33	27	0.82	Pondexter, Pho.	34	1075	31.6
Phillips, Ct.	32	43	1.34	Wyckoff, Chi.	27	20	0.74	Milton-Jones, L.A.	33	1043	31.6
Nolan, Det.	33	44	1.33	Bonner, Pho.	34	25	0.74	Taurasi, Pho.	31	976	31.5
Young, S.A.	33	44	1.33	Gardin, Ct.	33	24	0.73	Gruda, Ct.	26	810	31.2
Hornbuckle, Det.	32	42	1.31	Thompson, L.A.	34	24	0.71	Little, Sea.	34	1044	30.7
McCarville, N.Y.	32	41	1.28	Harper, Sac.	33	22	0.67	Powell, Sac.	34	1035	30.4
Harding, Was.	34	43	1.26	Lyttle, Atl.	34	22	0.65	McWilliams, Det.	34	1032	30.4
Houston, Min.	34	43	1.26	Braxton, Det.	28	18	0.64	Wiggins, Min.	34	1017	29.9
Whalen, Ct.	34	43	1.26	Houston, Min.	34	21	0.62	Anosike, Min.	30	896	29.9
Milton-Jones, L.A.	33	41	1.24	Brunson, Sac.	27	16	0.59	Langhorne, Was.	34	1013	29.8
Wiggins, Min.	34	41	1.21	Beard, Was.	31	18	0.58	Hoffman, Ind.	34	1005	29.6
Quinn, L.A.	34	40	1.18	Davenport, Ind.	26	14	0.54	Whalen, Ct.	34	1000	29.4
White, Ct.	30	35	1.17	Catchings, Ind.	34	18	0.53	Holdsclaw, Atl.	25	708	28.3
Taurasi, Pho.	31	36	1.16	Cash, Sea.	32	16	0.50	Moore, N.Y.	34	941	27.7

## WNBA SINGLE-GAME HIGHS AND LOWS

## PLAYERS

Minutes -- 52, Thompson, LA at SEA, 7/22 (3 OT)  
 Minutes -- 40, (7 times, most recently) Johnson, SEA at SA, 9/12  
 Field Goals -- 14, Jackson, SEA at DET, 8/18  
 FG Attempts -- 30, Nolan, DET at SA, 8/29 (OT)  
 FG Attempts -- 27, Douglas, IND at PHO, 8/8  
 3-Pt. Field Goals -- 7, Bird, SEA vs. LA, 7/22 (3 OT)  
 3-Pt. Field Goals -- 7, Taurasi, PHO vs. MIN, 6/17  
 3-Pt. Field Goals -- 7, Hammon, SA at SAC, 9/10  
 3-Pt. FG Attempts -- 14, Bird, SEA vs. LA, 7/22 (3 OT)  
 3-Pt. FG Attempts -- 13, Powell, SAC at PHO, 7/15  
 Free Throws -- 17, Zellous, DET at ATL, 6/26  
 FT Attempts -- 19, Zellous, DET at ATL, 6/26  
 Off. Rebounds -- 8, Braxton, DET vs. CHI, 8/9  
 Off. Rebounds -- 8, Parker, LA at PHO, 9/13  
 Def. Rebounds -- 14, Lyttle, ATL at CT, 6/14  
 Def. Rebounds -- 14, Watters, SA at IND, 8/27  
 Rebounds -- 18, Fowles, CHI at DET, 8/9  
 Assists -- 15, Pondexter, PHO vs. SAC, 7/15  
 Steals -- 8, Perkins, CHI vs. WAS, 6/27  
 Turnovers -- 9, Lennox, LA at SEA, 7/22 (3 OT)  
 Turnovers -- 9, Milton-Jones, LA at MIN, 6/10  
 Turnovers -- 9, Hammon, SA at SAC, 9/10  
 Blocks -- 6, Parker, LA at SEA, 7/22 (3 OT)  
 Blocks -- 6, de Souza, ATL at SEA, 8/29 (2 OT)  
 Blocks -- 5, (4 times, most recently) T. Smith, PHO vs. IND, 8/8  
 Points -- 38, Hammon, SA at SAC, 7/30 (OT)  
 Points -- 36, Jackson, SEA at DET, 8/18

## TEAMS

Field Goals -- 45, Atlanta, at SAC, 9/4  
 Fewest Field Goals -- 16, Sacramento, vs. SEA, 7/17  
 FG Attempts -- 90, Seattle, vs. LA, 7/22 (3 OT)  
 FG Attempts -- 88, Connecticut, vs. PHO, 7/28  
 Fewest FG Attempts -- 47, Detroit, at SEA, 7/15  
 Field Goal Pct. -- .643, Atlanta, at SAC, 9/4  
 Lowest Field Goal Pct. -- .258, Sacramento, at LA, 6/21  
 3-Pt. Field Goals -- 16, Minnesota, vs. SAC, 8/28  
 3-Pt. FG Attempts -- 33, San Antonio, at SAC, 7/30 (OT)  
 3-Pt. FG Attempts -- 33, San Antonio, at MIN, 8/9

3-Pt. FG Attempts -- 33, Minnesota, at CHI, 8/15  
 3-Pt. FG Pct. -- .778, Atlanta, at MIN, 7/15  
 Free Throws -- 34, Atlanta, at DET, 7/22 (OT)  
 Free Throws -- 33, (3 times, most recently) Phoenix, vs. CT, 8/29  
 Fewest Free Throws -- 3, Sacramento, at SA, 6/26  
 Fewest Free Throws -- 3, New York, at LA, 8/11  
 FT Attempts -- 42, Minnesota, vs. WAS, 7/7 (OT)  
 FT Attempts -- 40, (3 times, most recently) Phoenix, vs. CT, 8/29  
 Fewest FT Attempts -- 5, Connecticut, vs. SA, 6/21  
 Free Throw Pct. -- 1.000, (10 times, most recently) Indiana, at NY, 9/8  
 Lowest Free Throw Pct. -- .375, New York, at LA, 8/11  
 Off. Rebounds -- 24, Washington, at IND, 9/6  
 Fewest Off. Rebounds -- 2, Chicago, at SEA, 7/12  
 Fewest Off. Rebounds -- 2, Phoenix, vs. SAC, 7/15  
 Def. Rebounds -- 38, Atlanta, vs. IND, 6/6 (2 OT)  
 Def. Rebounds -- 36, (3 times, most recently) Sacramento, vs. MIN, 9/13  
 Fewest Def. Rebounds -- 11, (3 times, most recently) San Antonio, vs. LA, 9/5  
 Rebounds -- 51, Sacramento, vs. MIN, 9/13  
 Fewest Rebounds -- 17, San Antonio, at SEA, 7/7  
 Assists -- 32, Atlanta, at SAC, 9/4  
 Fewest Assists -- 6, Chicago, at PHO, 7/8  
 Fewest Assists -- 6, Washington, at SAC, 8/22  
 Personal Fouls -- 36, Washington, at MIN, 7/7 (OT)  
 Personal Fouls -- 36, Phoenix, at MIN, 8/1  
 Fewest Personal Fouls -- 8, New York, vs. IND, 9/8  
 Steals -- 21, Atlanta, at SEA, 8/29 (2 OT)  
 Steals -- 18, (3 times, most recently) Washington, vs. ATL, 9/12  
 Turnovers -- 28, Seattle, vs. ATL, 8/29 (2 OT)  
 Turnovers -- 28, Washington, at ATL, 7/3  
 Turnovers -- 28, Phoenix, at MIN, 8/1  
 Fewest Turnovers -- 5, Connecticut, at DET, 8/2  
 Blocks -- 11, Los Angeles, at SEA, 7/22 (3 OT)  
 Blocks -- 10, Phoenix, at MIN, 6/27  
 Blocks -- 10, New York, at ATL, 8/1  
 Points -- 115, Phoenix, vs. SAC, 6/13 (OT)  
 Points -- 109, Minnesota, vs. PHO, 6/27  
 Fewest Points -- 47, Sacramento, at LA, 6/21

# FEVER VS. WASHINGTON MYSTICS

## EASTERN CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS OPPONENT



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 President/Managing Partner/Owner..... Sheila C. Johnson  
 Chief Operating Officer..... Greg Bibb  
 Vice President & General Manager..... Angela Taylor  
 Head Coach..... Julie Plank  
     WNBA Record w/Mystics..... 16-18, 1st season  
     WNBA Playoff Record w/Mystics..... 0-0  
     WNBA Record Overall..... 16-18, 1st season  
     WNBA Playoff Record Overall..... 0-0  
 Assistant Coaches..... Lubomyr "Luby" Lichonczak, Trudi Lacey,  
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**QUICK FACTS**

Conference..... Eastern  
 Arena..... Verizon Center (10,152; 20,173 with balcony)  
 Colors..... Blue, Black and Bronze  
 Flagship Radio..... Webcast  
 TV..... TBD  
 Broadcasters..... Frank Hanrahan

**TEAM HISTORY**

Franchise Evolution..... Washington Mystics, 1998 to present  
 Franchise Record..... 158-238 (.399)  
 Franchise Playoff Record..... 4-8 (.333)  
 WNBA Titles..... 0  
 2008 Record..... 10-24, 6th in East  
 2008 Playoffs..... Did not qualify

**2009 RECAP**

Record..... 16-18  
 vs. Eastern Conference..... 10-12  
 Home..... 11-6  
 Road..... 5-12  
 Finish..... T4th in East

**SERIES RECORD**

Overall..... Fever 24, Mystics 11  
 At Indiana..... Fever 13, Mystics 4  
 At Washington..... Fever 11, Mystics 7

**REGULAR SEASON SERIES HIGHS**

**FEVER TEAM**

Most Points..... 92 at Washington, 7/29/03  
 Fewest Points..... 48 at Washington, 7/8/08  
 Largest Victory..... 27 at Indiana (69-42), 9/4/04

**MYSTICS TEAM**

Most Points..... 91 at Washington, 7/29/03  
 Fewest Points..... 42 at Indiana, 9/4/04  
 Largest Victory..... 21 at Washington (89-68), 6/7/02

**FEVER INDIVIDUAL**

Points..... 30, Tamika Catchings at Washington, 7/29/03  
 Rebounds..... 15, Tamika Whitmore at Indiana, 7/31/07  
     ..... 15, Tamika Catchings at Washington, 6/18/05  
     ..... 15, Tamika Catchings at Indiana, 8/12/03  
 Assists..... 10, Coquese Washington at Washington, 7/24/03

**MYSTICS INDIVIDUAL**

Points..... 34, Chamique Holdsclaw at Washington, 7/24/03  
 Rebounds..... 15, Chamique Holdsclaw at Washington, 7/29/03  
 Assists..... 9, Annie Burgess at Indiana, 7/20/01

**ALL-TIME SERIES RESULTS (24-11)**

Date	Site	W/L	Score	Date	Site	W/L	Score
7/12/00	WAS	W	81-58	6/7/06	IND	W	83-70
7/20/00	WAS	L	74-85	6/27/06	WAS	W	74-67
8/3/00	IND	L	71-75	7/29/06	IND	L	67-74
7/20/01	IND	W	73-65	6/3/07	IND	W	70-66
7/22/01	WAS	L	61-69	6/8/07	WAS	W	74-69
8/1/01	IND	W	70-64	7/1/07	WAS	W	69-62
				7/31/07	IND	W	66-57
6/7/02	WAS	L	68-89				
7/6/02	IND	W	50-45	5/17/08	IND	W	64-53
8/6/02	WAS	W	64-55	7/8/08	WAS	L	48-50
				9/2/08	WAS	W	79-68
5/31/03	IND	W	71-60				
7/24/03	WAS	W	80-75	7/21/09	WAS	W	82-70
7/29/03	WAS	W	92-91 OT	7/28/09	IND	W	85-81
8/12/03	IND	L	80-84	8/2/09	WAS	W	87-79
				9/6/09	IND	W	72-61
5/23/04	IND	L	67-68				
7/1/04	WAS	L	64-69				
9/1/04	WAS	W	75-58				
9/4/04	IND	W	69-42				
6/18/05	WAS	L	78-88 OT				
7/29/05	IND	W	62-58				
8/7/05	WAS	L	60-61				
8/18/05	IND	W	67-57				

# FEVER VS. WASHINGTON MYSTICS

## EASTERN CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS OPPONENT

### 2009 SEASON SERIES

Date	Site	Result	Leaders – Points   Rebounds   Assists
July 21	Washington	Indiana 82, Washington 70	Fever – Catchings 28   Catchings 10   Bevilaqua 8 Mystics – Harding 17   Beard 9   Harding 6
July 28	Indiana	Indiana 85, Washington 81	Fever – Douglas 34   Hoffman 10   Douglas, Bevilaqua 3 Mystics – Beard 19   Langhorne 8   Melvin, Harding 4
August 2	Washington	Indiana 87, Washington 79	Fever – Douglas 24   Catchings 9   Catchings 5 Mystics – Beard 23   Currie 7   Currie, Harding 4
September 6	Indiana	Indiana 72, Washington 61	Fever – Catchings 20   Sutton-Brown 11   Hoffman 4 Mystics – Langhorne 13   Sanford 10   Blue 3

### FEVER VS. WASHINGTON

Record (W-L): 4-0 Home (2-0) Away (2-0)

PLAYER	G	GS	MIN	FG	FGA	PCT	3FG	FGA	PCT	FT	FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	REB	AST	PF	DQ	STL	TO	BLK	PTS	AVG
Catchings	4	4	136	25	54	.463	5	13	.385	27	31	.871	12	21	33	10	12	0	7	10	1	82	20.5
Douglas	4	4	137	25	56	.446	4	18	.222	24	26	.923	5	16	21	11	5	0	10	17	0	78	19.5
Hoffman	4	4	131	15	37	.405	3	7	.429	10	11	.909	3	20	23	8	13	0	8	10	2	43	10.8
Sutton-Brown	3	3	84	10	22	.455	0	0	.000	11	19	.579	4	17	21	2	10	0	4	6	6	31	10.3
January	4	0	69	10	19	.526	5	9	.556	11	14	.786	2	7	9	2	13	0	5	4	0	36	9.0
Bevilaqua	4	4	104	8	18	.444	4	10	.400	6	10	.600	1	9	10	17	10	0	11	8	2	26	6.5
Dixon	4	0	49	5	12	.417	1	2	.500	4	4	1.000	2	3	5	3	4	0	1	2	1	15	3.8
Moore	4	1	73	6	14	.429	0	0	.000	3	4	.750	6	5	11	1	15	0	2	5	0	15	3.8
Davenport	3	0	12	0	1	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	1	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	0.0
Murphy	2	0	4	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Wirth	1	0	1	0	1	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
FEVER	4		800	104	234	.444	22	59	.373	96	119	.807	36	98	134	54	87	0	48	66	15	326	81.5
MYSTICS	4		800	107	274	.391	19	57	.333	58	82	.707	59	84	143	52	97	3	37	75	14	291	72.8

### WASHINGTON VS. FEVER

Record (W-L): 0-4 Home (0-2) Away (0-2)

PLAYER	G	GS	MIN	FG	FGA	PCT	3FG	FGA	PCT	FT	FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	REB	AST	PF	DQ	STL	TO	BLK	PTS	AVG
Harding	4	4	143	25	56	.446	1	5	.200	13	15	.867	7	13	20	16	13	1	8	22	1	64	16.0
Beard	4	3	114	24	60	.400	5	16	.313	8	13	.615	6	15	21	6	18	1	3	12	0	61	15.3
Langhorne	4	4	118	19	36	.528	0	0	.000	7	11	.636	9	13	22	0	8	0	6	12	1	45	11.3
Currie	4	4	83	11	30	.367	6	10	.600	8	10	.800	8	11	19	6	11	0	5	3	3	36	9.0
Coleman	4	0	77	9	25	.360	5	14	.357	6	8	.750	6	8	14	4	5	0	2	3	1	29	7.3
Melvin	4	4	97	10	17	.588	0	0	.000	4	7	.571	6	4	10	8	10	0	6	4	6	24	6.0
Sanford	4	0	66	3	11	.273	0	0	.000	5	8	.625	7	12	19	4	11	0	5	7	2	11	2.8
Ajavon	4	1	56	2	25	.080	1	10	.100	5	8	.625	6	4	10	4	11	0	2	4	0	10	2.5
Mosby	4	0	33	3	12	.250	0	0	.000	2	2	1.000	3	6	0	7	1	0	3	0	0	8	2.0
Mann	2	0	6	1	2	.500	1	2	.500	0	0	.000	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	3	1.5
Blue	2	0	8	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	1	0	1	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
MYSTICS	4		800	107	274	.391	19	57	.333	58	82	.707	59	84	143	52	97	3	37	75	14	291	72.8
FEVER	4		800	104	234	.444	22	59	.373	96	119	.807	36	98	134	54	87	0	48	66	15	326	81.5





# FEVER VS. ATLANTA DREAM

## POSSIBLE EASTERN CONFERENCE FINALS OPPONENT



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### TEAM DIRECTORY

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 President & Chief Operating Officer..... Bill Bolen  
 Executive Vice President..... Danielle Donehew  
 General Manager/Head Coach..... Marynell Meadors  
     WNBA Record w/Dream..... 22-46 (.324), 2nd season  
     WNBA Playoff Record w/Dream..... 0-0  
     WNBA Record Overall..... 55-71 (.437), 4th season  
     WNBA Playoff Record Overall..... 0-3 (.000)  
 Assistant Coaches..... Fred Williams, Carol Ross  
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### QUICK FACTS

Conference..... Eastern  
 Arena..... Philips Arena (11,186)  
 Colors..... Blue, Red, Light Blue and Navy  
 Flagship Radio..... TBD  
 TV..... Comcast Sports Southeast  
 Broadcasters..... Art Eckman, Teresa Edwards, LaChina Robinson

### TEAM HISTORY

Franchise Evolution..... Atlanta Dream, 2008 to present  
 Franchise Record..... 22-46 (.324)  
 Franchise Playoff Record..... 0-0  
 WNBA Titles..... 0  
 2008 Record..... 4-30, 7th in East  
 2008 Playoffs..... Did not qualify

### 2009 RECAP

Record..... 18-16  
 vs. Eastern Conference..... 10-12  
 Home..... 12-5  
 Road..... 6-11  
 Finish..... T2nd in East

### SERIES RECORD

Overall..... Fever 5, Dream 2  
 At Indiana..... Fever 3, Dream 1  
 At Atlanta..... Fever 2, Dream 1

### REGULAR SEASON SERIES HIGHS

#### FEVER TEAM

Most Points..... 87 at Indiana, 8/30/08  
 Fewest Points..... 76 at Atlanta, 6/13/08  
 Largest Victory..... 15 at Indiana (87-72), 8/30/08

#### DREAM TEAM

Most Points..... 87 at Atlanta, 2OT, 6/6/09  
 Fewest Points..... 67 at Atlanta, 6/13/08  
 Largest Victory..... 4 at Indiana (81-77), 7/16/08

#### FEVER INDIVIDUAL

Points..... 25, Katie Douglas, at Indiana, 7/17/09  
 Rebounds..... 14, Ebony Hoffman at Indiana, 8/30/08  
 Assists..... 7, Katie Douglas at Atlanta, 6/13/08

#### DREAM INDIVIDUAL

Points..... 27, Betty Lennox at Indiana, 8/30/08  
 Rebounds..... 17, Erika de Souza, at Atlanta, 2OT, 6/6/09  
 Assists..... 7, Kristin Haynie at Indiana, 7/16/08

### ALL-TIME SERIES RESULTS (5-2)

Date	Site	W/L	Score
6/13/08	ATL	W	76-67
7/16/08	IND	L	77-81
8/30/08	IND	W	87-72
9/8/08	ATL	W	81-77
6/6/09	ATL	L	86-87 2OT
7/5/09	IND	W	78-74
7/17/09	IND	W	84-79

# FEVER VS. ATLANTA DREAM

## POSSIBLE EASTERN CONFERENCE FINALS OPPONENT

### 2009 SEASON SERIES

Date	Site	Result	Leaders – Points   Rebounds   Assists
June 6	Atlanta	Atlanta 87, Indiana 86 (2OT)	Fever – Douglas 22   Catchings 9   January 5 Dream – Holdsclaw 23   Erika DeSouza 17   Holdsclaw, Teasley 4
July 5	Indiana	Indiana 78, Atlanta 74	Fever – Sutton-Brown 22   Catchings, Sutton-Brown 9   Catchings 5 Dream – Lyttle 18   DeSouza 8   McCoughtry, Lehning 4
Jul 17	Indiana	Indiana 84, Atlanta 79	Fever – Douglas 25   Catchings 8   Bevilaqua 5 Dream – DeSouza 23   DeSouza 14   Castro-Marques, Lehning 3

### FEVER VS. ATLANTA

Record (W-L): 2-1 Home (2-0) Away (0-1)

PLAYER	G	GS	MIN	FG	FGA	PCT	3FG	FGA	PCT	FT	FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	REB	AST	PF	DQ	STL	TO	BLK	PTS	AVG
Douglas	3	3	110	21	50	.420	8	16	.500	7	7	1.000	1	7	8	7	7	0	8	13	1	57	19.0
Sutton-Brown	3	3	88	18	38	.474	0	0	.000	14	16	.875	11	10	21	6	10	0	2	5	4	50	16.7
Catchings	3	3	109	14	41	.341	5	10	.500	15	18	.833	6	20	26	12	10	0	15	14	2	48	16.0
Bevilaqua	3	2	84	7	13	.538	5	8	.625	10	12	.833	1	7	8	9	11	0	4	2	0	29	9.7
Hoffman	3	3	82	9	24	.375	1	4	.250	2	2	1.000	4	9	13	7	10	1	4	6	2	21	7.0
January	3	1	72	5	18	.278	1	5	.200	8	10	.800	2	4	6	6	2	0	4	5	0	19	6.3
Moore	2	0	26	3	5	.600	0	0	.000	3	4	.750	1	3	4	0	2	0	2	2	0	9	4.5
Davenport	2	0	15	2	3	.667	0	0	.000	3	4	.750	2	0	2	3	3	0	0	0	2	7	3.5
Dixon	3	0	35	2	7	.286	0	0	.000	2	4	.500	2	6	8	3	4	0	0	2	0	6	2.0
Griffith	1	0	16	1	4	.250	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	2	2.0
Murphy	1	0	6	0	3	.000	0	1	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0.0
Whittington	1	0	4	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Wirth	2	0	5	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
FEVER	3	-	650	82	206	.398	20	44	.455	64	77	.831	30	67	97	56	61	1	39	55	12	248	82.7
DREAM	3	-	650	88	210	.419	6	24	.250	58	71	.817	35	79	114	46	78	0	34	64	14	240	80.0

### ATLANTA VS. FEVER

Record (W-L): 1-2 Home (1-0) Away (0-2)

PLAYER	G	GS	MIN	FG	FGA	PCT	3FG	FGA	PCT	FT	FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	REB	AST	PF	DQ	STL	TO	BLK	PTS	AVG
de Souza	3	3	101	22	32	.688	0	0	.000	10	11	.909	15	24	39	4	12	0	6	7	6	54	18.0
Lyttle	3	2	96	15	36	.417	0	0	.000	14	16	.875	7	13	20	4	7	0	9	8	0	44	14.7
McCoughtry	3	0	73	13	28	.464	1	4	.250	11	14	.786	5	9	14	7	10	0	7	7	3	38	12.7
Holdsclaw	3	3	81	15	35	.429	0	1	.000	6	8	.750	1	9	10	8	11	0	5	14	2	36	12.0
Teasley	1	1	41	2	6	.333	2	2	1.000	4	6	.667	1	5	6	4	2	0	2	1	1	10	10.0
Castro-Marques	3	3	78	6	31	.194	2	7	.286	7	9	.778	1	3	4	4	7	0	0	6	0	21	7.0
Miller	3	1	42	3	7	.429	0	1	.000	5	5	1.000	2	2	4	3	5	0	3	7	0	11	3.7
Price	3	0	44	1	7	.143	0	0	.000	9	10	.900	2	2	4	2	7	0	2	2	1	11	3.7
Latta	2	0	21	3	9	.333	0	3	.000	0	0	.000	0	2	2	1	4	0	0	1	1	6	3.0
Lehning	3	1	58	4	11	.364	1	4	.250	0	0	.000	0	7	7	7	6	0	1	3	1	9	3.0
Lacy	3	0	28	3	11	.273	0	1	.000	0	0	.000	2	2	4	2	6	0	0	3	0	6	2.0
Snow	3	1	24	2	3	.667	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	1	3	4	2	8	0	1	5	0	4	1.3
Young	2	0	6	0	1	.000	0	1	.000	1	2	.500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.5
DREAM	3	-	650	88	210	.419	6	24	.250	58	71	.817	35	79	114	46	78	0	34	64	14	240	80.0
FEVER	3	-	650	82	206	.398	20	44	.455	64	77	.831	30	67	97	56	61	1	39	55	12	248	82.7





# FEVER VS. ATLANTA DREAM

## POSSIBLE EASTERN CONFERENCE FINALS OPPONENT

### Gm 13 – Indiana 84, Atlanta 79

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indiana Fever increased their franchise-record win streak to 11 games, just in time for perhaps their toughest stretch of games so far.

Katie Douglas scored 25 points to help the Fever beat the Atlanta Dream 84-79, their sixth home win in seven games. Now, Indiana (11-2) would play road games at Connecticut on July 19, Washington on July 21 and San Antonio on July 23.

Indiana got away with committing 19 turnovers against Atlanta. Tamika Catchings, who had 14 points, eight rebounds and four steals for the Fever, didn't think that kind of sloppy play will work during the final stretch before the All-Star break.

"The turnovers we had tonight, we're not going to be able to get away with on the road," Catchings said. "We have a big test ahead of us, but I think if we all stick together and do the little things that have made us win and made us get to this point, we'll be all right."

One more win for Indiana would tie the Eastern Conference record for consecutive wins set by Connecticut in 2006, and would match the third-longest streak in WNBA history. The league record is 18 in a row by the Los Angeles Sparks in 2001.

Erika de Souza scored a career-high 23 points and grabbed 14 rebounds for the Dream (7-9) on Friday, but Atlanta allowed Indiana to make 9 of 16 3-pointers. Atlanta coach Marynell Meadors said her team played well but ran into a hot squad.

"Indiana is playing the best in the league," Meadors said. "They are our measuring stick."

Atlanta jumped out to a 15-8 lead, but the Fever responded with a 17-2 run to take the lead for good. Indiana coach Lin Dunn wasn't happy with the way the Fever started the game.

But like it has numerous times during the streak, Indiana maintained its confidence and came back.

Atlanta trimmed Indiana's lead to 72-67 midway through the fourth quarter, but Indiana responded with an 8-3 run. A 3-pointer by Ebony Hoffman as the shot clock expired gave Indiana an 80-70 lead with just under two minutes left.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

OFFICIAL SCORER'S REPORT  
FINAL BOX

07/17/2009 Conseco Fieldhouse, Indianapolis, IN  
Officials: #13 Cameron Inouye, #21 Bryon Jarrett, #31 Amy Bonner

Time of Game: 1:58  
Attendance: 7,975

VISITOR: Atlanta Dream (7-9)

NO PLAYER	MIN	FG	FGA	3P	3PA	FT	FTA	OR	DR	TOT	A	PF	ST	TO	BS	PTS
1 Chamique Holdscrow	F 22:20	5	10	0	0	1	2	0	3	3	2	3	1	5	0	11
20 Sancho Lyttle	F 34:35	5	11	0	0	6	7	3	5	8	2	3	4	2	0	16
14 Erika DeSouza	C 32:43	10	15	0	0	3	3	7	7	14	2	4	2	0	2	23
8 Iziana Castro Marques	G 31:02	4	16	2	3	3	3	1	0	1	3	1	0	3	0	13
5 Shalee Lehning	G 26:02	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	3	1	1	2	0	0
9 Coco Miller	3:03	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0
12 Ivory Latta	13:58	3	7	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	1	6
21 Jennifer Lacy	5:25	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35 Angel McCoughtry	21:02	4	11	0	1	0	0	3	1	4	0	2	3	1	1	8
2 Michelle Snow	7:17	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
11 Tamera Young	2:33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		32	77	2	7	13	15	14	18	32	13	18	12	16	4	79
PERCENTAGES			41.6%		28.6%		86.7%		TM REB: 11							TOT TO: 16 (18 PTS)

HOME: INDIANA FEVER (10-3)

NO PLAYER	MIN	FG	FGA	3P	3PA	FT	FTA	OR	DR	TOT	A	PF	ST	TO	BS	PTS
24 Tamika Catchings	F 32:50	5	10	1	2	3	3	2	6	8	3	2	4	2	1	14
32 Ebony Hoffman	F 34:06	4	9	1	2	0	0	2	5	7	4	3	2	1	1	9
8 Tammy Sutton-Brown	C 24:44	4	11	0	0	5	6	4	3	7	3	4	1	3	2	13
23 Katie Douglas	G 33:28	9	19	5	8	2	2	0	4	4	2	2	1	6	1	25
41 Tully Bevilacqua	G 29:21	3	4	2	3	2	2	0	1	1	5	2	0	1	0	10
20 Briann January	10:39	0	1	0	0	2	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	3	0	2
31 Jessica Moore	10:54	2	4	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	4
50 Jessica Davenport	9:16	2	2	0	0	1	2	2	0	2	2	1	0	0	2	5
21 Tamecka Dixon	8:04	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	2
14 Shay Murphy	5:38	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
34 Christina Wirth	DNP – Coach's Decision															
TOTALS		30	64	9	16	15	17	11	23	34	20	16	9	19	7	84
PERCENTAGES			46.9%		56.3%		88.2%		TM REB: 6							TOT TO: 20 (23 PTS)

SCORE BY PERIODS

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Dream	17	14	24	24	79
FEVER	22	21	21	20	84

Points in the Paint: Dream 46, FEVER 32  
Second Chance Points: Dream 13, FEVER 12  
Fast Break Points: Dream 12, FEVER 7

Biggest Lead: Dream 7, FEVER 14  
Lead Changes: 1  
Times Tied: 2

# FEVER VS. DETROIT SHOCK

## POSSIBLE EASTERN CONFERENCE FINALS OPPONENT



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### SERIES RECORD

Overall..... Fever 18, Shock 18  
 At Indiana..... Fever 12, Shock 5  
 At Detroit..... Fever 6, Shock 13  
 Playoffs..... Fever 2, Shock 6  
 At Indiana..... Fever 1, Shock 2  
 At Detroit..... Fever 1, Shock 4

### TEAM DIRECTORY

Managing Partner..... The Estate of William Davidson  
 President & Chief Executive Officer..... Tom Wilson  
 Chief Operating Officer..... Alan Ostfield  
 General Manager..... Cheryl Reeve  
 Head Coach..... Rick Mahorn  
 WNBA Record w/Shock..... 17-14 (.548), 1st season  
 WNBA Playoff Record w/Shock..... 0-0 (.000)  
 WNBA Record Overall..... 17-14 (.548), 1st season  
 WNBA Playoff Record Overall..... 0-0 (.000)  
 Assistant Coach..... Cheryl Reeve, Earl Cureton  
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### REGULAR SEASON SERIES HIGHS

**FEVER TEAM**  
 Most Points..... 85 at Indiana, 7/16/04  
 ..... 85 at Indiana, 7/6/03  
 Fewest Points..... 40 at Detroit, 8/25/05  
 Largest Victory..... 31 at Indiana (85-54), 7/6/03  
**SHOCK TEAM**  
 Most Points..... 111 at Detroit, 6/18/00  
 Fewest Points..... 54 at Detroit, 6/19/09  
 ..... 54 at Indiana, 7/6/03  
 Largest Victory..... 37 at Detroit (111-74), 6/18/00  
**FEVER INDIVIDUAL**  
 Points..... 27, Tamika Catchings at Detroit, 6/2/02  
 Rebounds..... 16, Tamika Catchings at Indiana, ot, 6/15/05  
 Assists..... 10, Rita Williams at Indiana, 8/12/01  
**SHOCK INDIVIDUAL**  
 Points..... 32, Deanna Nolan at Indiana, ot, 6/15/05  
 Rebounds..... 18, Cheryl Ford at Detroit, 6/16/06  
 Assists..... 8, Deanna Nolan at Detroit, 5/21/08  
 ..... 8, Swin Cash at Detroit, 6/16/06  
 ..... 8, Elaine Powell at Indiana, 7/16/03

### QUICK FACTS

Conference..... Eastern  
 Arena..... The Palace of Auburn Hills (11,268)  
 Colors..... Red, Royal Blue, Navy Blue  
 Broadcasters..... Matt Shepard

### TEAM HISTORY

Franchise Evolution..... Detroit Shock, 1998 to present  
 Franchise Record..... 210-184 (.533)  
 Franchise Playoff Record..... 27-17 (.614)  
 WNBA Titles..... 3 (2003, 2006, 2008)  
 2008 Record..... 22-12, 1st in East  
 2008 Playoffs..... WNBA Champions  
 ..... defeated Indiana, 2-1; defeated New York, 2-1;  
 ..... defeated San Antonio, 3-0

### 2009 RECAP

Record..... 18-16  
 vs. Eastern Conference..... 11-11  
 Home..... 11-6  
 Road..... 7-10  
 Finish..... T2nd in East

### ALL-TIME SERIES RESULTS (18-18, 2-6)

Date	Site	W/L	Score	Date	Site	W/L	Score
6/9/00	DET	L	76-80	6/16/07	DET	W	77-67
6/18/00	DET	L	74-111	7/20/07	IND	L	80-89
8/7/00	IND	L	63-74	8/11/07	DET	L	69-74
				8/19/07	IND	W	72-66
6/22/01	IND	W	77-56				
6/23/01	DET	W	74-70	5/21/08	DET	L	71-76
8/12/01	IND	W	83-66	5/31/08	IND	L	65-74
				9/5/08	DET	L	90-68
6/1/02	IND	W	79-62				
6/2/02	DET	W	78-65	6/19/09	DET	W	66-54
8/9/02	DET	L	54-55	6/21/09	IND	W	82-70
				8/15/09	IND	W	82-59
6/24/03	DET	L	60-68	9/4/09	DET	L	63-70
7/6/03	IND	W	85-54				OT
7/16/03	IND	L	68-70				
8/2/03	DET	L	58-72				
6/9/04	IND	L	79-83				
6/12/04	DET	L	68-72	8/31/07	IND	W	75-65
6/29/04	DET	W	69-68	9/2/07	DET	L	63-77
7/16/04	IND	W	85-73	9/3/07	DET	L	65-81
6/15/05	IND	W	84-79 OT	9/19/08	IND	L	72-81
7/15/05	IND	W	62-57	9/21/08	DET	W	89-82
7/17/05	DET	W	59-58	9/23/08	DET	L	61-80
8/25/05	DET	L	40-55				
5/20/06	IND	W	67-60				
6/16/06	DET	L	63-71				
6/29/06	IND	W	66-56				
8/01/06	DET	L	66-70				

# FEVER VS. DETROIT SHOCK

## POSSIBLE EASTERN CONFERENCE FINALS OPPONENT

### 2009 SEASON SERIES

Date	Site	Result	Leaders – Points   Rebounds   Assists
June 19	Detroit	Indiana 66, Detroit 54	Fever – Catchings 15   Sutton-Brown 9   Catchings 4 Shock – Nolan 13   Hornbuckle, McWilliams 10   Hornbuckle, Nolan, Smith 2
June 21	Indiana	Indiana 82, Detroit 70	Fever – Douglas 23   Sutton-Brown 9   Catchings 6 Shock – Nolan 16   Nolan 8   Nolan 6
August 15	Indiana	Indiana 82, Detroit 59	Fever – Douglas 19   Catchings 9   Douglas 4 Shock – Zellous 16   Braxton 10   McWilliams, Zellous 3
September 4	Detroit	Detroit 70, Indiana 63 (OT)	Fever – Catchings 14   Catchings 13   Bevilaqua, Catchings, Hoffman, January 3 Shock – Nolan 22   Ford 12   Nolan 4

### FEVER VS. DETROIT

Record (W-L): 3-1 Home (2-0) Away (1-1)

PLAYER	G	GS	MIN	FG	FGA	PCT	3FG	FGA	PCT	FT	FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	REB	AST	PF	DQ	STL	TO	BLK	PTS	AVG
Douglas	3	3	101	18	29	.621	8	16	.500	12	13	.923	3	13	16	7	4	0	3	6	1	56	18.7
Catchings	4	4	141	17	45	.378	5	20	.250	15	17	.882	11	20	31	15	12	0	13	11	6	54	13.5
January	3	1	92	8	27	.296	5	15	.333	14	18	.778	4	3	7	9	11	1	6	9	0	35	11.7
Sutton-Brown	4	3	105	12	29	.414	0	0	.000	14	20	.700	8	22	30	6	9	0	2	4	5	38	9.5
Hoffman	4	4	127	15	44	.341	3	11	.273	4	5	.800	9	15	24	7	8	0	7	12	0	37	9.3
Bevilaqua	4	4	96	7	30	.233	5	22	.227	2	2	1.000	1	7	8	12	9	0	8	5	0	21	5.3
Murphy	3	0	18	4	8	.500	3	4	.750	3	4	.750	2	5	7	1	4	0	1	1	0	14	4.7
Dixon	4	0	57	8	20	.400	2	6	.333	0	0	.000	1	5	6	7	5	0	5	6	0	18	4.5
Moore	4	1	55	6	13	.462	0	0	.000	4	4	1.000	2	7	9	2	11	0	1	4	1	16	4.0
Davenport	4	0	23	1	5	.200	0	0	.000	2	4	.500	1	2	3	0	5	0	0	1	2	4	1.0
Wirth	2	0	11	0	3	.000	0	2	.000	0	0	.000	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
FEVER	4		825	96	253	.379	31	96	.323	70	87	.805	42	100	142	66	79	1	46	62	15	293	73.3
SHOCK	4		825	97	248	.391	14	45	.311	45	67	.672	38	103	141	50	90	0	34	76	5	253	63.3

### DETROIT VS. FEVER

Record (W-L): 1-3 Home (1-1) Away (0-2)

PLAYER	G	GS	MIN	FG	FGA	PCT	3FG	FGA	PCT	FT	FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	REB	AST	PF	DQ	STL	TO	BLK	PTS	AVG
Nolan	4	4	142	24	66	.364	4	13	.308	3	5	.600	3	11	14	13	9	0	9	9	1	55	13.8
Zellous	4	1	95	16	36	.444	4	6	.667	17	21	.810	3	11	14	4	11	0	4	13	0	53	13.3
Smith	3	3	94	8	24	.333	4	14	.286	4	4	1.000	1	6	7	6	10	0	2	10	0	24	8.0
McWilliams	4	4	111	12	28	.429	0	0	.000	2	5	.400	7	19	26	8	9	0	5	13	1	26	6.5
Ford	4	4	100	10	26	.385	0	2	.000	5	11	.455	7	21	28	2	13	0	4	5	1	25	6.3
Hornbuckle	4	3	117	11	32	.344	1	7	.143	2	4	.500	9	15	24	8	14	0	3	11	1	25	6.3
Teasley	1	1	25	0	2	.000	0	2	.000	2	2	1.000	0	1	1	2	2	0	1	1	0	2	2.0
Sanni	4	0	45	8	15	.533	0	0	.000	7	9	.778	4	4	8	3	9	0	4	3	0	23	5.8
Braxton	2	0	34	4	10	.400	0	0	.000	0	2	.000	2	12	14	2	7	0	0	7	1	8	4.0
Haynie	3	0	27	3	6	.500	1	1	1.000	0	0	.000	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	7	2.3
Farris	3	0	29	1	3	.333	0	0	.000	3	4	.750	1	2	3	0	4	0	1	0	0	5	1.7
Kelly	1	0	7	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
SHOCK	4		825	97	248	.391	14	45	.311	45	67	.672	38	103	141	50	90	0	34	76	5	253	63.3
FEVER	4		825	96	253	.379	31	96	.323	70	87	.805	42	100	142	66	79	1	46	62	15	293	73.3

FEVER VS. DETROIT SHOCK

POSSIBLE EASTERN CONFERENCE FINALS OPPONENT

Gm 5 – Indiana 66, Detroit 54

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. – The Detroit Shock had a new coach and a returning All-Star, and it wasn't enough to beat the Indiana Fever.

Tamika Catchings scored 15 points, and the Indiana Fever beat Detroit 66-54 in Rick Mahorn's debut as Shock coach.

"As a team, we anticipated an emotional game," said Katie Douglas, who added 13 points. "It's a big day for them having Mahorn – Bill Laimbeer has been here for so long, that we knew they were going to come out with a lot of mixed emotions, and that we would have to weather the storm."

Mahorn took over as the defending champions' coach after Laimbeer's abrupt resignation earlier in the week. Laimbeer had won three championships in the last six seasons.

"There were mixed feelings – Bill had a great legacy here, and he's left big shoes to fill," said Mahorn, who has Laimbeer's top assistant for the last two titles. "We've got a lot of work to do, but I know we've got the players to contend for another championship."

Mahorn couldn't do much to prevent his team from slipping to 1-3. Detroit shot 29.5 percent for the game and turned the ball over 21 times.

"That's a good veteran team, and their defense had us back on our heels all night," Mahorn said. "We've had nine days off, and it showed. We didn't have any timing tonight."

The Shock also had All-Star Cheryl Ford in the lineup for the first time since she tore her right ACL last July, but she finished with seven points and two rebounds in 20 minutes.

Deanna Nolan led the Shock with 13.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

OFFICIAL SCORER'S REPORT FINAL BOX

06/19/2009 The Palace of Auburn Hills, Auburn Hill Officials: #8 Daryl Humphrey, #21 Byron Jarrett, #53 Jeff Smith

Time of Game: 1:59 Attendance: 7,725

VISITOR: Indiana Fever (3-2)

Table with columns: NO PLAYER, MIN, FG, FGA, 3P, 3PA, FT, FTA, OR, DR, TOT, A, PF, ST, TO, BS, PTS. Rows include player stats for Tamika Catchings, Ebony Hoffman, Tammy Sutton-Brown, Katie Douglas, Tully Bevilacqua, Jessica Moore, Christina Wirth, Tamecka Dixon, Jessica Davenport, Shay Murphy, Briann January, and totals.

HOME: DETROIT SHOCK (1-3)

Table with columns: NO PLAYER, MIN, FG, FGA, 3P, 3PA, FT, FTA, OR, DR, TOT, A, PF, ST, TO, BS, PTS. Rows include player stats for Katie Smith, Taj McWilliams, Cheryl Ford, Deanna Nolan, Shavonte Zellous, Olayinka Sanni, Alexis Hornbuckle, Barbara Farris, Kristin Haynie, Kara Braxton, Plenette Pierson, and totals.

SCORE BY PERIODS

Table with columns: Fever, SHOCK, and FINAL. Rows show scores for each period and the final score (Fever 66, Shock 54).

Points in the Paint: Fever 10, SHOCK 14 Second Chance Points: Fever 8, SHOCK 13 Fast Break Points: Fever 6, SHOCK 2

Biggest Lead: Fever 18, SHOCK 4 Lead Changes: 4 Times Tied: 5

Gm 6 – Indiana 82, Detroit 70

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indiana Fever overcame a 17-point deficit in the second half to beat the Detroit Shock 82-70 and deny Rick Mahorn his first win as Detroit coach.

It was Mahorn's second game as head coach since Bill Laimbeer resigned.

Katie Douglas scored 23 points and Tamika Catchings had 15 points and six assists for the Fever (4-2), who won their fourth straight after losing their first two.

Deanna Nolan scored 16 points and Katie Smith added 15 for the Shock (1-4), who are off to their worst start since 2002.

Detroit led 60-54 at the end of the third quarter, but Douglas and Catchings made back-to-back 3-pointers at the beginning of the fourth quarter to tie the game. Indiana took the lead for good on a 3-pointer by Tamecka Dixon.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

OFFICIAL SCORER'S REPORT FINAL BOX

06/21/2009 Conseco Fieldhouse, Indianapolis, IN Officials: #45 Tom Mauer, #6 Bonita Spence, #39 Michael Price

Time of Game: 1:44 Attendance: 7,610

VISITOR: Detroit Shock (1-4)

Table with columns: NO PLAYER, MIN, FG, FGA, 3P, 3PA, FT, FTA, OR, DR, TOT, A, PF, ST, TO, BS, PTS. Rows include player stats for Katie Smith, Taj McWilliams, Cheryl Ford, Deanna Nolan, Alexis Hornbuckle, Olayinka Sanni, Shavonte Zellous, Barbara Farris, Kristin Haynie, Kara Braxton, Plenette Pierson, and totals.

HOME: INDIANA FEVER (4-2)

Table with columns: NO PLAYER, MIN, FG, FGA, 3P, 3PA, FT, FTA, OR, DR, TOT, A, PF, ST, TO, BS, PTS. Rows include player stats for Tamika Catchings, Ebony Hoffman, Tammy Sutton-Brown, Katie Douglas, Tully Bevilacqua, Briann January, Jessica Moore, Jessica Davenport, Tamecka Dixon, Shay Murphy, Christina Wirth, and totals.

SCORE BY PERIODS

Table with columns: Shock, FEVER, and FINAL. Rows show scores for each period and the final score (Shock 70, Fever 82).

Points in the Paint: Shock 26, FEVER 2 Second Chance Points: Shock 11, FEVER 12 Fast Break Points: Shock 13, FEVER 6

Biggest Lead: Shock 17, FEVER 15 Lead Changes: 7 Times Tied: 2



# PLAYOFFS RECORD BOOK

## ALL-TIME PLAYOFF SUMMARY

All-Time Record:.....7-11  
 Home Record: .....5-3  
 Road Record: .....2-8  
 Most Playoff Wins, One Year:.....3 (2007)  
 Most Playoff Losses, One Year:.....3 (2007)  
 Most Consecutive Series Won:.....1 (2005, 2007)  
 Most Consecutive Games Won, Overall: .....3 (8/25/07 to 8/31/07)  
 Most Consecutive Games Won, One Series:.....2 (2005 ESF, 2007 ESF)  
 Most Consecutive Series Lost: .....2 (2005-06, 2007-08)  
 Most Consecutive Games Lost, Overall:.....4 (9/8/05 to 8/23/07)  
 Most Consecutive Games Lost, One Series: .....2 (2002 ESF, 2005 EF, 2006 ESF, 2007 EF)

## GAME-BY-GAME RESULTS

### 2002 WNBA EASTERN CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS vs. NEW YORK LIBERTY

Gm	Date	Site	Result	Series	IND Points	IND Rebounds	IND Assists	OPP Points	Attendance
1	8/16/02	at IND	W, 73-55	1-0	Catchings 29	Richardson 14	McCray 5	Whitmore 18	10,198
2	8/18/02	at NY	L, 65-84	1-1	Catchings 20	Catchings 14	Washington 5	Whitmore 24	10,988
3	8/20/02	at NY	L, 60-75	1-2	McCray 14	Richardson 9	Washington 7	Johnson 19	12,471

### 2005 WNBA EASTERN CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS vs. NEW YORK LIBERTY

Gm	Date	Site	Result	Series	IND Points	IND Rebounds	IND Assists	OPP Points	Attendance
1	8/30/05	at NY	W, 63-51	1-0	Catchings 19	Catchings 12	Miller 3	Johnson 17	7,729
2	9/1/05	at IND	W, 58-50	2-0	Catchings 19	Catchings 12	Streimikyte 4	Hammon 14	5,085

### 2005 WNBA EASTERN CONFERENCE FINALS vs. CONNECTICUT SUN

Gm	Date	Site	Result	Series	IND Points	IND Rebounds	IND Assists	OPP Points	Attendance
1	9/8/05	at IND	L, 68-73	0-1	Miller 14	Catchings 8	Bevilaqua 4	McW-Franklin 24	8,777
2	9/10/05	at CON	L, 67-77 (OT)	0-2	Catchings 21	Williams 11	Catchings 5	McW-Franklin 15	7,588

### 2006 WNBA EASTERN CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS vs. DETROIT SHOCK

Gm	Date	Site	Result	Series	IND Points	IND Rebounds	IND Assists	OPP Points	Attendance
1	8/17/06	at IND	L, 56-68	0-1	Catchings 17	Atkinson 11	Catchings 5	Nolan 18	7,261
2	8/19/06	at DET	L, 83-98	0-2	Whitmore 41	Whitmore 10	DeForge 3	Ford 23	8,830

### 2007 WNBA EASTERN CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS vs. CONNECTICUT SUN

Gm	Date	Site	Result	Series	IND Points	IND Rebounds	IND Assists	OPP Points	Attendance
1	8/23/07	at CON	L, 88-93 (3OT)	0-1	DeForge 31	Catchings 20	Catchings 7	Sales 25	7,271
2	8/25/07	at IND	W, 78-59	1-1	DeForge 26	Catchings 13	White-Whitmore 4	Douglas 11	7,298
3	8/27/07	at IND	W, 93-88 (OT)	2-1	Catchings 30	Catchings 13	Catchings 6	Douglas 27	6,012

### 2007 WNBA EASTERN CONFERENCE FINALS vs. DETROIT SHOCK

Gm	Date	Site	Result	Series	IND Points	IND Rebounds	IND Assists	OPP Points	Attendance
1	8/31/07	at IND	W, 75-65	1-0	Catchings 22	Catchings 11	Bevilaqua 4	Pierson 19	9,623
2	9/2/07	at DET	L, 63-77	1-1	DeForge 13	three with 4	Whitmore 4	Nolan 24	10,153
3	9/3/07	at DET	L, 65-81	1-2	Sutton-Brown 17	Sam, Sutton-Brown 10	Sam, Whitmore 4	Nolan 30	9,856

### 2008 WNBA EASTERN CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS vs. DETROIT SHOCK

Gm	Date	Site	Result	Series	IND Points	IND Rebounds	IND Assists	OPP Points	Attendance
1	9/19/08	at IND	L, 72-81	0-1	Catchings, Hoffman 19	Sutton-Brown 6	Catchings 7	Nolan 22	7,613
2	9/21/08	at DET	W, 89-82 (OT)	1-1	Catchings 27	Hoffman 12	Bevilaqua 5	Nolan-Pierson 16	8,219
3	9/23/08	at DET	L, 61-80	1-2	Sutton-Brown 20	Hoffman 10	Catchings 8	Nolan 21	8,296

## COACHING RECORDS

HEAD COACH	YEARS	APPEARANCES	GMS	W-L	PCT.
Nell Fortner	2001-03	1	3	1-2	.333
Brian Winters	2004-07	3	12	5-7	.417
Lin Dunn	2008 to present	1	3	1-2	.333
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>7-11</b>	<b>.389</b>

## ATTENDANCE RECORDS

### LARGEST SEASON TOTAL

50,213 in 2007 (6 games)  
 33,657 in 2002 (3 games)  
 29,179 in 2005 (4 games)

### LARGEST SEASON AVERAGE

11,219 in 2002 (3 games)  
 8,369 in 2007 (6 games)  
 8,045 in 2006 (2 games)  
 8,042 in 2008 (3 games)

### LARGEST HOME ATTENDANCE

10,198 vs. New York, 8/16/02  
 9,623 vs. Detroit, 8/31/07  
 8,777 vs. Connecticut, 9/10/05  
 7,613 vs. Detroit, 9/19/08  
 7,298 vs. Connecticut, 8/25/07  
 7,261 vs. Detroit, 8/17/06  
 6,012 vs. Connecticut, 8/27/07  
 5,085 vs. New York, 9/1/05

### LARGEST AWAY ATTENDANCE

12,471 at New York, 8/20/02  
 10,988 at New York, 8/18/02  
 10,153 at Detroit, 9/2/03  
 9,856 at Detroit, 8/3/03  
 8,830 at Detroit, 8/19/06  
 8,296 at Detroit, 9/23/08  
 8,219 at Detroit, 9/21/08  
 7,729 at New York, 8/30/05

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## FRANCHISE TEAM RECORDS

**HIGHEST AVERAGE PPG****SEASON**

77.0 in 2007  
74.0 in 2008  
69.5 in 2006

**SERIES**

86.3 vs. Connecticut, 2007 ESF  
74.0 vs. Detroit, 2008 ESF  
69.5 vs. Detroit, 2006 ESF

**LOWEST AVERAGE PPG****SEASON**

64.0 in 2005  
66.0 in 2002

**SERIES**

60.5 vs. New York, 2005 ESF  
66.0 vs. New York, 2002 ESF

**MOST POINTS SCORED****SEASON**

462 in 2007  
256 in 2005  
222 in 2008

**SERIES**

259 vs. Connecticut, 2007 ESF  
222 vs. Detroit, 2008 ESF  
203 vs. Detroit, 2007 EF

**GAME**

93 vs. Connecticut, OT, 8/27/07  
89 at Detroit, OT, 9/21/08  
88 at Connecticut, 3OT, 8/23/07  
83 at Detroit, 8/19/06  
78 vs. Connecticut, 8/25/07  
75 vs. Detroit, 8/31/07

**HALF**

49 at Detroit (2nd), 8/19/06  
45 vs. Connecticut (2nd), 8/27/07  
43 vs. Detroit (2nd), 9/19/08  
42 at Detroit (2nd), 9/23/08  
42 at Detroit (1st), 9/21/08  
42 vs. Detroit (2nd), 8/31/07

**QUARTER**

30 at Detroit (3rd), 8/19/06  
29 vs. Connecticut (4th), 8/27/07  
26 vs. Detroit (3rd), 8/31/07  
24 at Detroit (3rd), 9/23/08  
24 at Detroit (1st), 9/21/08  
24 at Connecticut (4th), 8/23/07

**OVERTIME**

16 vs. Connecticut, 8/27/07  
14 at Detroit, 9/21/08  
9 at Connecticut (1st), 8/23/07

**FEWEST POINTS SCORED****SEASON**

139 in 2006  
198 in 2002

**SERIES**

121 vs. New York, 2005 ESF  
135 vs. Connecticut, 2005 EF

**GAME**

56 vs. Detroit, 8/17/06  
58 vs. Connecticut, 9/8/05  
58 vs. New York, 9/1/05  
61 at Detroit, 9/23/08

**HALF**

19 at Detroit (1st), 9/23/08  
25 at Connecticut (1st), 8/23/07  
27 vs. New York (1st), 9/1/05  
27 at New York (1st), 8/30/05  
27 at New York (2nd), 8/20/02

**QUARTER**

7 at Detroit (1st), 9/23/08  
7 at Connecticut (1st), 8/23/07  
12 vs. Detroit (4th), 8/17/06

**OVERTIME**

6 at Connecticut (2nd), 8/23/07

**LARGEST WINNING MARGIN****GAME**

+19 vs. Connecticut (78-59), 8/25/07  
+18 vs. New York (73-55), 8/16/02  
+12 at New York (63-51), 8/30/05

**HALF**

+19 vs. Connecticut (40-21, 1st), 8/25/07  
+12 vs. Connecticut (45-33, 2nd), 8/27/07  
+11 vs. New York (27-16, 1st), 9/1/05

**QUARTER**

+13 at Detroit (24-11, 3rd), 9/23/08  
+12 at Connecticut (24-12, 4th), 8/23/07  
+12 vs. Connecticut (29-17, 4th), 8/27/07  
+10 vs. Connecticut (23-13, 1st), 8/25/07

**OVERTIME**

+7 at Detroit (14-7), 9/21/08  
+5 vs. Connecticut (16-11), 8/27/07

**ANY TIME OF GAME**

+25 vs. Connecticut (1:32, 3rd quarter, led 59-34),  
8/25/07  
+23 vs. New York (2:26, 2nd half, led 71-48), 8/16/02  
+15 at New York (14:40, 1st half, led 17-2), 8/20/02

**LARGEST LOSING MARGIN****GAME**

-19 at Detroit (61-80), 9/23/08  
-19 at New York (65-84), 8/18/02

**HALF**

-30 at Detroit (49-19), 9/23/08  
-19 at New York (46-27, 2nd), 8/20/02  
-12 at New York (46-34, 2nd), 8/18/02  
-12 vs. Connecticut (44-32, 1st), 8/27/07  
-11 at Detroit (60-49, 2nd), 8/19/06  
-11 at Detroit (46-35, 2nd), 9/3/07

**QUARTER**

-23 at Detroit (30-7, 1st), 9/23/08  
-13 at Detroit (25-12, 2nd), 9/2/07  
-12 at Detroit (27-15, 3rd), 9/2/07  
-12 vs. Connecticut (29-17, 1st), 8/27/07  
-11 at Detroit (21-10, 2nd), 9/3/07

**OVERTIME**

-10 at Connecticut (17-7), 9/10/05

**ANY TIME OF GAME**

-31 at Detroit (5:34, 2nd quarter, trailed 41-10),  
9/23/08  
-29 at Detroit (2:42, 4th quarter, trailed 68-39), 9/2/07  
-24 at New York (6:33, 2nd half, trailed 71-47),  
8/18/02  
-22 vs. Connecticut (6:36, 2nd quarter, trailed 39-17),  
8/27/07

**BEST COMEBACKS****BY FEVER**

22 (6:36, 2nd quarter, trailed 39-17) vs. Connecticut,  
8/27/07

9 (5:28, 1st half, trailed 25-16) at New York, 8/30/05

**BY OPPONENTS**

15 (14:40, first half, led 17-2) at New York, 8/20/02  
(Lost 75-60)  
13 (6:00, first quarter, led 16-3) at Detroit, 9/3/07  
(Lost 81-65)

**LARGEST SWING IN POINTS [FROM DOUBLE-DIGIT DEFICIT]****BY FEVER**

27 (6:36, 2nd quarter, trailed 39-17; 0:04.00,  
overtime, led 93-88) vs. Connecticut, 8/27/07  
(Won, 93-88)

**BY OPPONENTS**

34 (14:40, first half, led 17-2; 1:28, second half,  
trailed 73-54) at New York, 8/20/02 (Lost 75-60)  
33 (6:00, first quarter, led 16-3; 3:58, 4th quarter,  
trailed 78-58) at Detroit, 9/3/07 (Lost 81-65)

**MOST FG MADE****SEASON**

161 in 2007  
83 in 2005  
75 in 2002

**SERIES**

95 vs. Connecticut, 2007 ESF  
73 vs. New York, 2002 ESF  
71 vs. Detroit, 2008 ESF

**GAME**

34 at Connecticut, 3OT, 8/23/07  
32 at Detroit, 8/19/06  
31 vs. Connecticut, OT, 8/27/07

**FEWEST FG MADE****SEASON**

53 in 2006  
71 in 2008

**SERIES**

34 vs. New York, 2005 ESF  
49 vs. Connecticut, 2005 EF

**GAME**

16 vs. New York, 9/1/05  
18 at New York, 8/30/05

**MOST FG ATTEMPTED****SEASON**

421 in 2007  
236 in 2005  
187 in 2008

**SERIES**

226 vs. Connecticut, 2007 ESF  
195 vs. Detroit, 2007 EF  
187 vs. Detroit, 2008 ESF  
170 vs. New York, 2002 ESF

**GAME**

88 at Connecticut, 3OT, 8/23/07  
73 vs. Connecticut, OT, 8/27/07  
73 at Detroit, 9/3/07  
72 at Connecticut, OT, 9/10/05

**FEWEST FG ATTEMPTED****SEASON**

133 in 2006  
170 in 2002

**SERIES**

103 vs. New York, 2005 ESF

**GAME**

46 at Indiana, 8/30/05

52 at New York, 8/20/02

**HIGHEST FG PERCENTAGE****SEASON**

.441 (75-170) in 2002  
.398 (53-133) in 2006  
.382 (161-421) in 2007

**SERIES**

.441 (75-170) vs. New York, 2002 ESF  
.420 (95-226) vs. Connecticut, 2007 ESF  
.398 (53-133) vs. Detroit, 2006 ESF

**GAME**

.509 (28-55) vs. New York, 8/16/02  
.464 (32-69) at Detroit, 8/19/06  
.462 (30-65) vs. Connecticut, 8/25/07  
.462 (24-52) at New York, 8/20/02

**LOWEST FG PERCENTAGE****SEASON**

.352 (83-236) in 2005  
.380 (71-187) in 2008

**SERIES**

.330 (34-103) vs. New York, 2005 ESF  
.338 (66-195) vs. Detroit, 2007 EF  
.368 (49-133) vs. Connecticut, 2006 EF

**GAME**

.281 (16-57) vs. New York, 9/1/05  
.323 (21-65) vs. Detroit, 8/31/07  
.328 (21-64) vs. Detroit, 8/17/06



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**MOST 3-POINT FG MADE****SEASON**

43 in 2007  
21 in 2005  
19 in 2008  
19 in 2002

**SERIES**

24 vs. Connecticut, 2007 ESF  
19 vs. Detroit, 2008 ESF  
19 vs. New York, 2002 ESF  
19 vs. Detroit, 2007 EF

**GAME**

11 at Detroit, OT, 9/21/08  
10 vs. Connecticut, OT, 8/27/07  
7, five times

**FEWEST 3-POINT FG MADE****SEASON**

10 in 2006

**SERIES**

10 vs. Detroit, 2006 ESF  
10 vs. Connecticut, 2005 EF  
11 vs. New York, 2005 ESF

**GAME**

2 at Detroit, 9/23/08  
4 at Connecticut, OT, 9/10/05  
4 vs. Detroit, 8/17/06

**MOST 3-POINT FG ATTEMPTED****SEASON**

120 in 2007  
65 in 2008  
54 in 2002

**SERIES**

65 vs. Detroit, 2008 ESF  
64 vs. Detroit, 2007 EF  
56 vs. Connecticut, 2007 ESF  
54 vs. New York, 2002 ESF

**GAME**

26 at Detroit, OT, 9/21/08  
23 vs. Detroit, 8/31/07  
22 vs. Detroit, 9/19/08  
21 at Detroit, 9/2/07

**FEWEST 3-POINT FG ATTEMPTED****SEASON**

31 in 2006  
46 in 2005

**SERIES**

22 vs. Connecticut, 2005 EF  
24 vs. New York, 2005 ESF

**GAME**

10 vs. Connecticut, 9/8/05  
10 at Connecticut, OT, 9/10/05

**HIGHEST 3-POINT FG PERCENTAGE****SEASON**

.457 (21-46) in 2005  
.358 (43-120) in 2007  
.352 (19-54) in 2002

**SERIES**

.458 (11-24) vs. New York, 2005 ESF  
.455 (10-22) vs. Connecticut, 2005 EF  
.429 (24-56) vs. Connecticut, 2007 ESF

**GAME**

.600 (6-10) vs. Connecticut, 9/8/05  
.500 (10-20) vs. Connecticut, OT, 8/27/07  
.500 (5-10) vs. New York, 8/30/05

**LOWEST 3-POINT FG PERCENTAGE****SEASON**

.292 (19-65) in 2008  
.323 (10-31) in 2006

**SERIES**

.292 (19-65) vs. Detroit, 2008 ESF  
.297 (19-64) vs. Detroit, 2007 EF  
.323 (10-31) vs. Detroit, 2006 ESF

**GAME**

.118 (2-17) at Detroit, 9/23/08  
.250 (5-20) at Detroit, 9/3/07  
.267 (4-15) vs. Detroit, 8/17/06  
.273 (6-22) vs. Detroit, 9/19/08

**MOST FT MADE****SEASON**

97 in 2007  
69 in 2005  
61 in 2008

**SERIES**

61 vs. Detroit, 2008 ESF  
52 vs. Detroit, 2007 EF  
45 vs. Connecticut, 2007 ESF  
42 vs. New York, 2005 ESF

**GAME**

34 at Detroit, OT, 9/21/08  
26 vs. Detroit, 8/31/07  
21 at New York, 8/30/05  
21 vs. New York, 9/1/05  
21 vs. Connecticut, OT, 8/27/07

**FEWEST FT MADE****SEASON**

23 in 2006  
29 in 2002

**SERIES**

23 vs. Detroit, 2006 ESF  
27 vs. Connecticut, 2005 EF

**GAME**

6 at New York, 8/20/02  
9 at Detroit, 9/23/08  
10 vs. Detroit, 8/17/06

**MOST FT ATTEMPTED****SEASON**

125 in 2007  
86 in 2005  
68 in 2008

**SERIES**

75 vs. Detroit, 2007 EF  
68 vs. Detroit, 2008 ESF  
52 vs. New York, 2005 ESF  
50 vs. Connecticut, 2007 ESF

**GAME**

37 at Detroit, OT, 9/21/08  
33 vs. Detroit, 8/31/07  
27 at New York, 8/30/05  
25 vs. New York, 9/1/05

**FEWEST FT ATTEMPTED****SEASON**

35 in 2006  
40 in 2002

**SERIES**

34 vs. Connecticut, 2005 EF  
35 vs. Detroit, 2006 ESF

**GAME**

9 at Detroit, 9/23/08  
10 at New York, 8/20/02  
13 vs. Connecticut, 8/25/07

**HIGHEST FT PERCENTAGE****SEASON**

.897 (61-68) in 2008  
.802 (69-86) in 2005  
.776 (97-125) in 2007  
.725 (29-40) in 2002

**SERIES**

.900 (45-50) vs. Connecticut, 2007 ESF  
.897 (61-68) vs. Detroit, 2008 ESF  
.808 (42-52) vs. New York, 2005 ESF  
.794 (27-34) vs. Connecticut, 2005 EF

**GAME**

1.000 (9-9) at Detroit, 9/23/08  
.929 (13-14) at Connecticut, 3OT, 8/23/07  
.919 (34-37) at Detroit, OT, 9/21/08  
.913 (21-23) vs. Connecticut, OT, 8/27/07  
.846 (11-13) vs. Connecticut, 8/25/07  
.840 (21-25) vs. New York, 9/1/05

**LOWEST FT PERCENTAGE****SEASON**

.657 (23-35) in 2006

**SERIES**

.657 (23-35) vs. Detroit, 2006 ESF  
.693 (52-75) vs. Detroit, 2007 EF  
.725 (29-40) vs. New York, 2002 ESF

**GAME**

.545 (12-22) at Detroit, 9/3/07  
.600 (6-10) at New York, 8/20/02  
.619 (13-21) at Detroit, 8/19/06

**MOST REBOUNDS****SEASON**

223 in 2007  
125 in 2005  
92 in 2008  
92 in 2002

**SERIES**

123 vs. Connecticut, 2007 ESF  
100 vs. Detroit, 2007 EF  
92 vs. Detroit, 2008 ESF  
92 vs. New York, 2002 ESF

**GAME**

52 at Connecticut, 3OT, 8/23/07  
39 vs. Detroit, 8/31/07  
39 at Detroit, 9/3/07  
38 at Detroit, 8/19/06  
38 vs. New York, 9/1/05

**FEWEST REBOUNDS****SEASON**

69 in 2006

**SERIES**

60 vs. Connecticut, 2005 EF  
65 vs. New York, 2005 ESF

**GAME**

23 at Detroit, 9/2/07  
26 vs. Connecticut, 9/8/05  
27 at New York, 8/18/02  
27 at New York, 8/30/05

**MOST OFFENSIVE REBOUNDS****SEASON**

57 in 2007  
50 in 2005  
34 in 2002

**SERIES**

34 vs. New York, 2002 ESF  
29 vs. Connecticut, 2005 EF  
29 vs. Detroit, 2007 EF  
28 vs. Connecticut, 2007 ESF

**GAME**

17 at Detroit, 8/19/06  
15 vs. New York, 9/1/05  
15 at Connecticut, OT, 9/10/05

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**FEWEST OFFENSIVE REBOUNDS****SEASON**

22 in 2008

25 in 2006

**SERIES**

21 vs. New York, 2005 ESF

22 vs. Detroit, 2008 ESF

25 vs. Detroit, 2006 ESF

**GAME**

2 at Detroit, 9/2/07

5 at Detroit, 9/23/08

6 at Detroit, OT, 9/21/08

6 at New York, 8/30/05

6 vs. Connecticut, 8/25/07

8 vs. Detroit, 8/17/05

**MOST DEFENSIVE REBOUNDS****SEASON**

166 in 2007

75 in 2005

70 in 2008

**SERIES**

95 vs. Connecticut, 2007 ESF

71 vs. Detroit, 2007 EF

70 vs. Detroit, 2008 ESF

58 vs. New York, 2002 ESF

**GAME**

41 at Connecticut, 3OT, 8/23/07

29 vs. Connecticut, 8/25/07

27 at Detroit, 9/3/07

26 at Detroit, 9/23/08

26 at Detroit, OT, 9/21/08

**FEWEST DEFENSIVE REBOUNDS****SEASON**

44 in 2006

58 in 2002

**SERIES**

31 vs. Connecticut, 2005 EF

44 vs. Detroit, 2006 ESF

44 vs. New York, 2005 ESF

**GAME**

12 vs. Connecticut, 9/8/05

13 at New York, 8/18/02

**LARGEST REBOUND MARGIN****SERIES**

+20 vs. New York (65-45), 2005 ESF

+15 vs. New York (92-77), 2002 ESF

**GAME**

+13 vs. New York (38-25), 9/1/05

+11 vs. New York (35-24), 8/16/02

**LARGEST REBOUND DEFICIT****SERIES**

-33 vs. Detroit (100-133), 2007 EF

-15 vs. Detroit (107-92), 2008 ESF

-7 vs. Detroit (69-76), 2006 ESF

-5 vs. Connecticut (60-65), 2005 EF

**GAME**

-20 at Detroit (23-43), 9/2/07

-11 vs. Detroit (31-42), 8/17/06

**MOST ASSISTS****SEASON**

94 in 2007

46 in 2005

46 in 2002

45 in 2008

**SERIES**

54 vs. Connecticut, 2007 ESF

46 vs. New York, 2002 ESF

45 vs. Detroit, 2008 ESF

40 vs. Detroit, 2007 EF

**GAME**

18 at Connecticut, 3OT, 8/23/07

18 vs. Connecticut, 8/25/07

18 vs. Connecticut, OT, 8/27/07

17 at Detroit, OT, 9/21/08

17 vs. New York, 8/16/02

**FEWEST ASSISTS****SEASON**

20 in 2006

**SERIES**

20 vs. Detroit, 2006 ESF

**GAME**

8 at New York, 8/30/05

9 vs. Detroit, 8/17/06

**MOST STEALS****SEASON**

49 in 2007

34 in 2005

21 in 2008

**SERIES**

27 vs. Connecticut, 2007 ESF

22 vs. Detroit, 2007 EF

21 vs. Detroit, 2008 ESF

20 vs. Connecticut, 2005 EF

**GAME**

11 at Connecticut, OT, 9/10/05

11 at Detroit, 9/2/07

10 vs. Connecticut, 8/25/07

9 vs. Detroit, 9/19/08

9 vs. Connecticut, 9/8/05

9 vs. Connecticut, OT, 8/27/07

**FEWEST STEALS****SEASON**

10 in 2006

11 in 2002

**SERIES**

10 vs. Detroit, 2006 ESF

11 vs. New York, 2002 ESF

**GAME**

1 at New York, 8/18/02

3 at New York, 8/20/02

**MOST BLOCKED SHOTS****SEASON**

21 in 2007

11 in 2008

11 in 2005

**SERIES**

14 vs. Detroit, 2007 EF

11 vs. Detroit, 2008 ESF

9 vs. New York, 2005 ESF

**GAME**

7 vs. Detroit, 8/31/07

6 at Detroit, 9/23/08

5 vs. Detroit, 9/19/08

5 at New York, 8/30/05

5 at Detroit, 9/2/07

**FEWEST BLOCKED SHOTS****SEASON**

4 in 2002

7 in 2006

**SERIES**

2 vs. Connecticut, 2005 EF

4 vs. New York, 2002 ESF

**GAME**

0 at Detroit, OT, 9/21/08

1, four times

**MOST PERSONAL FOULS****SEASON**

112 in 2007

87 in 2005

66 in 2008

**SERIES**

66 vs. Detroit, 2008 ESF

58 vs. Connecticut, 2007 ESF

56 vs. Detroit, 2006 ESF

54 vs. Detroit, 2007 EF

**GAME**

35 at Detroit, 8/19/06

29 at Connecticut, OT, 9/10/05

**FEWEST PERSONAL FOULS****SEASON**

52 in 2002

56 in 2006

**SERIES**

34 vs. New York, 2005 ESF

52 vs. New York, 2002 ESF

53 vs. Connecticut, 2005 EF

**GAME**

15 at New York, 8/20/02

16 vs. Connecticut, OT, 8/27/07

16 at Detroit, 9/3/07

**MOST DISQUALIFICATIONS****SEASON**

2 in 2005

2 in 2006

**SERIES**

2 vs. Connecticut, 2005 EF

2 vs. Detroit, 2006 ESF

**GAME**

2 vs. Connecticut (Tamika Catchings, Deanna Jackson), OT, 9/10/05

2 vs. Detroit (Ebony Hoffman, Tamika Whitmore), 8/19/06

**MOST TURNOVERS****SEASON**

78 in 2007

51 in 2008

46 in 2002

**SERIES**

51 vs. Detroit, 2008 ESF

50 vs. Connecticut, 2007 ESF

46 vs. New York, 2002 ESF

32 vs. Detroit, 2006 ESF

**GAME**

23 at Connecticut, 3OT, 8/23/07

21 at Detroit, 9/23/08

21 at New York, 8/20/02

20 at Detroit, 8/19/06

**FEWEST TURNOVERS****SEASON**

32 in 2006

36 in 2005

**SERIES**

15 vs. New York, 2005 ESF

21 vs. Connecticut, 2005 EF

28 vs. Detroit, 2007 EF

**GAME**

6 at New York, 8/30/05

7 vs. Detroit, 8/31/07

9 vs. New York, 9/1/05

# PLAYOFFS RECORD BOOK

## FRANCHISE INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

### SEASONS PLAYED

#### CAREER

- 5 Tamika Catchings, 2002, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008
- 4 Tully Bevilaqua, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008
- 4 Ebony Hoffman, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008
- 4 Tan White, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008

### GAMES PLAYED

#### CAREER

- 18 Tamika Catchings, 2002 to present
- 15 Tully Bevilaqua, 2005 to present
- 14 Tan White, 2005 to present
- 9 Ebony Hoffman, 2005 to present
- 9 Tammy Sutton-Brown, 2007 to present
- 8 Anna DeForge, 2006-07
- 8 Tamika Whitmore, 2006-07
- 7 Kelly Schumacher, 2002-05

### CONSECUTIVE

- 18 Tamika Catchings, 8/16/02 to present
- 15 Tully Bevilaqua, 8/30/05 to present
- 10 Tan White, 8/30/05 to 9/2/07
- 9 Tammy Sutton-Brown, 8/23/07 to present
- 8 Anna DeForge, 8/17/06 to 9/3/07
- 8 Tamika Whitmore, 8/17/06 to 9/3/07
- 7 Kelly Schumacher, 8/16/02 to 9/10/05

### SEASON

- 6 Tully Bevilaqua, 2007
- 6 Tamika Catchings, 2007
- 6 Anna DeForge, 2007
- 6 Sheri Sam, 2007
- 6 K.B. Sharp, 2007
- 6 Tammy Sutton-Brown, 2007
- 6 Tamika Whitmore, 2007
- 5 Tan White, 2007

### GAMES STARTED

#### CAREER

- 18 Tamika Catchings, 2002 to present
- 15 Tully Bevilaqua, 2005 to present
- 9 Tammy Sutton-Brown, 2007 to present
- 8 Anna DeForge, 2006-07

### CONSECUTIVE

- 18 Tamika Catchings, 2002 to present
- 15 Tully Bevilaqua, 2005 to present
- 9 Tammy Sutton-Brown, 2007 to present
- 8 Anna DeForge, 2006-07

### SEASON

- 6 Tully Bevilaqua, 2007
- 6 Tamika Catchings, 2007
- 6 Anna DeForge, 2007
- 6 Tammy Sutton-Brown, 2007
- 5 Sheri Sam, 2007

### MINUTES PLAYED

#### CAREER

- 620 Tamika Catchings, 2002 to present
- 523 Tully Bevilaqua, 2005 to present
- 260 Anna DeForge, 2006-07
- 243 Tamika Whitmore, 2006-07
- 216 Tammy Sutton-Brown, 2007 to present
- 196 Ebony Hoffman, 2005 to present
- 185 Sheri Sam, 2007
- 175 Tan White, 2005 to present
- 155 Kelly Miller, 2005
- 134 Natalie Williams, 2005

### SEASON

- 215 Tully Bevilaqua, 2007
- 197 Anna DeForge, 2007
- 196 Tamika Catchings, 2007
- 185 Sheri Sam, 2007
- 184 Tamika Whitmore, 2007
- 155 Kelly Miller, 2005
- 152 Tully Bevilaqua, 2005
- 146 Tamika Catchings, 2005
- 134 Natalie Williams, 2005
- 123 Tammy Sutton-Brown, 2007

### SERIES

- 117 Anna DeForge vs. Connecticut, 2007 ESF
- 116 Tamika Catchings vs. Connecticut, 2007 ESF
- 115 Tully Bevilaqua vs. Connecticut, 2007 ESF
- 113 Tamika Catchings vs. Detroit, 2008 ESF
- 110 Coquese Washington vs. New York, 2002 ESF
- 103 Tamika Catchings vs. New York, 2002 ESF
- 102 Ebony Hoffman vs. Detroit, 2008 ESF
- 100 Tully Bevilaqua vs. Detroit, 2007 EF

### GAME

- 46:40 Tamika Catchings at Connecticut, 3OT, 8/23/07
- 46:36 Tully Bevilaqua at Connecticut, 3OT, 8/23/07
- 46:26 Anna DeForge at Connecticut, 3OT, 8/23/07
- 44 Tamika Catchings at Connecticut, OT, 9/10/05
- 44 Kelly Miller at Connecticut, OT, 9/10/05
- 41:51 Tamika Catchings at Detroit, OT, 9/21/08
- 41:19 Ebony Hoffman at Detroit, OT, 9/21/08

### POINTS

#### CAREER

- 314 Tamika Catchings, 2002 to present
- 152 Tamika Whitmore, 2006-07
- 113 Anna DeForge, 2006-07
- 100 Tully Bevilaqua, 2005 to present
- 86 Tammy Sutton-Brown, 2007 to present
- 56 Ebony Hoffman, 2005 to present
- 52 Kelly Schumacher, 2002-05

### SEASON

- 101 Anna DeForge, 2007
- 99 Tamika Whitmore, 2007
- 95 Tamika Catchings, 2007
- 69 Tamika Catchings, 2005
- 61 Tamika Catchings, 2008
- 61 Tamika Catchings, 2002
- 53 Tamika Whitmore, 2006

### SERIES

- 75 Anna DeForge vs. Connecticut, 2007 ESF
- 61 Tamika Catchings vs. Detroit, 2008 ESF
- 61 Tamika Catchings vs. New York, 2002 ESF
- 60 Tamika Whitmore vs. Connecticut, 2007 ESF
- 59 Tamika Catchings vs. Connecticut, 2007 ESF
- 53 Tamika Whitmore vs. Detroit, 2006 ESF

### GAME

- 41 Tamika Whitmore at Detroit, 8/19/06
- 31 Anna DeForge at Connecticut, 3OT, 8/23/07
- 30 Tamika Catchings vs. Connecticut, OT, 8/27/07
- 29 Tamika Catchings vs. New York, 8/16/02
- 27 Tamika Catchings at Detroit, OT, 9/21/08
- 26 Anna DeForge vs. Connecticut, 8/25/07
- 24 Tamika Whitmore at Connecticut, 3OT, 8/23/07
- 24 Tamika Whitmore vs. Connecticut, OT, 8/27/07
- 22 Tamika Catchings vs. Detroit, 8/31/07
- 21 Tamika Catchings at Connecticut, OT, 9/10/05

### HALF

- 25 Tamika Whitmore at Detroit (2nd), 8/19/06
- 18 Tamika Catchings vs. New York (2nd), 8/16/02
- 18 Tamika Catchings vs. Connecticut (2nd), 8/27/07

### QUARTER

- 15 Tamika Whitmore at Detroit (3rd), 8/19/06
- 12 Tamika Catchings vs. Detroit (4th), 9/19/08
- 11 Anna DeForge vs. Connecticut (3rd), 8/25/07
- 11 Tamika Catchings vs. Connecticut (4th), 8/27/07

### OVERTIME

- 7 Tamika Whitmore at Connecticut (3rd), 3OT, 8/23/07
- 6 Anna DeForge at Connecticut (1st), 3OT, 8/23/07
- 6 Tamika Catchings vs. Connecticut, 8/27/07



Tamika Whitmore's 41 points in a 98-83 playoff loss at Detroit, 8/19/06, is a WNBA Playoff record. Whitmore made 15-of-22 shots and added 10 rebounds in what might have been the greatest playoff performance in league history. Pacing the Fever while Tamika Catchings was lost for the second half due to a concussion, Whitmore scored 25 points in the second half including 15 in the third quarter.

### MOST FG MADE

#### CAREER

- 95 Tamika Catchings, 2002 to present
- 58 Tamika Whitmore, 2006-07
- 40 Anna DeForge, 2006-07

#### SEASON

- 39 Tamika Whitmore, 2007
- 35 Anna DeForge, 2007
- 27 Tamika Catchings, 2007
- 22 Tamika Catchings, 2002
- 21 Tamika Catchings, 2005

### SERIES

- 28 Anna DeForge vs. Connecticut, 2007 ESF
- 23 Tamika Whitmore vs. Connecticut, 2007 ESF
- 22 Tamika Catchings vs. New York, 2002 ESF

### GAME

- 15 Tamika Whitmore at Detroit, 8/19/06
- 12 Anna DeForge at Connecticut, 8/23/07

### MOST FG ATTEMPTED

#### CAREER

- 242 Tamika Catchings, 2002 to present
- 127 Tamika Whitmore, 2006-07
- 103 Tully Bevilaqua, 2005 to present
- 89 Anna DeForge, 2006-07

#### SEASON

- 87 Tamika Whitmore, 2007
- 75 Anna DeForge, 2007
- 73 Tamika Catchings, 2007
- 59 Tamika Catchings, 2005
- 51 Sheri Sam, 2007

### SERIES

- 55 Tamika Whitmore vs. Connecticut, 2007 ESF
- 49 Anna DeForge vs. Connecticut, 2007 ESF
- 45 Tamika Catchings vs. New York, 2002 ESF
- 44 Tamika Catchings vs. Connecticut, 2007 ESF
- 40 Tamika Whitmore vs. Detroit, 2006 ESF

### GAME

- 25 Tamika Whitmore at Detroit, 8/19/06
- 22 Anna DeForge at Connecticut, 3OT, 8/23/07

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**3-POINT FG MADE****CAREER**

- 25 **Tamika Catchings, 2002 to present**
- 20 **Tully Bevilaqua, 2005 to present**
- 16 Anna DeForge, 2006-07
- 15 Tamika Whitmore, 2006-07

**SEASON**

- 13 Tamika Whitmore, 2007
- 11 Anna DeForge, 2007
- 9 Kelly Miller, 2005
- 8 Tamika Catchings, 2002
- 8 Tully Bevilaqua, 2007

**SERIES**

- 9 Tamika Whitmore vs. Connecticut, 2007 ESF
- 8 Tamika Catchings vs. New York, 2002 ESF
- 7 Anna DeForge vs. Connecticut, 2007 ESF
- 6 Coquese Washington vs. New York, 2002 ESF

**GAME**

- 4 Tamika Catchings vs. New York, 8/16/02
- 4 Kelly Miller vs. Connecticut, 9/8/05
- 4 Anna DeForge at Connecticut, 3OT, 8/23/07
- 4 Tamika Whitmore vs. Connecticut, OT, 8/27/07

**3-POINT FG ATTEMPTED****CAREER**

- 71 **Tamika Catchings, 2002 to present**
- 63 **Tully Bevilaqua, 2005 to present**
- 36 Anna DeForge, 2006-07
- 30 Tamika Whitmore, 2006-07

**SEASON**

- 28 Tully Bevilaqua, 2007
- 28 Anna DeForge, 2007
- 23 Tamika Whitmore, 2007
- 21 Tamika Catchings, 2002

**SERIES**

- 21 Tamika Catchings vs. New York, 2002 ESF
- 18 Tully Bevilaqua vs. Detroit, 2008 ESF
- 16 Anna DeForge vs. Connecticut, 2007 ESF
- 16 Tully Bevilaqua vs. Detroit, 2007 EF
- 14 Tamika Whitmore vs. Connecticut, 2007 ESF

**GAME**

- 11 Anna DeForge at Connecticut, 3OT, 8/23/07
- 8 Tamika Catchings vs. New York, 8/16/02
- 8 Tamika Catchings at New York, 8/20/02
- 8 Tamika Catchings vs. Detroit, 8/31/07
- 8 Tully Bevilaqua at Detroit, 9/2/07

**MOST FT MADE****CAREER**

- 99 **Tamika Catchings, 2002 to present**
- 32 **Tammy Sutton-Brown, 2007 to present**
- 21 Tamika Whitmore, 2006-07
- 20 **Tully Bevilaqua, 2005 to present**
- 20 Anna DeForge, 2006-07

**SEASON**

- 36 Tamika Catchings, 2007
- 28 Tamika Catchings, 2008
- 22 Tamika Catchings, 2005
- 20 Tammy Sutton-Brown, 2008
- 20 Anna DeForge, 2007

**SERIES**

- 28 Tamika Catchings vs. Detroit, 2008 ESF
- 23 Tamika Catchings vs. Connecticut, 2007 ESF
- 20 Tammy Sutton-Brown vs. Detroit, 2008 ESF
- 13 Tamika Whitmore vs. Detroit, 2006 ESF
- 13 Tamika Catchings vs. New York, 2005 ESF
- 13 Tamika Catchings vs. Detroit, 2007 EF

**GAME**

- 16 Tamika Catchings vs. Connecticut, OT, 8/27/07
- 14 Tamika Catchings at Detroit, OT, 9/21/08
- 13 Tammy Sutton-Brown at Detroit, OT, 9/21/08
- 11 Tamika Catchings vs. Detroit, 9/19/08
- 10 Tamika Whitmore at Detroit, 8/19/06
- 10 Tamika Catchings vs. Detroit, 8/31/07

**CONSECUTIVE**

- 23 Tamika Catchings, 9/19/08 to 9/21/08 (last 11 vs. Detroit, 9/19/08; first 12 at Detroit, OT, 9/21/08)
- 20 Anna DeForge, 8/23/07 to 9/3/07 (3-3 at Connecticut, 3OT, 8/23/07; 8-8 vs. Connecticut, 8/25/07; 1-1 vs. Connecticut, OT, 8/27/07; 6-6 vs. Detroit, 8/31/07; 0-0 at Detroit, 9/2/07; 2-2 at Detroit, 9/3/07)
- 18 Tamika Whitmore, 8/17/06 to 8/27/07 (3-3 vs. Detroit, 8/17/06; 10-10 at Detroit, 8/19/06; 3-3 at Connecticut, 3OT, 8/23/07; 0-0 vs. Connecticut, 8/25/07; first 2 vs. Connecticut, OT, 8/27/07)
- 15 Tammy Sutton-Brown, 9/19/08 to 9/21/08 (3-3 vs. Detroit, 9/19/08; first 12 at Detroit, OT, 9/21/08)
- 14 Tamika Catchings, 8/23/07 to 8/27/07 (4-4 at Connecticut, 3OT, 8/23/07; 3-3 vs. Connecticut, 8/25/07; first 7 vs. Connecticut, OT, 8/27/07)

**MOST FT ATTEMPTED****CAREER**

- 116 **Tamika Catchings, 2002 to present**
- 42 **Tammy Sutton-Brown, 2007 to present**
- 26 **Tully Bevilaqua, 2005 to present**
- 26 Tamika Whitmore, 2006-07
- 20 Anna DeForge, 2006-07

**SEASON**

- 41 Tamika Catchings, 2007
- 30 Tamika Catchings, 2008
- 28 Tamika Catchings, 2005
- 21 Tammy Sutton-Brown, 2008
- 21 Tammy Sutton-Brown, 2007
- 20 Anna DeForge, 2007

**SERIES**

- 30 Tamika Catchings vs. Detroit, 2008 ESF
- 24 Tamika Catchings vs. Connecticut, 2007 ESF
- 21 Tammy Sutton-Brown vs. Detroit, 2008 ESF
- 17 Tamika Catchings vs. Detroit, 2007 EF
- 16 Tamika Catchings vs. New York, 2006 ESF
- 15 Tammy Sutton-Brown vs. Detroit, 2007 EF
- 13 Tamika Whitmore vs. Detroit, 2006 ESF

**GAME**

- 17 Tamika Catchings vs. Connecticut, OT, 8/27/07
- 15 Tamika Catchings at Detroit, OT, 9/21/08
- 14 Tammy Sutton-Brown at Detroit, OT, 9/21/08
- 13 Tamika Catchings vs. Detroit, 8/31/07
- 12 Tamika Catchings vs. Detroit, 9/19/08
- 10 Tamika Whitmore at Detroit, 8/19/06

**REBOUNDS****CAREER**

- 169 **Tamika Catchings, 2002 to present**
- 45 Tamika Whitmore, 2006-07
- 44 **Tammy Sutton-Brown, 2007 to present**
- 40 **Ebony Hoffman, 2005 to present**

**SEASON**

- 66 Tamika Catchings, 2007
- 37 Tamika Catchings, 2005
- 32 Tamika Catchings, 2002
- 32 Sheri Sam, 2007
- 32 Tamika Whitmore, 2007

**SERIES**

- 46 Tamika Catchings vs. Connecticut, 2007 ESF
- 32 Tamika Catchings vs. New York, 2002 ESF
- 25 Ebony Hoffman vs. Detroit, 2008 ESF
- 24 Olympia Scott vs. New York, 2002 ESF
- 24 Tamika Catchings vs. New York, 2005 ESF

**GAME**

- 20 Tamika Catchings at Connecticut, 3OT, 8/23/07
- 14 Tamika Whitmore at Connecticut, 3OT, 8/23/07
- 14 Tamika Catchings at New York, 8/18/02
- 14 Olympia Scott vs. New York, 8/16/02
- 13 Tamika Catchings at Detroit, 9/2/07
- 13 Tamika Catchings vs. Connecticut, OT, 8/27/07
- 13 Tamika Catchings vs. Connecticut, 8/25/07

**OFFENSIVE REBOUNDS****CAREER**

- 42 **Tamika Catchings, 2002 to present**
- 15 Sheri Sam, 2007
- 13 **Tammy Sutton-Brown, 2007 to present**
- 13 Natalie Williams, 2005
- 13 Kelly Schumacher, 2002-05

**SEASON**

- 15 Sheri Sam, 2007
- 13 Tamika Catchings, 2005
- 13 Natalie Williams, 2005

**SERIES**

- 12 Tamika Catchings vs. New York, 2002 ESF
- 10 La'Tangela Atkinson vs. Detroit, 2006 ESF
- 10 Natalie Williams vs. Connecticut, 2005 EF

**GAME**

- 7 Natalie Williams at Connecticut, OT, 9/10/05

**DEFENSIVE REBOUNDS****CAREER**

- 128 **Tamika Catchings, 2002 to present**
- 35 Tamika Whitmore, 2006-07
- 31 **Ebony Hoffman, 2005 to present**
- 31 **Tammy Sutton-Brown, 2007 to present**

**SEASON**

- 54 Tamika Catchings, 2007
- 26 Tamika Whitmore, 2007
- 24 Tamika Catchings, 2005
- 21 Ebony Hoffman, 2008
- 21 Tammy Sutton-Brown, 2007
- 20 Tamika Catchings, 2008
- 20 Tamika Catchings, 2002

**SERIES**

- 38 Tamika Catchings vs. Connecticut, 2007 ESF
- 21 Ebony Hoffman vs. Detroit, 2008 ESF
- 21 Tamika Whitmore vs. Connecticut, 2007 ESF
- 20 Tamika Catchings vs. Detroit, 2008 ESF
- 20 Tamika Catchings vs. New York, 2002 ESF

**GAME**

- 18 Tamika Catchings at Connecticut, 3OT, 8/23/07
- 11 Ebony Hoffman at Detroit, OT, 9/21/08
- 11 Tamika Whitmore at Connecticut, 3OT, 8/23/07
- 11 Tamika Catchings vs. Connecticut, 8/25/07
- 10 Olympia Scott vs. New York, 8/16/02
- 10 Tamika Catchings vs. Detroit, 8/31/07

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## ASSISTS

### CAREER

- 60 Tamika Catchings, 2002 to present
- 39 Tully Bevilaqua, 2005 to present

### SEASON

- 19 Tully Bevilaqua, 2007
- 19 Tamika Catchings, 2007
- 18 Tamika Catchings, 2008
- 16 Tamika Whitmore, 2007
- 14 Coquese Washington, 2002
- 13 Sheri Sam, 2007

### SERIES

- 18 Tamika Catchings vs. Detroit, 2008 ESF
- 15 Tamika Catchings vs. Connecticut, 2007 ESF
- 14 Coquese Washington vs. New York, 2002 ESF
- 11 Nikki McCray vs. New York, 2002 ESF

### GAME

- 8 Tamika Catchings at Detroit, 9/23/08
- 7 Tamika Catchings vs. Detroit, 9/19/08
- 7 Coquese Washington at New York, 8/20/02
- 7 Tamika Catchings at Connecticut, 3OT, 8/23/07

## STEALS

### CAREER

- 30 Tamika Catchings, 2002 to present
- 22 Tully Bevilaqua, 2006 to present

### SEASON

- 13 Tamika Catchings, 2007
- 11 Tully Bevilaqua, 2007
- 8 Tamika Catchings, 2005
- 8 Anna DeForge, 2007
- 7 Tully Bevilaqua, 2005

### SERIES

- 8 Tamika Catchings vs. Detroit, 2007 EF
- 6 Ebony Hoffman vs. Detroit, 2008 ESF
- 6 Tully Bevilaqua vs. Connecticut, 2005 EF
- 6 Tamika Catchings vs. Connecticut, 2005 EF
- 6 Tully Bevilaqua vs. Connecticut, 2007 ESF
- 6 Anna DeForge vs. Connecticut, 2007 ESF

### GAME

- 4 Ebony Hoffman at Detroit, 9/23/08
- 4 Jurgita Streimikyte vs. New York, 9/1/05
- 4 Tully Bevilaqua vs. Connecticut, 9/8/05
- 4 Tamika Catchings at Connecticut, OT, 9/10/05
- 4 Tamika Catchings at Detroit, 9/2/07

## BLOCKED SHOTS

### CAREER

- 16 Tammy Sutton-Brown, 2007 to present
- 8 Tamika Catchings, 2002 to present
- 7 Ebony Hoffman, 2005 to present
- 6 Kelly Schumacher, 2002-05

### SEASON

- 12 Tammy Sutton-Brown, 2007
- 4 Tammy Sutton-Brown, 2008
- 4 Kelly Schumacher, 2005
- 4 Ebony Hoffman, 2006

### SERIES

- 10 Tammy Sutton-Brown vs. Detroit, 2007 EF
- 4 Tammy Sutton-Brown vs. Detroit, 2008 ESF
- 4 Ebony Hoffman vs. Detroit, 2006 ESF
- 3 Kelly Schumacher vs. New York, 2005 ESF

### GAME

- 6 Tammy Sutton-Brown vs. Detroit, 8/31/07
- 3 Tammy Sutton-Brown at Detroit, 9/23/08
- 3 Kelly Schumacher vs. New York, 9/1/05

## PERSONAL FOULS

### CAREER

- 55 Tamika Catchings, 2002 to present
- 44 Tully Bevilaqua, 2005 to present
- 28 Tamika Whitmore, 2006-07

### SEASON

- 19 Sheri Sam, 2007
- 19 Tamika Whitmore, 2007
- 17 Deanna Jackson, 2005
- 17 Tully Bevilaqua, 2007

### SERIES

- 13 Tammy Sutton-Brown vs. Detroit, 2007 EF
- 12 Tamika Catchings vs. Detroit, 2008 ESF
- 12 Tammy Sutton-Brown vs. Detroit, 2008 ESF
- 12 Sheri Sam vs. Connecticut, 2007 ESF

## TURNOVERS

### CAREER

- 49 Tamika Catchings, 2002 to present
- 28 Tamika Whitmore, 2006-07

### SEASON

- 18 Tamika Whitmore, 2007
- 14 Olympia Scott, 2002
- 11 Tamika Catchings, 2008
- 11 Tamika Catchings, 2002
- 11 Tamika Catchings, 2005

### SERIES

- 14 Olympia Scott vs. New York, 2002 ESF
- 14 Tamika Whitmore vs. Connecticut, 2007 ESF
- 11 Tamika Catchings vs. Detroit, 2008 ESF
- 11 Tamika Catchings vs. New York, 2002 ESF

### GAME

- 8 Olympia Scott at New York, 8/20/02

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## OPPONENT SINGLE-GAME TEAM RECORDS

.500, New York (5-10), 8/18/02  
 .500, Connecticut (5-10), OT, 9/10/05  
 .500, Detroit (3-6), 8/31/07

**MOST POINTS SCORED  
GAME**

98, Detroit, 8/19/06  
 93, Connecticut, 3OT, 8/23/07

**HALF**

60, Detroit (2nd), 8/19/06

**QUARTER**

35, Detroit (4th), 8/19/06  
 30, Detroit (1st), 9/23/08  
 29, Detroit (4th), 9/21/08  
 29, Connecticut (1st), 8/27/07

**OVERTIME**

17, Connecticut, OT, 9/10/05

**FEWEST POINTS SCORED  
GAME**

50, New York, 9/1/05  
 51, New York, 8/30/05

**HALF**

16, New York (1st), 9/1/05  
 23, Connecticut (2nd), OT, 9/10/05

**QUARTER**

8, Detroit (3rd), 9/21/08  
 8, Connecticut (2nd), 8/25/07  
 9, Detroit (4th), 9/2/07  
 11, Detroit (3rd), 9/23/08  
 11, Detroit (4th), 8/31/07

**MOST FG MADE**

35, Detroit, 8/19/06  
 35, Connecticut, 3OT, 8/23/07

**FEWEST FG MADE**

17, New York, 9/1/05

**MOST FG ATTEMPTED**

95, Connecticut, 3OT, 8/23/07  
 73, Detroit, 9/23/08  
 73, Detroit, OT, 9/21/08  
 73, Detroit, 9/3/07  
 68, Detroit, 8/19/06  
 68, Detroit, 8/31/07

**FEWEST FG ATTEMPTED**

46, New York, 8/30/05  
 46, Connecticut, 9/8/05

**HIGHEST FG PERCENTAGE**

.593, New York (32-54), 8/18/02

**LOWEST FG PERCENTAGE**

.354, New York (17-48), 9/1/08

**MOST 3-POINT FG MADE**

9, Connecticut, OT, 8/27/07  
 8, Connecticut, 3OT, 8/23/07  
 8, Detroit, 9/3/07  
 6, Detroit, OT, 9/21/08  
 6, Detroit, 9/19/08  
 6, Detroit, 9/2/07

**FEWEST 3-POINT FG MADE**

2, New York, 8/16/02  
 2, Detroit, 8/19/06

**MOST 3-POINT FG ATTEMPTED**

28, Connecticut, 3OT, 8/23/07  
 21, Connecticut, OT, 8/27/07  
 20, Detroit, OT, 9/21/08  
 20, Connecticut, 8/25/07

**FEWEST 3-POINT FG ATTEMPTED**

6, Detroit, 8/19/06

**HIGHEST 3-POINT FG PERCENTAGE**

.600, Detroit (6-10), 9/2/07  
 .545, Detroit (6-11), 9/19/08

**LOWEST 3-POINT FG PERCENTAGE**

.150, Connecticut (3-20), 8/25/07  
 .182, New York (2-11), 8/16/02

**MOST FT MADE**

26, Detroit, 8/19/06

**FEWEST FT MADE**

6, New York, 8/20/02  
 7, Connecticut, OT, 8/27/07  
 8, Detroit, 8/31/07

**MOST FT ATTEMPTED**

40, Detroit, 8/19/06

**FEWEST FT ATTEMPTED**

9, New York, 8/20/02  
 10, Connecticut, OT, 8/27/07

**HIGHEST FT PERCENTAGE**

.952, Detroit (20-21), OT, 9/21/08  
 .941, Detroit (16-17), 9/23/08  
 .882, Connecticut (15-17), 3OT, 8/23/07

**LOWEST FT PERCENTAGE**

.471, Detroit (8-17), 8/31/07  
 .650, Detroit (26-40), 8/19/06  
 .650, Detroit (13-20), 9/2/07

**MOST REBOUNDS**

48, Connecticut, 3OT, 8/23/07  
 47, Detroit, 9/3/07  
 43, Detroit, 8/31/07  
 43, Detroit, 9/2/07  
 42, Detroit, 8/17/06

**FEWEST REBOUNDS**

20, New York, 8/30/05

**MOST ASSISTS**

27, Connecticut, 3OT, 8/23/07  
 24, Detroit, 8/19/06

**FEWEST ASSISTS**

9, New York, 9/1/05

**MOST STEALS**

10, Detroit, 9/23/08  
 10, New York, 8/20/02  
 10, Connecticut, 3OT, 8/23/07

**FEWEST STEALS**

1, Detroit, 8/31/07  
 2, New York, 9/1/05

**MOST BLOCKED SHOTS**

7, Detroit, OT, 9/21/08  
 6, Connecticut, 3OT, 8/23/07  
 5, Connecticut, 8/25/07

**FEWEST BLOCKED SHOTS**

0, Detroit, 9/23/08  
 0, New York, 8/20/02

**MOST TURNOVERS**

20, Detroit, 9/19/08  
 18, Connecticut, 8/25/07  
 17, Connecticut, OT, 8/27/07  
 17, Detroit, 9/2/07

**FEWEST TURNOVERS**

6, New York, 8/18/02

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## OPPONENT SINGLE-GAME INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

**MOST POINTS SCORED GAME**

- 30 Deanna Nolan, Detroit, 9/3/07
- 27 Katie Douglas, Connecticut, OT, 8/27/07
- 25 Katie Douglas, Connecticut, 3OT, 8/23/07
- 24 Tamika Whitmore, New York, 8/18/02
- 24 Taj McWilliams-Franklin, Connecticut, 9/8/05
- 24 Deanna Nolan, Detroit, 9/2/07
- 23 Cheryl Ford, Detroit, 8/19/06

**HALF**

- 20 Deanna Nolan, Detroit (1st), 9/3/07
- 16 Deanna Nolan, Detroit (1st), 9/23/08
- 15 Taj McWilliams-Franklin, Connecticut (1st), 9/8/05
- 15 Deanna Nolan, Detroit (1st), 9/2/07

**QUARTER**

- 15 Deanna Nolan, Detroit (2nd), 9/2/07
- 12 Lindsay Whalen, Connecticut (1st), 8/27/07
- 11 Cheryl Ford, Detroit (4th), 8/19/06
- 11 Deanna Nolan, Detroit (1st), 9/3/07

**OVERTIME**

- 5 Katie Douglas, Connecticut, 9/10/05
- 5 Lindsay Whalen, Connecticut (2nd), 8/23/07

**MOST FG MADE**

- 11 Deanna Nolan, Detroit, 9/3/07
- 10 Tamika Whitmore, New York, 8/18/02
- 10 Cheryl Ford, Detroit, 8/19/06
- 10 Asjha Jones, Connecticut, OT, 8/27/07

**MOST FG ATTEMPTED**

- 22 Asjha Jones, Connecticut, 3OT, 8/23/07
- 21 Katie Douglas, Connecticut, 3OT, 8/23/07
- 21 Deanna Nolan, Detroit, 9/3/07
- 20 Lindsay Whalen, Connecticut, OT, 8/27/07

**MOST 3-POINT FG MADE**

- 7 Deanna Nolan, Detroit, 9/3/07
- 5 Katie Douglas, Connecticut, OT, 8/27/07
- 4 Deanna Nolan, Detroit, 9/19/08
- 4 Katie Smith, Detroit, 8/17/06
- 4 Deanna Nolan, Detroit, 9/2/07

**MOST 3-POINT FG ATTEMPTED**

- 12 Katie Douglas, Connecticut, 3OT, 8/23/07
- 12 Katie Douglas, Connecticut, OT, 8/27/07
- 10 Katie Smith, Detroit, OT, 9/21/08
- 9 Deanna Nolan, Detroit, 9/3/07
- 8 Katie Smith, Detroit, 8/17/06

**MOST FT MADE**

- 9 Nykeshia Sales, Connecticut, 9/8/05

**MOST FT ATTEMPTED**

- 13 Plenette Pierson, Detroit, 8/19/06

**MOST REBOUNDS**

- 15 Cheryl Ford, Detroit, 9/3/07
- 11 Margo Dydek, Connecticut, 3OT, 8/23/07
- 11 Cheryl Ford, Detroit, 8/31/07
- 10 four times

**MOST ASSISTS**

- 10 Lindsay Whalen, Connecticut, 3OT, 8/23/07
- 9 Teresa Weatherspoon, New York, 8/18/02

**MOST STEALS**

- 8 Katie Douglas, Connecticut, 3OT, 8/23/07
- 3 seven times

**MOST BLOCKED SHOTS**

- 4 Taj McWilliams-Franklin, Detroit, OT, 9/21/08
- 4 Plenette Pierson, Detroit, 8/31/07
- 3 Margo Dydek, Connecticut, 3OT, 8/23/07
- 3 Margo Dydek, Connecticut, 8/25/07

**MOST TURNOVERS**

- 7 Katie Douglas, Connecticut, OT, 8/27/07
- 5 five times

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GAME RECAPS

2002 WNBA Playoffs First Round

Game 1 - Indiana 73, New York 55

INDIANAPOLIS - The New York Liberty became the latest team that was unable to "Catch" the Indiana Fever.

Rookie Tamika Catchings had 29 points and 11 rebounds as the Fever drew first blood in their Eastern Conference first-round series with a 73-55 victory over the Liberty in the opener.

Indiana, one of the league's hottest teams, captured its first playoff game in franchise history and won for the seventh time in eight games. Top-seeded New York had made it past the first round in each of its four playoff appearances but faced elimination with the loss.

Catchings, who was named Rookie of the Year earlier in the day, came out on fire by making 6-of-8 shots, including three 3-pointers, and scoring 18 points in the first half. She drilled back-to-back 3-pointers and Olympia Scott-Richardson added a basket for an early 12-4 edge.

Indiana built a 35-24 halftime edge and continued to expand it in the second half. Coquese Washington drilled a 3-pointer for a 44-28 bulge and added another with 14:47 remaining to give the Fever a commanding 49-30 advantage.

Washington, a former member of the Liberty, was acquired from Houston after a loss to New York on July 19 and the Fever have won nine of 12 games since the trade. She scored 11 of her 13 points in the second half.

Tamika Whitmore led New York with 18 points. The Liberty lost for the fifth time in six games.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION OFFICIAL SCORER'S REPORT Playoffs Game #1 FINAL BOX

08/16/2002 Conseco Fieldhouse, Indianapolis, IN Officials: #14 Patty Broderick, #20 Teresa Dahlem, #28 Ken Drayton

VISITOR: New York Liberty (0-1)

Table with columns: NO PLAYER, MIN, FG, FGA, 3P, 3PA, FT, FTA, OR, DR, TOT, A, PF, ST, TO, BS, PTS. Rows include players like Crystal Robinson, Tamika Whitmore, Tari Phillips, etc., and summary rows for TOTALS and PERCENTAGES.

HOME: INDIANA FEVER (1-0)

Table with columns: NO PLAYER, MIN, FG, FGA, 3P, 3PA, FT, FTA, OR, DR, TOT, A, PF, ST, TO, BS, PTS. Rows include players like Tamika Catchings, Nadine Malcolm, O. Scott-Richardson, etc., and summary rows for TOTALS and PERCENTAGES.

SCORE BY PERIODS table showing points for Liberty, FEVER, and TOTALS for Periods 1, 2, and FINAL.

Points in the Paint: Liberty 34, FEVER 34 Biggest Lead: Liberty 0, Fever 23 Second Chance Points: Liberty 9, FEVER 13 Lead Changes: 0 Fast Break Points: Liberty 7, FEVER 17 Times Tied: 1

MEMO: IND - First playoff win in franchise history

2002 WNBA Playoffs First Round

Game 2 - New York 84, Indiana 65

NEW YORK - The New York Liberty rebounded from the worst playoff loss in franchise history in impressive fashion.

Tamika Whitmore paced a balanced attack with 24 points as the Liberty routed the Indiana Fever 84-65 to even their best-of-three Eastern Conference semifinal series at a win apiece.

New York, 5-0 all time at home against Indiana, earned the right to host the decisive third game of the series.

Whitmore scored 14 points in the second half, including 10 in an 18-5 spurt that gave the Liberty a 69-46 lead with 7:19 left. New York led by as many as 24.

It took a while, but the Liberty finally contained Tamika Catchings, the WNBA Rookie of the Year who collected 29 points and 11 rebounds in Indiana's 73-55 Game 1 victory.

Catchings recorded another double-double with 20 points and 14 rebounds, but she was held to just five points in the second half when the Liberty stepped up their defense.

After Catchings made two free throws to open the scoring, New York reeled off 10 straight points and never trailed thereafter.

Tari Phillips added 20 points for the Liberty, who pulled away in the second half after taking a 38-31 lead at the intermission.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION OFFICIAL SCORER'S REPORT Playoffs Game #2 FINAL BOX

08/18/2002 Madison Square Garden, New York, NY Officials: #5 Bill Stokes, #4 Sue Blauch, #36 John Fullilove

VISITOR: Indiana Fever (1-1)

Table with columns: NO PLAYER, MIN, FG, FGA, 3P, 3PA, FT, FTA, OR, DR, TOT, A, PF, ST, TO, BS, PTS. Rows include players like Tamika Catchings, Nadine Malcolm, O. Scott-Richardson, etc., and summary rows for TOTALS and PERCENTAGES.

HOME: NEW YORK LIBERTY (1-1)

Table with columns: NO PLAYER, MIN, FG, FGA, 3P, 3PA, FT, FTA, OR, DR, TOT, A, PF, ST, TO, BS, PTS. Rows include players like Crystal Robinson, Tamika Whitmore, Tari Phillips, etc., and summary rows for TOTALS and PERCENTAGES.

SCORE BY PERIODS table showing points for Fever, LIBERTY, and TOTALS for Periods 1, 2, and FINAL.

Points in the Paint: Fever 28, LIBERTY 50 Biggest Lead: Fever 2, LIBERTY 24 Second Chance Points: Fever 18, LIBERTY 17 Lead Changes: 1 Fast Break Points: Fever 4, LIBERTY 8 Times Tied: 1



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## GAME RECAPS

### 2002 WNBA Playoffs First Round Game 3 – New York 75, Indiana 60

NEW YORK – The New York Liberty taught the Indiana Fever it's not how you start but how you finish. Crystal Robinson and Vickie Johnson drilled 3-pointers during a decisive second-half run as the Liberty returned to the Eastern Conference finals with a 75-60 come-from-behind victory over the Fever.

New York took the last two games of the best-of-three series at home and earned the right to face the Washington Mystics in their fifth consecutive appearance in the conference finals.

Appearing in the playoffs for the first time in team history, Indiana raced to a 17-2 lead less than 5 1/2 minutes into the decisive third game. But the Fever struggled after halftime as Rookie of the Year Tamika Catchings had just four points over the final 20 minutes.

Johnson scored 19 points to lead five players in double figures for the Liberty, who shot nearly 62 percent (21-of-34) after the break while holding the Fever to 44 percent (11-of-25).

Tamika Whitmore added 17 points and Tari Phillips, Teresa Weatherspoon and reserve Becky Hammon contributed 10 apiece for New York.

Nikki McCray led Indiana with 14 points and Olympia Scott-Richardson had 10 on 5-of-6 shooting. But the Fever were unable to overcome 21 turnovers.

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OFFICIAL SCORER'S REPORT

Playoffs Game #3

FINAL BOX

08/20/2002 Madison Square Garden, New York, NY  
Officials: #10 Bob Trammell, #22 June Courteau, #41 Bonita Spence

Time of Game: 1:52  
Attendance: 12,471

VISITOR: Indiana Fever (1-2)

NO	PLAYER	MIN	FG	FGA	3P	3PA	FT	FTA	OR	DR	TOT	A	PF	ST	TO	BS	PTS	
24	Tamika Catchings	F	33	4	12	3	8	1	2	3	4	7	1	3	1	3	0	12
42	Nadine Malcolm	F	29	3	6	0	1	2	3	0	3	3	0	1	0	1	0	8
0	O. Scott-Richardson	C	37	5	6	0	0	0	0	3	6	9	3	3	0	8	1	10
15	Nikki McCray	G	31	5	9	1	4	3	5	1	2	3	2	2	1	3	0	14
4	Coquese Washington	G	38	1	7	1	4	0	0	0	2	2	7	4	1	2	0	3
11	Kelly Schumacher		19	4	7	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	1	1	0	2	1	8
32	Bridget Pettis		11	2	4	1	2	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	5
33	Niele Ivey		2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
21	Monica Maxwell	DNP – Coach's Decision																
6	Jackie Moore	DNP – Coach's Decision																
43	Alicia Thompson	DNP – Coach's Decision																
TOTALS		200	24	52	6	20	6	10	10	20	30	15	15	3	20	2	60	
PERCENTAGES				46.2%		30.0%		60.0%			TM REB: 3						TOT TO: 21 (26 PTS)	

HOME: NEW YORK LIBERTY (2-1)

NO	PLAYER	MIN	FG	FGA	3P	3PA	FT	FTA	OR	DR	TOT	A	PF	ST	TO	BS	PTS	
3	Crystal Robinson	F	31	2	6	1	3	0	0	0	2	2	1	3	1	0	0	5
44	Tamika Whitmore	F	34	8	15	0	0	1	3	1	2	3	2	2	1	1	0	17
24	Tari Phillips	C	30	4	12	0	0	2	2	3	1	4	1	4	3	4	0	10
55	Wickie Johnson	G	33	8	14	2	6	1	2	1	6	7	6	2	3	2	0	19
11	Teresa Weatherspoon	G	33	5	8	0	0	0	0	3	3	6	7	2	1	1	0	10
23	Sue Wicks		16	1	1	0	0	2	2	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	4
25	Becky Hammon		23	4	7	2	4	0	0	0	2	2	3	0	1	3	0	10
42	Camille Cooper	DNP – Coach's Decision																
31	Linda Fröhlich	DNP – Coach's Decision																
7	Korie Hlede	DNP – Left Ankle Sprain																
50	Bernadette Ngoyisa	DNP – Coach's Decision																
TOTALS		200	32	63	5	13	6	9	8	18	26	20	15	10	11	0	75	
PERCENTAGES				50.8%		38.5%		66.7%			TM REB: 7						TOT TO: 12 (17 PTS)	

SCORE BY PERIODS

	1	2	FINAL
Fever	33	27	60
LIBERTY	29	46	75

Points in the Paint: Fever 20, LIBERTY 46  
Second Chance Points: Fever 6, LIBERTY 9  
Fast Break Points: Fever 5, LIBERTY 11

Biggest Lead: Fever 15, LIBERTY 19  
Lead Changes: 1  
Times Tied: 1

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### GAME RECAPS

#### 2005 WNBA Playoffs First Round Game 1 – Indiana 63, New York 51

NEW YORK – Tully Belvaqua's big basket gave the Indiana Fever a big edge in its first-round playoff series. Belvaqua's 3-pointer with 1:33 remaining keyed a closing 14-2 run as the Fever took control of its best-of-three Eastern Conference series with a 63-51 victory over the New York Liberty.

Tamika Catchings had 19 points and 12 rebounds for the Fever, who is one win away from its first postseason series win, with the luxury of the next two games at home.

Indiana erased a nine-point first-half deficit, then blew a 10-point second half lead. A 3-pointer by Elena Baranova capped a 16-6 surge by New York and forged a 49-49 tie with 3:22 to go.

Deanna Jackson and Catchings each made two free throws to give the Fever the lead for good. With the shot clock running down, Belvaqua buried a 3-pointer for a 56-49 lead.

"We try to establish an inside game, but we're in confident taking those shots," said Belvaqua, who made three 3-pointers. "We're going to keep taking them."

Cathrine Kraayeveld sank two foul shots with 1:07 left, but the Liberty did not score again. Belvaqua, Jackson and Catchings each made a pair from the line in the final 62 seconds for the Fever, who made 13 of their last 14 free throws.

"When it counts, we're really starting to knock them down now," Belvaqua said. "That's really what we have to focus on."

Belvaqua scored 14 points and Jackson added nine for the second-seeded Fever, who held a 27-20 advantage on the glass.

Vickie Johnson scored 17 points but was the only player in double figures for the third-seeded Liberty.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION												OFFICIAL SCORER'S REPORT											
08/30/2005 Madison Square Garden, New York, NY												FINAL BOX											
Officials: #39 Michael Price, #46 Eli Roe, #55 Eric Brewton												Time of Game: 2:05											
Attendance: 7,729																							

VISITOR: Indiana Fever (1-0)																							
NO PLAYER	MIN	FG	FGA	3P	3PA	FT	FTA	OR	DR	TOT	A	PF	ST	TO	BS	PTS							
24 Tamika Catchings	F	39	6	11	1	3	6	8	2	10	12	0	3	1	4	0	19						
7 Jurgita Streimikyte	F	27	2	6	0	2	2	1	0	1	1	4	0	0	1	6							
12 Natalie Williams	C	30	2	9	0	0	4	4	1	3	4	2	1	1	0	8							
41 Tully Belvaqua	G	37	4	6	3	4	3	5	0	2	2	2	4	1	0	14							
8 Kelly Miller	G	35	2	9	2	5	1	2	0	2	2	3	2	1	0	7							
11 Kelly Schumacher		7	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	0	1	0	0							
15 Tan White		3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							
5 Deanna Jackson		22	2	4	0	0	5	6	0	3	3	0	3	1	1	2							
42 Jenni Benningfield	DNP – Coach's Decision																						
14 Coretta Brown	DNP – Coach's Decision																						
32 Ebony Hoffman	DNP – Coach's Decision																						
TOTALS	200	18	46	6	12	21	27	6	21	27	8	17	6	5	5	63							
PERCENTAGES			39.1%		50.0%		77.8%				TM REB: 8					TOT TO: 6 (13 PTS)							

HOME: NEW YORK LIBERTY (0-1)																							
NO PLAYER	MIN	FG	FGA	3P	3PA	FT	FTA	OR	DR	TOT	A	PF	ST	TO	BS	PTS							
20 Shameka Christon	F	23	1	6	0	1	2	0	1	1	1	3	0	2	0	3							
3 Crystal Robinson	F	33	1	8	0	3	2	2	0	5	5	3	5	1	0	4							
28 Elena Baranova	C	32	2	5	1	2	2	1	6	7	2	1	2	1	2	7							
25 Becky Hammon	G	38	4	9	1	4	0	0	2	2	1	6	0	5	0	9							
55 Vickie Johnson	G	34	7	13	0	2	3	4	0	2	2	4	0	2	0	17							
7 La'Keshia Frett		12	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	2							
5 Erin Thorn		8	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2							
33 Cathrine Kraayeveld		19	1	2	1	1	4	4	1	2	3	0	1	0	0	7							
21 Loree Moore		1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							
54 Jennifer Smith	DNP – Coach's Decision																						
30 DeTrina White	DNP – Coach's Decision																						
TOTALS	200	18	46	3	13	12	14	2	18	20	10	24	3	10	2	51							
PERCENTAGES			39.1%		23.1%		85.7%				TM REB: 9					TOT TO: 11 (11 PTS)							

SCORE BY PERIODS		1		2		FINAL	
Fever	27	36			63		
LIBERTY	27	24			51		

Points in the Paint: Fever 22, LIBERTY 20  
 Second Chance Points: Fever 3, LIBERTY 5  
 Fast Break Points: Fever 2, LIBERTY 2

Biggest Lead: Fever 12, LIBERTY 9  
 Lead Changes: 5  
 Times Tied: 8

#### 2005 WNBA Playoffs First Round Game 2 – Indiana 58, New York 50

INDIANAPOLIS – Tamika Catchings and Kelly Miller led the Indiana Fever to its first postseason series win. Catchings and Miller combined for all the points in a decisive second-half surge as the Fever regrouped for a 58-50 victory over the New York Liberty and a sweep of its best-of-three Eastern Conference semifinal series.

The Fever avenged a conference semifinal loss to the Liberty in 2002, then its only other appearance in the postseason.

The Liberty were eliminated in the opening round for the first time in their history. An original WNBA franchise, they have made the playoffs every year except 1998 and 2003.

Named WNBA Defensive Player of the Year earlier in the day, Catchings collected 19 points and 12 rebounds. Miller, whose late 3-pointer was a dagger in Indiana's Game 1 win, added 11 points.

Indiana squandered a 14-point first-half lead and trailed, 37-35, after a basket by New York's La'Keshia Frett with 7:47 to go. The hoop capped a 21-8 run to open the second half after an awful first half by the Liberty.

Catchings sank a 3-pointer and Miller made a jumper and 3-pointer to give the Fever a 43-37 advantage with 5:57 left. It was at least a two-possession game thereafter.

Natalie Williams added 13 points and 10 boards for the Fever, who won despite shooting just 28 percent (16-of-57) from the field. They made 21-of-25 free throws and held a 38-25 advantage on the glass.

Becky Hammon scored 14 points and Frett added 13 for the Liberty, who trailed, 27-16, after a first half in which they had five baskets and 11 turnovers.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION												OFFICIAL SCORER'S REPORT											
09/01/2005 Conseco Fieldhouse, Indianapolis, IN												FINAL BOX											
Officials: #30 Lisa Mattingly, #25 Barb Smith, #38 Lamont Simpson												Time of Game: 2:01											
Attendance: 5,085																							

VISITOR: New York Liberty (0-2)																							
NO PLAYER	MIN	FG	FGA	3P	3PA	FT	FTA	OR	DR	TOT	A	PF	ST	TO	BS	PTS							
3 Crystal Robinson	F	17	1	5	1	4	0	0	1	2	3	1	0	0	1	3							
28 Elena Baranova	F	27	1	5	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	1	0	2							
7 La'Keshia Frett	C	35	4	11	0	0	5	6	2	2	4	0	4	0	2	13							
25 Becky Hammon	G	38	5	11	1	3	3	3	0	5	5	3	2	0	5	14							
55 Vickie Johnson	G	39	3	9	0	1	3	4	0	4	4	5	3	1	2	9							
20 Shameka Christon		24	3	6	2	3	0	0	0	4	4	0	4	0	1	8							
33 Cathrine Kraayeveld		18	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	3	4	0	5	0	2	1							
5 Erin Thorn		2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							
21 Loree Moore	DNP – Coach's Decision																						
54 Jennifer Smith	DNP – Coach's Decision																						
30 DeTrina White	DNP – Coach's Decision																						
TOTALS	200	17	48	4	12	12	15	4	21	25	9	21	2	12	2	50							
PERCENTAGES			35.4%		33.3%		80.0%				TM REB: 10					TOT TO: 14 (16 PTS)							

HOME: INDIANA FEVER (2-0)																							
NO PLAYER	MIN	FG	FGA	3P	3PA	FT	FTA	OR	DR	TOT	A	PF	ST	TO	BS	PTS							
7 Jurgita Streimikyte	F	32	0	5	0	0	4	4	4	8	4	1	4	4	0	4							
24 Tamika Catchings	F	37	5	19	2	5	7	8	6	6	12	2	2	1	1	19							
12 Natalie Williams	C	30	4	8	0	0	5	5	2	8	10	2	4	1	1	13							
8 Kelly Miller	G	38	3	11	2	5	3	4	0	1	2	2	1	1	0	11							
41 Tully Belvaqua	G	36	1	3	1	2	0	0	3	3	3	1	0	2	0	3							
15 Tan White		4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0							
11 Kelly Schumacher		13	3	7	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	3	0	0	3	6							
5 Deanna Jackson		10	0	4	0	0	2	4	1	1	2	0	3	1	0	2							
42 Jenni Benningfield	DNP – Coach's Decision																						
14 Coretta Brown	DNP – Coach's Decision																						
32 Ebony Hoffman	DNP – Coach's Decision																						
TOTALS	200	16	57	5	12	21	25	15	23	38	15	17	8	9	4	58							
PERCENTAGES			28.1%		41.7%		84.0%				TM REB: 6					TOT TO: 9 (7 PTS)							

SCORE BY PERIODS		1		2		FINAL	
LIBERTY	16	34			50		
FEVER	27	31			58		

Points in the Paint: Liberty 18, FEVER 14  
 Second Chance Points: Liberty 4, FEVER 8  
 Fast Break Points: Liberty 6, FEVER 8

Biggest Lead: Liberty 2, FEVER 14  
 Lead Changes: 2  
 Times Tied: 1

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## GAME RECAPS

### 2005 Eastern Conference Finals

#### Game 1 – Connecticut 63, Indiana 58

INDIANAPOLIS – The WNBA title hopes of the Indiana Fever took a shot to the head from the Connecticut Sun.

The effectiveness of All-Star Tamika Catchings was limited by a mild concussion and the Fever never led in the second half of a 73-68 loss to the Connecticut Sun, who moved one win away from returning to the WNBA Finals.

Taj McWilliams-Franklin scored 24 points for the top-seeded Sun, who grabbed Game 1 of the Eastern Conference finals and host the next two games of the best-of-three series.

Catchings, Indiana's top scorer and rebounder and a WNBA MVP candidate, left the game with 13:48 remaining in the first half. She went to the floor and her head was fallen on by Connecticut's Brooke Wyckoff.

The WNBA Defensive Player of the Year, Catchings did not return until the second half. She was diagnosed with a mild concussion and clearly was not herself, finishing with 10 points on 2-of-11 shooting.

Without Catchings as a threat, the Fever struggled to stay with the Sun, who built a 45-40 lead behind 15 points from McWilliams-Franklin. Connecticut pushed the margin to 12 points early in the second half.

Indiana closed to 63-62 with 3:22 left on a 3-pointer by Kelly Miller, who scored 14 points. But the Fever went more than three minutes without a point as Tully Belvaqua missed a 3-pointer and ran the baseline for a traveling violation.

With the shot clock running down, Katie Douglas banked in a 3-pointer from the left wing to give the Sun a 68-62 lead with 30 seconds left.

Nykesha Sales scored 14 points, Lindsay Whalen added 13 and Douglas nine for the Sun, who shot 48 percent (22-of-46) and limited the Fever to 38 percent (23-of-61).

Miller scored 14 points and Kelly Schumacher and Deanna Jackson added 12 each for Indiana.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION		OFFICIAL SCORER'S REPORT	
Eastern Conference Finals Game #1		FINAL BOX	
09/10/2005 Conseco Fieldhouse, Indianapolis, IN		Time of Game: 2:02	
Officials: #8 Daryl Humphrey, #22 June Courteau, #47 Tina Napier		Attendance: 8,777	

VISITOR: Connecticut Sun (1-0)	
NO PLAYER	MIN FG FGA 3P 3PA FT FTA OR DR TOT A PF ST TO BS PTS
11 Taj McWilliams-Fran	F 32 7 14 1 1 9 9 0 2 2 1 4 1 1 0 24
42 Nykesha Sales	F 28 4 8 1 3 4 4 0 4 4 2 4 2 2 2 13
12 Margo Dydek	C 21 2 4 0 0 2 2 2 3 5 1 2 0 4 1 6
13 Lindsay Whalen	G 37 2 10 1 4 7 10 2 5 7 2 0 1 3 0 12
32 Katie Douglas	G 31 3 4 1 2 2 3 2 2 4 3 2 0 0 0 9
21 Brooke Wyckoff	18 0 0 0 0 1 2 0 3 3 0 2 1 1 0 1
15 Asjha Jones	16 3 4 0 0 0 2 3 2 5 2 3 0 0 1 6
10 Jamie Carey	14 1 2 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2
34 Jennifer Derejvanik	3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 1 0 0 0 0
14 Laura Summerton	DNP – Coach's Decision
43 Le'Coe Willingham	DNP – Coach's Decision
TOTALS	200 22 46 4 11 25 32 9 21 30 13 18 5 11 4 73
PERCENTAGES	47.8% 36.4% 78.1% TM REB: 7 TOT TO: 12 (18 PTS)

HOME: INDIANA FEVER (0-1)	
NO PLAYER	MIN FG FGA 3P 3PA FT FTA OR DR TOT A PF ST TO BS PTS
7 Jurgita Streimikyte	F 15 2 7 0 0 0 0 3 1 4 0 3 0 1 0 4
24 Tamika Catchings	F 26 2 11 1 2 5 8 4 4 8 2 2 3 0 10
12 Natalie Williams	C 31 3 8 0 0 3 4 3 2 5 2 5 1 0 0 9
8 Kelly Miller	G 38 5 7 4 4 0 0 0 0 1 4 1 2 0 14
41 Tully Belvaqua	G 38 2 9 1 4 2 2 1 2 4 3 4 4 0 7
11 Kelly Schumacher	20 6 11 0 0 0 0 3 0 3 0 2 1 0 1 12
5 Deanna Jackson	28 3 5 0 0 6 6 0 4 4 2 5 0 0 0 12
15 Tan White	4 0 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
42 Jenni Benningfield	DNP – Coach's Decision
14 Coretta Brown	DNP – Coach's Decision
32 Ebony Hoffman	DNP – Coach's Decision
TOTALS	200 23 61 6 10 16 20 14 12 26 11 24 9 10 1 68
PERCENTAGES	37.7% 60.0% 80.0% TM REB: 10 TOT TO: 10 (7 PTS)

SCORE BY PERIODS	1 2 FINAL
Sun	45 28 73
FEVER	40 28 68

Points in the Paint: Sun 26, FEVER 28  
 Second Chance Points: Sun 9, FEVER 13  
 Fast Break Points: Sun 8, FEVER 2  
 Reb. Pct. Sun .514, FEVER .485  
 Off. Reb. Pct. Sun .429, FEVER .400  
 Biggest Lead: Sun 12, FEVER 1  
 Lead Changes: 4  
 Times Tied: 0  
 Off. Possessions Sun 63, FEVER 62  
 Def. Reb. Pct. Sun .600, FEVER .571

### 2005 Eastern Conference Finals

#### Game 2 – Connecticut 77, Indiana 67 (ot)

UNCASVILLE, Conn. – Even their first overtime game of the season could not stop the Connecticut Sun from making a return trip to the WNBA Finals.

Margo Dydek scored four of her 12 points in the overtime as the Sun overcame a late collapse to post a 77-67 victory over the Indiana Fever en route to sweep of the Eastern Conference Finals.

Looking for their first WNBA title, the top-seeded Sun will have home-court advantage against either Sacramento or Houston.

In a tight contest throughout, the Sun grabbed a 60-56 lead with 1:31 left in regulation on two free throws by Lindsay Whalen. After Kelly Miller made 1-of-2 free throws, Tamika Catchings followed a miss by Connecticut with a 3-pointer that tied it, 60-60, with 18 seconds left.

The Sun had a chance to end the game in regulation, but Game 1 star Taj McWilliams-Franklin missed a layup as time expired.

In the overtime, Connecticut did not appear hesitant as Dydek buried a jumper from just inside the arc. Sales hit a 3-pointer and Dydek made a follow shot to highlight a 7-0 run that opened a 69-62 lead with 1:54 remaining.

Catchings followed with a layup, but the Sun made 8-of-12 free throws down the stretch to seal the win.

McWilliams-Franklin scored 15 points, Whalen had 14 and Asjha Jones chipped in 13 for Connecticut. An MVP candidate, Catchings bounced back from a miserable first game that included a mild concussion, scoring 21 points and grabbing four steals.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION		OFFICIAL SCORER'S REPORT	
Eastern Conference Finals Game #2		FINAL BOX	
09/10/2005 Mohegan Sun Arena, Uncasville, CT		Time of Game: 2:13	
Officials: #10 Bob Trammell, #18 Kurt Walker, #25 Barb Smith		Attendance: 7,588	

VISITOR: Indiana Fever (0-2)	
NO PLAYER	MIN FG FGA 3P 3PA FT FTA OR DR TOT A PF ST TO BS PTS
7 Jurgita Streimikyte	F 22 2 5 0 0 0 0 2 3 5 0 3 1 1 0 4
24 Tamika Catchings	F 44 8 18 1 2 4 4 1 4 5 5 6 4 3 1 21
12 Natalie Williams	C 43 8 15 0 1 1 3 7 4 11 0 4 2 0 0 17
8 Kelly Miller	G 44 2 12 1 3 3 4 0 4 4 4 5 2 2 0 8
41 Tully Belvaqua	G 41 1 7 1 4 0 0 0 2 2 2 4 2 4 0 3
15 Tan White	5 0 5 0 1 0 0 2 0 2 1 0 0 0 0 0
5 Deanna Jackson	24 5 10 1 1 1 1 3 2 5 0 6 0 0 0 12
11 Kelly Schumacher	2 0 0 0 0 2 2 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 2
42 Jenni Benningfield	DNP – Coach's Decision
14 Coretta Brown	DNP – Coach's Decision
32 Ebony Hoffman	DNP – Coach's Decision
TOTALS	225 26 72 4 12 11 14 15 19 34 12 29 11 10 1 67
PERCENTAGES	36.1% 33.3% 78.6% TM REB: 8 TOT TO: 11 (9 PTS)

HOME: CONNECTICUT SUN (2-0)	
NO PLAYER	MIN FG FGA 3P 3PA FT FTA OR DR TOT A PF ST TO BS PTS
11 Taj McWilliams-Fran	F 37 5 11 0 0 5 6 3 4 7 2 5 1 3 0 15
42 Nykesha Sales	F 33 3 10 3 3 0 0 1 0 1 1 2 2 1 1 9
12 Margo Dydek	C 22 5 7 0 0 2 2 1 6 7 0 0 1 0 2 12
13 Lindsay Whalen	G 36 3 7 0 2 8 10 1 3 4 4 4 0 4 0 14
32 Katie Douglas	G 38 2 5 2 4 5 8 1 4 5 3 1 2 2 0 11
21 Brooke Wyckoff	16 0 1 0 1 3 4 2 3 5 1 3 0 1 0 3
15 Asjha Jones	25 6 12 0 0 1 2 0 4 4 1 1 0 1 0 13
34 Jennifer Derejvanik	9 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 1 2 4 0 1 0 0 0
10 Jamie Carey	7 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0
14 Laura Summerton	1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
43 Le'Coe Willingham	1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0
TOTALS	225 24 54 5 10 24 32 10 25 35 16 16 7 13 4 77
PERCENTAGES	44.4% 50.0% 75.0% TM REB: 10 TOT TO: 13 (15 PTS)

SCORE BY PERIODS	1 2 OT FINAL
Fever	29 31 7 67
SUN	37 23 17 77

Points in the Paint: Fever 38, SUN 22  
 Second Chance Points: Fever 17, SUN 19  
 Fast Break Points: Fever 6, SUN 10  
 Biggest Lead: Fever 4, SUN 10  
 Lead Changes: 9  
 Times Tied: 11

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GAME RECAPS

2006 WNBA Playoffs First Round Game 1 – Detroit 68, Indiana 56

INDIANAPOLIS – The Detroit Shock used a 13-0 run in the second half to break open what had been a close game before coming away with a 68-56 win over the Indiana Fever in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference Semifinals in Conseco Fieldhouse.

Tamika Catchings, who was honored as the league's Defensive Player of the Year prior to the game, led Indiana with 17 points, six rebounds and five assists. Tamika Whitmore had 12 points, while Ebony Hoffman contributed 10 points, three rebounds and a career-high three blocked shots for the Fever (0-1).

Deanna Nolan scored a game-high 18 points on 9-of-11 shooting for Detroit (1-0). Katie Smith finished with 17 points, including four 3's, to go along with seven rebounds and four assists.

The Fever scored seven unanswered points to cut what had been a double-digit Shock lead down to four points with 2:24 left in the fourth quarter. Catchings' step-back jumper made the score 58-54, Detroit. Moments later, Smith netted a 3-pointer from the top of the key to extend Detroit's lead to seven. The Shock led by as many as 12 down the stretch, which proved to be the final margin.

The officiating was tight early with ten fouls called in the game's opening four minutes. After falling behind midway through the first quarter, Detroit pulled in front on the strength of a 7-0 run. Nolan's jumper gave Detroit the lead, and pair of free throws from Smith then made the score 13-9

Detroit led by as many as seven in the second quarter. Indiana, though, kept pace with Detroit, tying the score at 28 following a 7-0 run. Whitmore's 3-pointer from the left wing tied the score for the first time since it was 13-all. A Nolan steal and fast-break lay-up with 13.2 left in the second gave the Shock a 30-28 edge at the half.

The Fever enjoyed its first lead since early in the first quarter on a 3-point play from Whitmore. Indiana moved in front 36-34. The lead changed hands eleven times in the third quarter. However, Detroit led 47-44 after three.

Detroit scored the first nine points of the fourth quarter to race to its largest lead of the game. A Nolan jumper gave the Shock a 56-44 lead with 6:10 left in regulation.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION Playoffs Game #1 OFFICIAL SCORER'S REPORT FINAL BOX

08/17/2006 Conseco Fieldhouse, Indianapolis, IN Officials: #38 Lamont Simpson, #39 Michael Price, #55 Eric Brewton

Time of Game: 1:59 Attendance: 7,261

VISITOR: Detroit Shock (1-0)

Table with columns: NO PLAYER, MIN, FG, FGA, 3P, 3PA, FT, FTA, OR, DR, TOT, A, PF, ST, TO, BS, PTS. Rows include Swin Cash, Cheryl Ford, Ruth Riley, Deanna Nolan, Katie Smith, Elaine Powell, Kedra Holland-Corn, Plenette Pierson, Kara Braxton, Angelina Williams, Jacqueline Batteast.

TOTALS 200 26 64 4 12 12 16 12 30 42 13 26 3 14 3 68 PERCENTAGES 40.6% 33.3% 75.0% TM REB: 9 TOT TO: 15 (12 PTS)

HOME: INDIANA FEVER (0-1)

Table with columns: NO PLAYER, MIN, FG, FGA, 3P, 3PA, FT, FTA, OR, DR, TOT, A, PF, ST, TO, BS, PTS. Rows include Tamika Catchings, Tamika Whitmore, Ebony Hoffman, Anna DeForge, Tully Bevilacqua, Olympia Scott, La'Tangela Atkinson, Tan White, Charlotte Smith, Linda Frohlich, K.B. Sharp.

TOTALS 200 21 64 4 15 10 14 8 23 31 9 19 4 9 4 56 PERCENTAGES 32.8% 26.7% 71.4% TM REB: 7 TOT TO: 12 (14 PTS)

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns: 1, 2, 3, 4, FINAL. Rows: Shock, Fever.

Points in the Paint: Shock 28, FEVER 22 Biggest Lead: Shock 12, FEVER 3 Second Chance Points: Shock 19, FEVER 3 Lead Changes: 14 Fast Break Points: Shock 8, FEVER 2 Times Tied: 5

2006 WNBA Playoffs First Round Game 2 – Detroit 98, Indiana 83

DETROIT - Tamika Whitmore scored a WNBA playoff-record 41 points as the Indiana Fever attempted to even its first-round playoff series with the Detroit Shock. Whitmore's career night, though, would come in a losing effort as the host Shock bested the Fever 98-83 in the Palace of Auburn Hills.

With the win, Detroit swept Indiana in the best-of-three series and advanced to the Eastern Conference Finals. Detroit's 98 points was its highest postseason output in franchise history.

Whitmore's 41 points came on 15-of-25 shooting and 10-of-10 from the free throw line. She tied a playoff record with the most free throws without a miss, and her 25 second-half points were also a playoffs record.

Tamika Catchings finished with 11 points and six rebounds for Indiana. Catchings suffered what was called a mild concussion after hitting her head on the floor while fighting for a loose ball midway through the third quarter. She did return, however was not able to help her team erase a double-digit fourth quarter deficit.

Cheryl Ford paced Detroit with 23 points and 10 rebounds. Swin Cash added 17 points, nine rebounds and eight assists, while Plenette Pierson netted 20 off Detroit's bench.

Detroit outscored Indiana 18-6 in first four minutes of the fourth quarter before racing out to an 81-70 lead. The Shock led by as many as 17 late in regulation before coming away with its third consecutive win over Indiana.

After trailing for much of the first half, Detroit took its first lead of the game midway through the second quarter. A Kara Braxton lay-up made the score 25-24, Detroit. The Shock would go on a 7-2 run in the closing minutes of the second before leading 38-34 at the half.

Whitmore kept Indiana close, scoring 16 points in a first half that saw neither team lead by more than six points.

Following a Catchings bank-shot that regained the lead for the Fever, Detroit went on a 10-3 run to pull in front 57-52. The Fever responded with a run of its own, outscoring the Shock 9-1 to lead by three late in the third quarter. Indiana led 64-63 heading in the fourth quarter.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION Playoffs Game #2 OFFICIAL SCORER'S REPORT FINAL BOX

08/19/2006 Palace of Auburn Hills, Detroit, MI Officials: #4 Sue Blaich, #30 Lisa Mattingly, #53 Jeff Smith

Time of Game: 2:26 Attendance: 8,830

VISITOR: Indiana Fever (0-2)

Table with columns: NO PLAYER, MIN, FG, FGA, 3P, 3PA, FT, FTA, OR, DR, TOT, A, PF, ST, TO, BS, PTS. Rows include Tamika Catchings, Tamika Whitmore, Ebony Hoffman, Tully Bevilacqua, Anna DeForge, Olympia Scott, La'Tangela Atkinson, Tan White, Linda Frohlich, K.B. Sharp, Charlotte Smith.

TOTALS 200 32 69 6 16 13 21 17 21 38 11 35 6 19 3 83 PERCENTAGES 46.4% 37.5% 61.9% TM REB: 9 TOT TO: 20 (19 PTS)

HOME: DETROIT SHOCK (2-0)

Table with columns: NO PLAYER, MIN, FG, FGA, 3P, 3PA, FT, FTA, OR, DR, TOT, A, PF, ST, TO, BS, PTS. Rows include Swin Cash, Cheryl Ford, Ruth Riley, Katie Smith, Deanna Nolan, Plenette Pierson, Kara Braxton, Jacqueline Batteast, Kedra Holland-Corn, Elaine Powell, Angelina Williams.

TOTALS 200 35 68 2 6 26 40 14 20 34 24 19 7 10 4 98 PERCENTAGES 51.5% 33.3% 65.0% TM REB: 11 TOT TO: 10 (9 PTS)

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns: 1, 2, 3, 4, FINAL. Rows: Fever, Shock.

Technical Fouls – Individual Fever (4): Brian Winters 1:25 1st; Ebony Hoffman 6:23 3rd; Julie Plank 3:23 3rd; La'Tangela Atkinson 0:38.8 3rd SHOCK (2): Plenette Pierson 6:23 3rd; Ruth Riley 0:38.8 3rd

Points in the Paint: Fever 28, SHOCK 56 Biggest Lead: Fever 6, SHOCK 17 Second Chance Points: Fever 10, SHOCK 16 Lead Changes: 13 Fast Break Points: Fever 0, SHOCK 11 Times Tied: 4

MEMO: Tamika Whitmore sets WNBA single-game playoff points record MEMO: Shock records franchise high and WNBA's 3rd highest single-game playoff scoring total







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## GAME RECAPS

### 2008 Eastern Conference Semifinals Game 1 – Detroit 81, Indiana 72

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) – With aspirations of winning their third WNBA title since 2003, the Detroit Shock beat the Indiana Fever 81-72 in the opener of the Eastern Conference first-round playoff series.

Detroit, which swept Indiana in three regular-season games and had won five straight over the Fever - including the last two games of the 2007 conference finals – put itself in position to wrap up the best-of-three series at home in Game 2.

Deanna Nolan had 22 points, and Plenette Pierson scored 11 for the Shock.

Tamika Catchings posted 19 points and seven assists, Ebony Hoffman scored 19, and Tan White chipped in 11 for the Fever. Before the game, Hoffman was chosen as this season's Most Improved Player in the WNBA.

The Shock, who shot 59 percent in the first half and opened a 39-29 lead, took their biggest advantage, 68-52, on Katie Smith's two free throws with 7:42 left in the fourth quarter.

Indiana cut the deficit to 77-68 on White's layup with 1 minute left, but McWilliams-Franklin pushed the lead back to 12 points with a three-point play on Detroit's ensuing possession.

**WOMEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION**  
Playoffs Game #1  
09/19/2008 Consecro Fieldhouse, Indianapolis, IN  
Officials: #13 Cameron Inouye, #38 Lamont Simpson, #58 Josh Tiven  
**OFFICIAL SCORER'S REPORT**  
FINAL BOX  
Time of Game: 1:55  
Attendance: 7,613

VISITOR: Detroit Shock (1-0)  
NO PLAYER MIN FG FGA 3P 3PA FT FTA OR DR TOT A PF ST TO BS PTS  
30 Katie Smith F 24:48 0 3 0 1 3 4 0 0 0 3 5 1 2 0 3  
44 Taj McWilliams-Fran F 31:16 6 11 1 1 4 5 1 6 7 0 2 2 1 1 17  
45 Kara Braxton C 14:27 3 6 0 0 3 4 4 3 7 1 3 0 3 0 9  
5 Elaine Powell G 24:58 2 3 0 0 0 4 0 3 3 2 1 0 4 0 4  
14 Deanna Nolan G 36:32 8 11 4 6 2 2 0 2 2 2 3 1 1 0 22  
23 Plenette Pierson 24:17 3 7 0 0 5 5 2 4 6 2 5 1 4 0 11  
22 Olayinka Sanni 11:57 2 3 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 4  
24 Alexis Hornbuckle 23:29 3 7 1 3 2 2 0 5 5 0 1 1 5 1 9  
11 Kelly Schumacher 5:13 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 1 0 0 0 0  
55 Sheri Sam 2:43 1 2 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 2  
3 Ashley Shields 0:19 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0  
TOTALS 28 53 6 11 19 22 8 25 33 12 23 6 20 2 81  
PERCENTAGES 52.8% 54.5% 86.4% TM REB: 5 TOT TO: 21 (24 PTS)

HOME: INDIANA FEVER (0-1)  
NO PLAYER MIN FG FGA 3P 3PA FT FTA OR DR TOT A PF ST TO BS PTS  
24 Tamika Catchings F 36:11 4 10 0 4 11 12 1 4 5 7 4 2 3 2 19  
32 Ebony Hoffman F 28:21 9 13 1 2 0 1 1 2 3 2 5 2 2 0 19  
8 Tammy Sutton-Brown C 24:54 1 8 0 0 3 3 2 4 6 0 3 1 0 1 5  
23 Katie Douglas G 29:20 0 4 0 2 2 4 1 4 5 3 3 2 4 1 2  
41 Tully Bevilaqua G 33:25 3 9 3 7 0 0 3 1 4 0 1 1 0 0 9  
15 Tan White 19:36 4 12 1 4 2 2 2 0 2 0 0 3 0 3 11  
44 Kristen Mann 12:47 2 4 1 3 0 0 1 0 1 0 2 0 1 0 5  
1 Khadijah Whittington 11:43 1 5 0 0 0 0 0 3 3 1 3 1 0 1 2  
21 Allison Feaster 3:43 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0  
4 Doneeka Lewis DNP – Coach's Decision  
50 Bernadette Ngoyisa DNP – Coach's Decision  
TOTALS 24 65 6 22 18 22 11 18 29 13 21 9 13 5 72  
PERCENTAGES 36.9% 27.3% 81.8% TM REB: 6 TOT TO: 14 (24 PTS)

SCORE BY PERIODS 1 2 3 4 FINAL  
Shock 22 17 23 19 81  
FEVER 17 12 21 22 72  
Inactive: Shock – Ford FEVER – Baker, Bond  
Points in the Paint: Shock 34, FEVER 20  
Second Chance Points: Shock 6, FEVER 13  
Fast Break Points: Shock 2, FEVER 6  
Rebound Pct. Shock .501, FEVER .499  
Off. Rebound Pct. Shock .308, FEVER .306  
Biggest Lead: Shock 16, FEVER 1  
Lead Changes: 2  
Times Tied: 1  
Off. Possessions Shock 76, FEVER 77  
Def. Rebound Pct. Shock .694, FEVER .692

### 2008 Eastern Conference Semifinals Game 2 – Indiana 89, Detroit 82 (OT)

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) - The Indiana Fever have been knocked out of the WNBA playoffs by the Detroit Shock the last two seasons. The Fever delayed Detroit's hat trick, at least for a day.

Tamika Catchings had 27 points and 10 rebounds and the Fever won 89-82 in overtime to force a decisive third game in the Eastern Conference playoff series.

Indiana came into the game with a 0-4 record against the Shock, including Detroit's win in Game 1.

The Shock were more upset about a fourth-quarter incident that left Plenette Pierson with a shoulder injury that is expected to rule her out of Game 3.

Pierson and Ebony Hoffman got their arms tangled while battling for position on a rebound, and Pierson ended up crumpled on the floor in obvious pain.

Laimbeer immediately asked the officials to eject Hoffman, but they decided to give both players technical fouls. Hoffman then hit two key 3-pointers to help Indiana win the game.

Pierson was suspended for four games earlier in the season after a fight with Los Angeles' Candace Parker, and Laimbeer practically demanded that Hoffman also get suspended.

The controversy threatened to overshadow a memorable finish.

The teams made the first 43 free throws of the game before Tammy Sutton-Brown's miss with 24.8 seconds left. That left Detroit down three, and Katie Smith could only split a pair from the line at the other end.

Katie Douglas then hit one of two, leaving the Fever up 73-70 with 13.8 seconds to go. Yinka Sanni's layup made it 73-72, but Catchings made two more free throws to restore the three-point edge.

Deanna Nolan, though, came back down the floor and hit a 3-pointer with 6 seconds to play to force overtime.

The Shock, though, struggled to hit inside, and Indiana clinched the game with consecutive 3-pointers by Hoffman and Tully Bevilaqua.

**WOMEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION**  
Playoffs Game #2  
09/21/2008 The Palace at Auburn Hills, Auburn Hill  
Officials: #22 June Courteau, #42 Roy Gulbeyan, #18 Kurt Walker  
**OFFICIAL SCORER'S REPORT**  
FINAL BOX  
Time of Game: 2:32  
Attendance: 8,219

VISITOR: Indiana Fever (1-1)  
NO PLAYER MIN FG FGA 3P 3PA FT FTA OR DR TOT A PF ST TO BS PTS  
24 Tamika Catchings F 41:51 5 11 3 5 14 15 2 8 10 3 5 0 3 0 27  
32 Ebony Hoffman F 41:19 5 14 3 7 2 2 1 11 12 2 3 0 1 0 15  
8 Tammy Sutton-Brown C 38:16 3 11 0 0 13 14 2 3 5 1 5 0 3 0 19  
23 Katie Douglas G 36:11 2 5 1 2 5 6 0 1 1 4 3 1 4 0 10  
41 Tully Bevilaqua G 32:05 2 8 2 7 0 0 1 1 2 5 4 1 0 0 6  
44 Kristen Mann 11:47 2 3 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 2 1 2 0 5  
4 Doneeka Lewis 12:55 2 5 1 4 0 0 0 2 2 0 1 0 1 0 5  
15 Tan White 8:49 1 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 2 2 1 0 2  
1 Khadijah Whittington 1:47 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0  
21 Khllison Feaster DNP – Coach's Decision  
50 Bernadette Ngoyisa DNP – Coach's Decision  
TOTALS 22 60 11 26 34 37 6 26 32 17 25 5 15 0 89  
PERCENTAGES 36.7% 42.3% 91.9% TM REB: 10 TOT TO: 16 (18 PTS)

HOME: DETROIT SHOCK (1-1)  
NO PLAYER MIN FG FGA 3P 3PA FT FTA OR DR TOT A PF ST TO BS PTS  
30 Katie Smith F 43:08 5 14 3 10 2 3 1 4 5 3 4 1 2 0 15  
44 Taj McWilliams-Fran F 26:38 5 9 0 0 4 4 3 2 5 4 5 0 0 4 14  
45 Kara Braxton C 25:48 3 8 0 0 0 0 2 4 6 0 5 0 5 1 6  
14 Deanna Nolan G 45:00 5 19 2 9 4 4 1 2 3 1 3 3 1 0 16  
5 Elaine Powell G 26:01 2 6 0 0 0 2 2 1 6 7 3 6 2 3 0 6  
22 Alexis Hornbuckle 19:00 1 2 1 1 4 4 3 1 4 1 5 0 2 1 7  
23 Plenette Pierson 29:21 6 14 0 0 4 4 3 4 7 5 2 3 1 1 16  
24 Olayinka Sanni 3:44 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 2 0 2  
11 Kelly Schumacher 6:20 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0  
55 Sheri Sam DNP – Coach's Decision  
3 Ashley Shields DNP – Coach's Decision  
TOTALS 28 73 6 20 20 21 14 23 37 17 32 9 16 7 82  
PERCENTAGES 38.4% 30.0% 95.2% TM REB: 8 TOT TO: 17 (8 PTS)

SCORE BY PERIODS 1 2 3 4 10T FINAL  
FEVER 24 18 13 20 14 89  
SHOCK 19 19 8 29 7 82  
Inactive: Fever – Baker, Bond SHOCK – Ford  
Technical Fouls – Individual  
Fever (1): Hoffman 4:26 4th  
SHOCK (1): Pierson 4:26 4th  
Points in the Paint: Fever 8, SHOCK 38  
Second Chance Points: Fever 10, SHOCK 14  
Fast Break Points: Fever 0, SHOCK 12  
Rebound Pct. Fever .428, SHOCK .571  
Off. Rebound Pct. Fever .207, SHOCK .350  
Biggest Lead: Fever 9, SHOCK 2  
Lead Changes: 4  
Times Tied: 6  
Off. Possessions Fever 87, SHOCK 85  
Def. Rebound Pct. Fever .650, SHOCK .793



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## GAME RECAPS

### 2008 Eastern Conference Semifinals

#### Game 3 – Detroit 80, Indiana 61

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) - The Detroit Shock played angry in Game 3 of the Eastern Conference Semifinals. It turned out pretty well for them.

Detroit led Indiana 41-10 midway through the second quarter and cruised to an 80-61 victory to advance to its third straight Eastern Conference final.

Detroit, which got 21 points from Deanna Nolan and 15 from Katie Smith, will face New York in the conference finals. Last season, the Shock beat New York and Indiana in the first two rounds before losing the WNBA finals to Phoenix.

The Shock were furious about an incident in Game 2 that saw star forward Plenette Pierson suffer a dislocated shoulder after being flipped to the court by Indiana's Ebony Hoffman. The Shock's outrage only grew when Hoffman was fined, but not suspended, by the league.

That meant she was on the floor for Tuesday's opening tip while Pierson was on the Detroit bench with her right arm in a sling.

The fired-up Shock scored the game's first 12 points, led 30-7 at the end of the first quarter and continued to pour it on in the second.

"I think we were stunned," Indiana's Tamika Catching said. "There was a point where you looked up at the scoreboard and we were down by 30 in the first half, and they were still coming at us on both ends of the floor. I just wanted us to wake up."

The half might have been summed best by the final 20 seconds. Indiana held the ball for a last shot, despite trailing by 30 points, and Tammy Sutton-Brown hit a layup with 7.1 seconds to play.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

OFFICIAL SCORER'S REPORT

Playoffs Game #3

FINAL BOX

09/23/2007 The Palace at Auburn Hills, Auburn Hill  
 Officials: #39 Michael Price, #9 Denise Brooks, #7 Clarke Stevens

Time of Game: 1:59  
 Attendance: 8,296

VISITOR: Indiana Fever (1-2)

NO	PLAYER	MIN	FG	FGA	3P	3PA	FT	FTA	OR	DR	TOT	A	PF	ST	TO	BS	PTS
24	Tamika Catchings	F 34:39	6	13	0	2	3	3	0	8	8	8	3	1	5	0	15
32	Ebony Hoffman	F 32:17	0	6	0	2	0	0	2	8	10	1	3	4	0	2	0
8	Tammy Sutton-Brown	C 30:09	8	12	0	0	4	4	2	3	5	0	4	0	3	3	20
23	Katie Douglas	G 27:24	5	13	0	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	2	1	10
41	Tully Bevilacqua	G 28:15	2	7	0	4	1	1	0	1	1	2	3	1	1	0	5
44	Kristen Mann	5:14	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
15	Tan White	13:26	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	3	0	2	0	3
4	Doneeka Lewis	11:45	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	2	0	3
21	Allison Feaster	4:31	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
1	Khadjah Whittington	10:17	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	3	4	0	1	0	3	0	2
50	Bernadette Ngoyisa	2:03	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
TOTALS			25	62	2	17	9	9	5	26	31	15	20	7	21	6	61
PERCENTAGES				40.3%		11.8%	100.0%			TM REB: 5					TOT TO: 21 (24 PTS)		

HOME: DETROIT SHOCK (2-1)

NO	PLAYER	MIN	FG	FGA	3P	3PA	FT	FTA	OR	DR	TOT	A	PF	ST	TO	BS	PTS
30	Katie Smith	F 27:27	6	17	1	4	2	2	0	2	2	1	3	0	2	0	15
44	Taj McWilliams-Fran	F 30:50	5	10	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	4	2	1	2	0	10
45	Kara Braxton	C 21:45	4	9	0	0	4	4	3	4	7	0	1	0	1	0	12
14	Deanna Nolan	G 35:43	9	19	2	5	1	1	1	5	6	2	2	2	4	0	21
5	Elaine Powell	G 15:16	0	0	0	0	4	4	1	2	3	1	3	0	2	0	4
24	Olayinka Sanni	18:15	0	5	0	0	1	2	2	3	5	2	1	3	0	0	1
22	Alexis Hornbuckle	28:10	3	6	1	3	2	2	3	5	8	4	3	1	1	0	9
55	Sheri Sam	10:53	0	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	2
11	Kelly Schumacher	9:10	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	4
3	Ashley Shields	2:31	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
23	Plenette Pierson	DND – RIGHT SHOULDER DISLOCATION															
TOTALS			30	73	4	12	16	17	11	26	37	14	16	10	12	0	80
PERCENTAGES				41.1%		33.3%	94.1%			TM REB: 8					TOT TO: 12 (8 PTS)		

SCORE BY PERIODS

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Fever	7	12	24	18	61
SHOCK	30	19	11	20	80

Inactive: Fever – Baker, Bond SHOCK – Ford

Technical Fouls – Individual

Fever: NONE  
 SHOCK (1): Powell 3:43 2nd

Points in the Paint: Fever 42, SHOCK 28  
 Second Chance Points: Fever 4, SHOCK 15  
 Fast Break Points: Fever 12, SHOCK 13  
 Rebound Pct. Fever .432, SHOCK .568  
 Off. Rebounds Pct. Fever .161, SHOCK .297

Biggest Lead: Fever 0, SHOCK 31  
 Lead Changes: 0  
 Times Tied: 0  
 Off. Possessions Fever 77, SHOCK 78  
 Def. Rebounds Pct. Fever .703, SHOCK .839

# 2009 FEVER PRESS CLIPPINGS

Through End of Regular Season

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## Ready or not, here comes the playoffs

### Fever limp into the postseason, losing 7 of their final 10 games

*By David Woods  
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The WNBA playoffs can't come soon enough for the Indiana Fever. The end of the regular season was dispiriting.

The Fever lost seven of 10 games to end the year, including Sunday's 95-85 loss to the Connecticut Sun at Uncasville, Conn. Fever starters Katie Douglas and Tammy Sutton-Brown sat out because of lingering injuries.

The Fever (22-12) will play Game 1 of the best-of-3 Eastern Conference semifinals Thursday against the Washington Mystics (ESPN2). The site was shifted to the University of Maryland's Comcast Center because the Mystics' home court, the Verizon Center, has a scheduling conflict.

Game 2 will be at 7 p.m. Saturday at Conseco Fieldhouse (NBATV).

Game 3, if necessary, would be at 8 p.m. next Monday (ESPN2), also at the fieldhouse.

The Mystics (16-18) finished with Sunday's 86-65 loss at New York. The Mystics lost the season series to the Fever 4-0.

Fever coach Lin Dunn said officiating could influence the playoff series because the Mystics "are just relentless at coming through" to get rebounds.

"We just have to be tough, more physical, and just make sure they don't get through us and get to the boards," Dunn said in a radio interview.

The Fever's Tamika Catchings scored 13 points in 17 minutes against Connecticut. She added two steals, giving her a season total of 99 -- one less than the WNBA record set by New York's Teresa Weatherspoon in 1998. Catchings led the league in steals for a record fifth time.

Catchings and the Sun's Tan White banged heads late in the first half. Jessica Moore got tangled up with a teammate and hyperextended her knee early in the second half. Moore left the game, and coach Lin Dunn pulled Catchings out, too.

"The whole idea was to get her like 17 minutes and then she got popped in the head," Dunn said. "Look at her shiner. Get those people out of there."

The Sun (16-18) failed to make the playoffs for the first time in six years. They had lost six of seven before beating the Fever.

Kerri Gardin scored a career-high 23 points and Sandrine Gruda 22 for the Sun.

Tamecka Dixon and Jessica Davenport had season highs of 13 each for the Fever. Shay Murphy also scored 13. The Fever finished 0-3 in games in which Douglas, an MVP candidate, was sidelined.

Sunday, September 13, 2009

## Momentum, injuries to impact playoffs

By Mechelle Voepel  
Special to ESPN.com

The final day of the WNBA regular season was rendered essentially meaningless, since the last piece in the playoff puzzle was put into place Saturday. Instead, it was a day to wonder and speculate about what's next for the eight teams that will continue.

If you look only at regular-season results, the quick conclusion is that the East's first-round series are lopsided and the West's are dead even. Indiana won all four of its games against Washington, while Atlanta went 3-1 against Detroit. Meanwhile, Phoenix-San Antonio and Los Angeles-Seattle split their regular-season series.

Ah, but it's quite a bit more complicated than that. Two factors -- injuries and, to a lesser degree, momentum -- have to be more carefully considered when attempting to break down which four are going to survive.

Not to be a jinx, but right now among the teams that seem the most healthy are the ones who met in ESPN2's broadcast Sunday afternoon: the Sparks and the Mercury. L.A. won this matchup 81-78 in Phoenix, but that really doesn't tell you much because Mercury star Diana Taurasi sat out the game, resting for the playoffs.

Other than reserve Nicole Ohlde, who missed time at the start of the season with a foot injury and then had a wrist injury in July, the Mercury have been pretty healthy. Penny Taylor, who didn't play for Phoenix in the Olympic year of 2008, returned to the franchise in August, so she should be fresh for the playoffs.

Phoenix looks like a team at pretty much full steam going into the postseason, but the same could be said of the Sparks. They started the season with Candace Parker out on maternity leave and later were without Lisa Leslie during an 11-game span she missed with a knee strain. But those two have been terrific down the stretch.



The Mercury, Diana Taurasi and the Dream dominated Mechelle Voepel's picks for the WNBA regular-season awards and all-league first and second teams. \_\_\_\_\_

Leslie had a quiet game Sunday (two points), but in her home "farewell" game Friday, she scored 19. Parker had 24 points and 14 rebounds Sunday, giving the Mercury a taste of what it's going to be like to try to stop her now if those two end up meeting again in the Western Conference finals.

San Antonio also seems relatively injury-free now. But with at the other five teams, there are injury question marks.

The biggest is center Lauren Jackson, who's out with a stress fracture in her back. She hasn't played since Aug. 27, and it's pretty obvious that without her, Seattle will be in great danger of losing in the first round for the fifth consecutive year.

The thing about LJ is that it takes a lot to keep her down when it really matters. She has proved over and over that she will endure a lot of pain in order to play. Seattle's Sue Bird (sore neck) and Katie Gearlds (knee) also have been battling injuries.

Over in the East, everybody has someone to worry about. Or at least it seems that way. Perhaps Indiana is basically healthy at the moment -- or as healthy as any team can be at the end of the season -- but Katie Douglas did miss a couple of games at the beginning of September with an ankle sprain. That said, she had 25 points Thursday against Chicago.

Ebony Hoffman has been dealing with tendinitis in her ankles. She played just 10 minutes in Sunday's loss at Connecticut, while Douglas and Tammy Sutton-Brown, who missed some time with a toe injury earlier this season, rested.

Detroit has been without Katie Smith (back injury) since Aug. 27. And considering the Shock were in the heat of the playoff race, you know Smith really wanted to play. We'll wait to see if she can make it back for the postseason. Of course, Detroit has been without Plenette Pierson all summer, as she injured her shoulder in the Shock's opening game.

Atlanta's Chamique Holdsclaw is a question mark for the playoffs, as she has been out since Aug. 20. She had arthroscopic surgery on her right knee Aug. 25. Rookie guard Shalee Lehning, who has been a good floor general for the Dream, hurt her shoulder in Saturday's game against the Mystics but is expected back.

And as for Washington, star Alana Beard has had an ankle sprain and played in only two of the Mystics' past five regular-season games, scoring six points in both.

So ... if your whole body is hurting right now after reading about all these aches and pains, we'll offer this positive note: In most cases, somebody else has stepped forward to fill the gaps as best as possible.

Lindsey Harding had 25 points Saturday in the win Washington needed for a playoff spot (combined with Chicago's loss to Detroit). Angel McCoughtry has filled in so well for Holdsclaw in the Dream's starting lineup that she has added to a solid case for herself as rookie of the year.

It's no surprise that Detroit has leaned on Deanna Nolan so much with Smith out, but it's still notable how well she has responded. Nolan has averaged 22.6 points in the seven games Smith missed, and she is as responsible as any one player in the league for pulling her team out of danger and into the playoffs.

Which brings us to the momentum factor ... or lack thereof in some cases. Considering that some teams were able to rest key players in the final day(s) of the season, the results of this past weekend aren't necessarily indicative of how everybody is really playing now.

Nevertheless, if you are looking for a "hot streak," the Sparks have won three in a row, with their victory Sunday ending the Mercury's streak of three straight. And if all this still leaves you thinking, "OK, but who the heck is going to win this thing?" ... well, you're accurately describing what this season has been like.

Phoenix and Indiana are the respective champions of the West and East, and both certainly won their titles with relative room to breathe. But that ends now. Even the conference champs have to take a deep breath before going into these playoffs.

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W.N.B.A. ROUNDUP

## Dixon Is Looking for Her Third Title

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tamecka Dixon is one of four players remaining from the [W.N.B.A.](#)'s inaugural season, 1997.

Dixon, a three-time All-Star, played in three straight league finals with Los Angeles, winning consecutive titles in 2001-2.

Now, Dixon, a guard, hopes to use her experience to help an Indiana team making its fifth straight postseason appearance win its first championship.

"I just try to let them know what to expect," Dixon said. "A lot of us on the team have seen a playoff atmosphere. As you advance deeper into the playoffs, things change a little bit. If you're not on your toes with it, you can get surprised by a lot of things."

Indiana, which won the Eastern Conference's regular-season title for the first time, has never advanced beyond the conference finals.

The 33-year-old Dixon, who is averaging 3.8 points a game, is one of two players on the team who have won a W.N.B.A. title; Tully Bevilaqua won one with Seattle in 2004. Katie Douglas is the only other current Fever player to have been in the finals, losing in consecutive appearances with Connecticut in 2004-5.

After nine seasons with the Sparks, Dixon spent the next three with Houston. The Comets folded in the off-season, and Dixon, a three-time All-Star, signed with Indiana at the start of training camp, joining an Eastern Conference team for the first time.

"A little bit different, but the upside of that is I get to see my family a little bit more, they're closer," Dixon, a native of Linden, N.J., said after the Fever beat the Liberty at Madison Square Garden earlier this week. "They drive to Washington and Connecticut, and obviously here. She added that when she was in the West, she saw the Eastern Conference teams once or twice. "Now you get to see them four or five times," she said.

Having family and friends nearby also means having to buy a lot of tickets, as Dixon estimated she had about 40 people at the Garden.

"I used to have to get 100, 150 tickets. Now it's dwindling down," she said.

## Catchings or Douglas, Take Your Pick

By Justin Whitaker | Sept. 12, 2009

When asked, a parent never wants to choose a favorite child. For the Indiana Fever, those two "children" are MVP candidates Katie Douglas and Tamika Catchings.

How do you pick between the two?

Can you?

Just like the parent, the Fever cannot pick a favorite. They love them both equally and they bring equitable value to the team's success.

Douglas and Catchings are both having great statistical seasons, on one of the WNBA's best teams and the Eastern Conference No. 1 seed at 22-11.

Douglas is averaging a career high 17.6 points per game for the season and is also leading the WNBA in scoring since the All-Star break with a 19.9 ppg average.

Catchings has been a workhorse for the Fever doing anything and everything, filling the stat sheet whole. To go along with her 15.1 ppg and 7.3 rebounds per game, she is three steals away from a WNBA record of 100 in a season.

All the individual award talk for the two players seems small compared to the bigger picture.

"I don't think either one of us would take any individual accolades in place of a championship," said Douglas. "We are both dying and hungry for this championship and to put our team in a position to compete for a championship."

"I'm definitely excited about the possibility of MVP, but for me the thing that is more exciting is the position we are in as a team," said Catchings. "Everybody knows I'm not really an awards person. I'm more of a win person. At the end of the day, ten years from now you are not going to remember who won MVP, but you are going to remember who won the championship. That is most important."

Indianapolis' two WNBA awards voters, Indianapolis Star writer David Woods and Fever play-by-play announcer Chris Denari, both feel the duo is at the top of MVP consideration.

Douglas, the dynamic shooter and scorer; and Catchings, the stat stuffer. Both are 30 years old, both entering the WNBA in the 2001 college draft and both leading the Fever into its fifth straight playoff appearance. They wear consecutive jersey numbers – Douglas #23 and Catchings #24 – and they have been complementary catalysts in this year's Fever success. Take your pick.

### Catchings: All-Everything

Catchings has been with the Fever every year since 2001, when she was drafted third overall. She missed a year due to injury and in 2002, won the WNBA Rookie of the Year.

Catchings carried the franchise on her back, leading the team in points, rebounds, assists and steals for six years from 2002-07. She was also voted to the WNBA All-Decade Team, which included five league MVPs on the team.

Her teammate, Douglas, she sees multiple strengths in the game of No. 24.

"She brings a lot of qualities," said Douglas. "She brings that veteran experience, she brings leadership, she brings tireless work ethic. She is 110% every possession, every time we are out on the court. It is contagious for the rest of the team to want to go out and play at such a high level."

Woods agrees with the "do-all" play of Catchings that puts her in the mix of MVP talks every year.

"If you want to measure everything Catchings does there is probably no player in the WNBA who does as many things well as what she does," said Woods.

The all-around aspects of Catchings' game, again, have helped her be considered this year.

"Her game is more than offense," said Denari. "It's very much about what she does defensively





and how she has led this team over her career, specifically this year. She leads the league in steals, she rebounds, she averages three assists a game, she fills the stat sheet."

"While her scoring numbers are lower than they've ever been in her career, she does so many other things that impact the game," Denari continued. "I think that's why she is definitely a worthy candidate."

This year, Catchings has not had to score as much as previous seasons due to the chemistry with Douglas and growth of the team. Instead, she's focused more on what she does well, and that's just about everything else!

"This year, I've tried to do a little bit of everything, whatever the teams needs," said Catchings. "I'm not trying to stress on just having to score points this year. Being able to score and lead the team on the defensive end, whatever I can do, that's what's important."

While a league MVP has never averaged less than 17 points per game, is this the year the trend breaks?

"If anybody can be the MVP without scoring that much it would be Catchings," said Woods. She rebounds well, she defends well, she really makes other players on the team better and some of her contributions can't be measured. She is so valuable to the Fever in so many areas that I don't think you could identify any other player in the WNBA who is as good in so many categories as Catchings is."

### **Douglas: Scorer Extraordinaire**

The native Hoosier, Douglas has enjoyed success in her second season with her hometown Indiana Fever. MVP talks have surfaced for Douglas who leads the Fever in scoring and has had 12 games scoring 20 points or more.

Pair Douglas' best statistical year and the Fever's best regular season, and Douglas shoots near the top of MVP talks for several reasons.

"Katie has probably had one of her best years," said Denari. "Especially right after the All-Star break when she led the team in scoring in 8-of-9 games. She leads the team in scoring, she has hit some big shots, she is a good defender. A little bit different role than Catch, but she has scored the basketball consistency all year long. If you are the leading scorer on the best team in the league then that says you are MVP worthy."



The deadly shooter has also taken the pressure off Catchings to score, while also adding some fire to the team.

"The thing that she brings to the team is her tenacity on the offensive end," said Catchings. "She can put up points in a hurry and she's got such a drive to put the ball in the hole. She's somebody that we look at to create for herself and others. She does a good job at doing that."

Her focus and drive are things that are hard to ignore.

"She seems to bring a certain swagger, toughness or dynamic quality the Fever never really had to go along with Catchings," said Woods. "Her presence has helped Catchings do a lot of the things she does. They have been very complementary toward each other."

The points that Douglas has put up have been impressive considering the Fever has six players average over six points a game.

"She has not only been a big scorer for them, on a very balanced team," said Woods, "but she has had some really spectacular games and has really carried them. She carried them to a win at New York, she scored over 30 points in consecutive games right after the All-Star break and she is the highest scoring player in the league since the All-Star break on a team with balanced scoring. That is meaningful."

Douglas looks at herself to try to keep the team loose and lead in her own way.

"Like I told my teammates at the beginning, I just try to be steady for them," said Douglas. "Catch has a way of leading, I have my way of leading. I like to keep everybody loose. I like to be steady for everybody and not get erratic out there. Obviously I like to spread the floor and open it up and knock down shots. We are at our best when we are having fun out there."

## Straight From The Messenger

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**September 9, 2009**

So I throw this question to the masses --- "How do YOU define what is an MVP?"

The definition of Most Valuable Player could take as many shapes as there are voters in any given contest. Is it the best player on the best team? Is it the best scorer? Is it the player who can beat you in the most ways? Is it the player whose team's success is most heavily dependent on her success? Is it the player who excels most against the best competition? Is it the player who excels most when the chips are on the line -- whether during a final stretch of the season or in the final minutes of a game?

In one paragraph I've cited seven different definitions. I'd like to personally wish "good luck" to the dozens of WNBA media voters who will cast their votes this week for the league's MVP award, among the host of many other postseason awards.

Obviously, I will discuss the Indiana possibilities of winning this season's MVP award. But before I venture to that conversation, let me first give a run down and my very unofficial and obviously biased synopsis of other Fever awards candidates.

**Coach of the Year** - I expect that Lin Dunn will be one of three top vote-getters. The others being Atlanta coach Marynell Meadors and Phoenix coach Corey Gaines. Meadors has taken a second-year team with an entirely changed roster and turned the Dream into playoff contenders. Gaines, a first-year coach, has put the talented Mercury into the playoffs as the West's top seed. Two weeks ago, I was on the Dunn bandwagon because, with the Fever owning a 20-5 record, the Indiana dominance was rivaling any in WNBA history and, despite its huge lead in the standings, the Fever and Dunn were battling the complacency bug such that the club had never lost consecutive games since it started 0-2. Now, I think Dunn is still every bit as worthy a candidate as the other two, except that the recent slide of five losses in six games shoots holes in my argument against complacency. Indiana's improvement from a 17-17 team last year might not be as great as Atlanta's improvement, but her challenges may have been greater. It's a close race. Dunn's in the top three.

**Rookie of the Year** - Ironically, I see another Atlanta-Phoenix-Indiana battle brewing for the league's ROY. Angel McCoughtry of the Dream, DeWanna Bonner of the Mercury and the Fever's Briann January should finish as the top three, in my humblest of opinions. Bonner is perfect for the Phoenix style of play, but because of that, I think her numbers might be slightly inflated. That's no knock on her, just a statement of fact. So I put McCoughtry and January as the frontrunners for the award, and I think because McCoughtry has better numbers for a team that was so dramatically improved, she will defeat the Fever point guard. January's contributions, mostly off the bench and as part of a superior lineup, won't appear as sexy on paper as those of McCoughtry. January plays a different role and a different position -- and may well have the longer and more substantial career -- but I think she'll finish No. 2. I'd vote for January and not just because of my bias. I think she's played that big a role for the 22-10 Fever. But her role has often been intangible, and it's not been as dramatic on paper as that of McCoughtry.

**Defensive Player of the Year** - Catchings. This one's a no-brainer. Tamika should win her third DPOY award after earning an unprecedented and record-breaking fifth steals title.

**Kim Perrot Sportsmanship Award** - This award is not nearly as publicized as the other awards. That is largely in part because the winners aren't noted for their statistics. It is an award that usually recognizes a player that is highly appreciated, though not always for being the best player. Last year's winner was well deserved (of course, I'm biased again), as the Fever's Tully Bevilaqua won top honors. This year's Fever nominee is another longtime WNBA veteran who has earned the respect of her peers and national media -- Tamecka Dixon. She is one of four remaining original WNBA stars from the 1997 season. She has won three WNBA titles and she has posted All-Star seasons with all-league numbers. Now, she is largely a role player, though her role for the Fever cannot be diminished. And her leadership on and off the court has been invaluable. She deserves the recognition. And for a 33-year old veteran to continue playing this role in her 13th pro season, my vote would be unquestioned.

**Most Improved Player** - The Fever has had a history in winning this award, with Kelly Miller and Ebony Hoffman each laying claim to the award since 2004. The Fever's "reclamation project" of 2009 has been Jessica Moore. OK, maybe that title is not so flattering, but let's realize the fact that Kelly Krauskopf picked up Jessica Moore off the waiver wire in early June. She didn't have a team. All she has done is start eight games while averaging 4.6 points and 3.2 rebounds in 20 minutes per game. The numbers don't leap off the page, but her role has. And for someone that was cut from her team in training camp -- I'd call that a pretty significant improvement!

**All-Defense Team** - The All-Defense Team is another that Indiana owns a big piece of history. The coaches vote for this award. If I had a vote, I'd put four Fever players on the team. Biased? Of course. But Indiana has four players with over 50 steals, which has never been done before by any team in the history of the league. The Fever also limits teams to a WNBA-low 72.5 points per game and three of its steals leaders have been perennial members of the All-Defense Team already. Catchings leads the WNBA in steals per game with 3.03. Bevilaqua is seventh, Douglas ninth and Hoffman tenth. The All-Defense Team is comprised of a first and second team, five members each. Therefore, with all four Fever steals artists in the top ten, I vote for all four to get selected.

**MVP** - Now it's time to address the afore-mentioned MVP debate. League-wide, the top candidates are, in no particular order, Catchings and Douglas, Diana Taurasi, Cappie Pondexter, Becky Hammon, Lauren Jackson, Candace Parker and perhaps Lisa Leslie. I'm biased, as I mentioned before, and I'm going to lean on the rationale that the MVP should come from the league's best team. So, for purposes of this debate, I'm going to limit my top candidates to the quartet of players from Indiana and Phoenix. Did I mention that I'm biased? Of course I did, so, for purposes of this blog, I'm going to give my vote to either Catchings or Douglas. I'll say, honestly, that both Taurasi and Pondexter are deserving. But Taurasi might be too one-dimensional for my tastes and Pondexter may not have had *as great* a year as either Catchings or Douglas. So, again, I'm going to call this a two-horse race between Fever stars.

I'll tell you right now, I'm not going to select one before the other. Don't even begin thinking that the Fever PR



guy is going to pick between the two. It ain't gonna happen! No way, no how. But not just because I don't want to make a tough decision. And not just because I want to appear politically correct. Heck, I'll go against the grain and tell you my honest feelings if I have to. Some would call me too brutally honest, sometimes, in fact.

You want honesty?? The truth is, I really don't know that one deserves it more than the other! Remember those seven definitions I came up with earlier? I could pit Catchings vs. Douglas against one another every day of the week. And after seven days gone by, using each of those seven definitions, I'd waffle back and forth a dozen times. I'm not refusing to make this decision. I'm telling you, honestly, that I don't know which I'd choose!

I have used the term "all-everything" to describe Catchings during each of the seven years I have worked with her and the Fever. She never disappoints in stuffing the stat sheet. She does it like nobody in the history of the game. Heck, she should have been MVP before -- and let's face it, she's finished in the top three four times before already! She is the answer to the question, "which player can beat you the most ways?" She is the only player in the WNBA to rank among league leaders in points, rebounds, assists and steals. She's a lock to win the Defensive Player of the Year. She is not equal to Douglas on the offensive end, but you could also argue that Catchings' offensive presence is responsible in part for making Douglas better. They are complementary pieces on offense, and Catchings averages 15.1 points per game.

If Catchings can beat an opponent in more ways than any other player in the game, Douglas may well be the most explosive scorer who can take over a game more single-handedly and dramatically than any other player in the game. She's twice matched or eclipsed the franchise scoring record this year, and her 26 points in the second half almost single-handedly brought the Fever back from certain defeat at Madison Square Garden on June 26. What's more, she scored 11 points during a 17-2 run in Phoenix to post the Fever to an early lead, in what was the first of two billings as the league's "preview to the Finals." She has scored in huge bunches. She has scored the biggest points in the biggest games. She has scored in crunch time. The Fever was winless without her in the lineup, and she has proven to be the fuel that drives the Indiana offense. Indiana has led the WNBA in defense on several occasions in recent years, but never has the Fever had the offensive threat that Douglas has posed this summer. Oh, and did I mention that she is the WNBA scoring leader after the All-Star Break?

Bob Kravitz of the The Indianapolis Star wrote in August that, "Douglas and Catchings won't share the MVP, but they should."

If I could vote for that, I would. If I could nominate them as co-MVPs, I would. If I could encourage voters to vote that way, I would. But I can't. So, what is liable to happen is that voters will select their favorite from among the half-dozen candidates. My bet is that Catchings and Douglas will combine to receive more votes than any other player. But, those votes will be split and, therefore, it's very possible for neither of them to win the award.

My first reaction to that possibility? I'd say it would be a shame. Both of them deserve it.

But I may also say this -- perhaps it might just be poetic justice. During a season in which both have helped produce the league's best team, a championship would surely mean more to either of them than the MVP award. If you ask either of them, they'll tell you the same, without even a second's thought. They're both 30 now, both in their ninth WNBA seasons and both seeking their first championship ring.

They could care less about the award. So why should I? Let's just play the games, put the MVP debate aside and move on to the pursuit of a championship. That's all that really matters.

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## **Fever's Douglas, Mercury's Taurasi lead MVP race**

By David Woods

Diana Taurasi is Left Coast. Katie Douglas is left-handed.

Both have won NCAA championships. Both bark at officials. Both spend offseasons playing in Russia. Both are accurate 3-point shooters.

Similarities don't extend indefinitely. Both can't be Most Valuable Player of the WNBA.

With the regular season less than a week from completion, the MVP race is seemingly coming down to two shooting guards: Taurasi, the native Californian for the Phoenix Mercury, and Douglas, the hometown girl for the Indiana Fever.

Douglas will try to enhance her MVP credentials, and help the Fever (21-10) in the race for overall No. 1 playoff seed, in tonight's game at New York (12-19).

To one member of the media panel that will vote, the decision is clear: Douglas.

"She's definitely my MVP," said Sports Illustrated's Andrew Lawrence.

In points, rebounds and assists, Taurasi's numbers exceed those of Douglas. Lawrence suggested that if Douglas played in the Mercury's up-tempo system, she would score as much as Taurasi. Lawrence said he favors Douglas' all-around excellence.

An offseason training regimen put the 30-year-old Douglas into "probably the best shape I've been in," she said.

Her value was underscored when the Fever lost the two games in which she was sidelined by a sprained ankle. In games since the All-Star break, she is the WNBA's top scorer (20.2).

"Katie has just been playing at another level this season," Lawrence said.

For others, identifying an MVP isn't so easy. There are at least three complicating factors:

There is no player with such sparkling statistics that she is an obvious MVP. In a "Race to the MVP" series posted on wnba.com, Taurasi is listed as latest leader. Next are the Fever's Tamika Catchings, San Antonio guard Becky Hammon, Douglas, Phoenix wing Cappie Pondexter and Seattle center Lauren Jackson.

The teams with the best records, Phoenix and Indiana, each have two players meriting consideration. "I think Catchings and Katie are going to take some votes from each other," ESPN analyst Nancy Lieberman said. TV analyst Debbie Antonelli added, "I don't know how you'd pick" between the Fever duo.

Former MVPs Lisa Leslie and Candace Parker have played well for the resurgent Los Angeles Sparks, but both missed much of the season. Leslie is "in the mix," according to Mechelle Voepel of ESPN.com.

"Ultimately, this year you could pick five people for MVP, and I don't know that anyone could argue with any of the five," Voepel said.

Taurasi was third in the voting in 2004, second in '06, third in '07 and fifth in '08. Douglas' best finish was third in '06 while with the Connecticut Sun.

Lieberman and Voepel give the edge to Taurasi over Douglas.

"We're really splitting hairs here," Lieberman said.

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## **Mercury even score with Fever as Douglas sits**

by Mechelle Voepel

These are the kinds of games after which Indiana coach Lin Dunn wakes up in the middle of the night screaming. If she went to sleep in the first place, that is.

Fever leading scorer Katie Douglas (17.6 ppg) missed Wednesday's game with a left ankle sprain.

There wasn't a lot of defense from her Fever on Wednesday night at Conseco Fieldhouse in a game between the East and West leaders. Of course, every defense in the league is tested when playing Phoenix. But the Mercury weren't stopped at all in their [106-90 victory](#).

Phoenix shot 58.6 percent overall (41-of-70) and 55.6 percent from behind the arc (10-of-18). Cappie Pondexter did the most damage with 25 points, but all 10 Mercury players who got on the floor scored.

Afterward, Dunn called her team's defense soft and unfocused, and if you know her, you can imagine those words tasted bitter coming out. There were extenuating circumstances, in that Indiana's Katie Douglas didn't play because of a left ankle sprain. Douglas provides so much energy and leadership to the Fever (not to mention a team-high 17.6 points per game), it's nearly impossible for them to make up for her absence.

Thus, we've had the misfortune of seeing two marquee games recently in which it was hard to gauge Phoenix's foe because a key player was missing with an injury. When the Mercury won 98-90 on Aug. 27 at Los Angeles in what could have been a preview of the Western Conference finals, the Sparks' Candace Parker was out.

Wednesday's game might have been a foreshadowing of the WNBA Finals, but it's not the same matchup without Douglas.

For the Mercury, though, what mattered was bouncing back from a two-point loss Tuesday at Detroit. The Shock took advantage of the Mercury's interior defense in that game, something Phoenix knows it always has to guard against.

Now, the Mercury have three games left in the regular season: home against Atlanta, at Seattle and home against L.A. All of them are intriguing for different reasons, but mostly because we want to see whether Phoenix plays well enough the rest of the way to establish itself as the true favorite for the championship.

Meanwhile, Indiana has five games left -- four of them on the road and all against Eastern Conference opponents who (at least for now) are still desperate to secure playoff spots. Which means Indiana will face teams that might "need" the victories more than it does.

What the Fever need is to stop the feeling that the team is finishing the regular season on a slide rather than a roll. Indiana has lost four of its past five games -- although all of those were to Western Conference foes.

Indiana is done with the West for 2009 unless the Fever make the WNBA Finals. Indiana has lost just twice to East foes this season: July 19 at Connecticut and in the season opener June 6 at Atlanta.

If the Fever can keep up their mastery of the East for these remaining games, Indiana will enter the playoffs feeling it has got a good shot at making the franchise's first trip to the league finals.

But if Indiana struggles in closing out the regular season, there might be no East favorite for the playoffs

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## Finals preview? Fever just want to get back on track

By David Woods

They need more practice together. They need more rest. The Indiana Fever can't have it both ways.

"It's kind of a conundrum," coach Lin Dunn said.

The Fever have the WNBA's best record (20-8) but aren't exactly streaking toward the playoffs. They have lost three of their past four games and are nursing aches and pains heading into tonight's game against the Phoenix Mercury at Conseco Fieldhouse.

It will be a WNBA Finals preview only if the Fever and Mercury can advance that far.

The Fever have secured home-court advantage throughout the Eastern Conference playoffs but are fighting for overall No. 1 seed. The Mercury, who are 20-10 after Tuesday night's 101-99 loss at Detroit, might have to get past the surging Los Angeles Sparks to reach October's Finals.

The Fever haven't played a road game since Aug. 22, so they have been on a regular practice timetable. Dunn said they have not been defending as well as they did two weeks ago.

"I don't know if that's a lack of being able to drill it," she said, "or being a little bit complacent."

Not that the Fever can resolve all of their issues in practice anyway.

On Monday, for instance, they scrimmaged without Tamika Catchings, who arrived late for undisclosed personal reasons. Katie Douglas was working with a trainer treating her ankle, knee and thigh injuries. Ebony Hoffman had to sit out with a muscle cramp.

Those who made it through practice were Tamecka Dixon, who was sidelined two games because of back spasms, and Tammy Sutton-Brown, who missed six games this summer because of an injured toe.

"I don't think there's anyone playing on the court who doesn't have some nagging injury," Sutton-Brown said. "They've told me it won't get any worse than it is, which is reassuring in my mind."

The 6-4 Sutton-Brown is a mobile center, making her ideally suited to play against the run-and-gun Mercury. Phoenix is scoring at a league-record pace (92.4) and features the Nos. 1

and 4 scorers, Diana Taurasi (20.8) and Cappie Pondexter (19.0).

Douglas (17.6) is sixth in WNBA scoring. She is wearing a walking boot to protect her ankle but is expected to play tonight. She scored 28 points in the Fever's 90-83 victory Aug. 8 at Phoenix.

There is more at stake than the league's best record. Douglas, Catchings and Taurasi are perhaps the WNBA's top three Most Valuable Player candidates. Dunn or the Mercury's Corey Gaines could be Coach of the Year.

After tonight, the Fever play five teams -- Detroit, Washington, New York, Chicago and Connecticut -- fighting to make the playoffs. That is good preparation for the actual playoffs, Fever guard Tully Bevilacqua said.

"If we can raise it up another 10, 15 percent, we'll be right where we need to be come playoffs," Bevilacqua said.

## Vital moves: Douglas makes time for cancer awareness



SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTO BY TIA NIELSEN

**Katie Douglas** (from left), **Chris Denari** and **Kim Rastrelli** spoke after a recent game on breast cancer awareness. Sisters, Katie and Kim lost both parents to cancer.

By **Tia Nielsen** and  
**Lael Nielsen**

How do you mark the most important things in your life?

In a roller-coaster week with two road losses, then a valiant victory at home followed two days later by a painful defeat, **Katie Douglas** spoke to fans about something even more dear to her heart than winning WNBA games. Older sister **Kim Rastrelli** came alongside after the Aug. 29 Indiana Fever home loss to the Sacramento Monarchs to talk about cancer awareness.

Both their parents battled the disease. Neither prevailed. Douglas' father succumbed shortly after her high school graduation, her mother just three years later. Life looks different after all that.

**Chris Denari**, the voice of the Fever, asked Douglas what advice she would give fans about breast cancer awareness, the evening's theme. She responded, "My platform is cancer, not just breast can-

cer. It's an awful thing my family went through."

Douglas noted people can raise money for cancer research or free mammograms for low-income women and help raise awareness. "Take care of yourself. Take care of your family. Treat each day as a gift," she said.

Rastrelli, the mother of **Drew**, 9, and **Allison**, 5, looked at an enthusiastic group of elementary girls gathered in front of her on the Conseco Fieldhouse floor: "Think how great it would be if one of these girls became a scientist and found a cure."

Douglas was hurting from a sprained ankle collected in the game's first two minutes. She was smarting from scoring 24 points and still seeing her team's lead vanish in the final 30 seconds. It hurts to lose, especially by one point. Yet Douglas and Rastrelli came out to face fans. Why?

"If I could help only one person," Douglas said, "help them to go on. It's worth it."

## Fever, Pacers grant birthday wish to ailing youth

By Conrad Brunner | Sept. 1, 2009

Tommy Summerlin knew he was getting a fancy new basketball court in his backyard for his ninth birthday.

He didn't know his personal dream team would attend the christening.

After a year-long battle with leukemia, Tommy received not only the special court but a visit from Pacers players Jeff Foster and Roy Hibbert, Fever players Tamika Catchings and Shay Murphy and Pacers mascot Boomer for a special party Tuesday afternoon.

The event was organized by the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Greater Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana and sponsored by Pacers Sports & Entertainment.

"This is awesome," said Tommy's mother Linda. "The court itself is more than he dreamed of. This will be something he'll always remember.

"Today is a day to forget about everything else that's been going on, to celebrate and have some fun."

A third-grader at Cedar Elementary, Tommy was diagnosed with Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia on Sept. 12, 2008. The disease is currently being kept in check by medication but he may eventually require a bone-marrow transplant.

Tommy's surprise began after school when he was greeted by a stretch Hummer limousine, rather than the bus. When the vehicle pulled up to the driveway and Tommy emerged, Foster, Hibbert, Catchings, Murphy and Boomer – as well as a large contingent of family and friends – were there to greet him.

Said Linda: "He was speechless."

A shy but energetic youth, Tommy grabbed a basketball and headed straight for the court, where he made a jump shot, then dunked (with a lift from the 7-2 Hibbert). Foster then organized a variety of games including a six-on-six scrimmage and a session of knockout.

Guess who won?

After the games, the players presented Tommy with presents including autographed jerseys and basketballs.

What did Tommy think?

"It was cool," he said.

The court, constructed of a special composite called SnapSports, has a 10-foot goal at one end and an 8-footer at the other. The equipment and labor was donated by several local businesses including Reynolds Body Shop, Shelley and Sands, Beaver Materials and Wells Gym Equipment. The court eventually will have lights so Tommy can play into the night.

"I was just talking to my brother-in-law about what do we do next year?" said Tommy's dad, Tom. "My present is just for him to be here."





## Starting Over

By Justin Whitaker | Sept. 1, 2009

Being at the top and then starting over at the bottom is not easy for anyone.

But for Indiana Fever rookie forward Christina Wirth, she understands her role on a veteran team coming from highly decorated high school and collegiate careers. She is just happy to be here.

"To play in the WNBA period, is just a great opportunity," Wirth said. "Considering that an entire team got cut and the rosters are down from 13 to 11, I feel blessed to be here."



Playing on the WNBA's best team and behind two MVP candidates in Tamika Catchings and Katie Douglas is rewarding for a rookie.

"Being on the number one team in the league is just amazing," Wirth said. "They have some of the best players in the world on this team and it is great for me to play with and learn from them everyday."

Wirth has looked to the experienced Catchings for advice and guidance this season, trying to soak up knowledge from the All-Star.

"She has helped me a lot with plays or if I make a mistake, she'll tell me 'hey, do this,'" Wirth said. "That is good for me because the strength and the speed is a lot different from college."

Both play the small forward/power forward spot and Wirth has come to highly respect Catchings.

"She's experienced and a two-time Olympic gold medalist – she's doing pretty well for herself!" Wirth said. "She is a great leader, she knows when to talk to you, when to leave you alone. I just really respect her."

Drafted 19th overall by the Fever this year, the Vanderbilt graduate has basketball roots which extend to her high school days in Arizona.

Wirth was a standout player at Seton Catholic High School in Mesa, Arizona. She was the 2005 Gatorade Arizona Player of the Year along with being a McDonald's All-American. Wirth says that McDonald's All-American Game is one of the highlights of her basketball career.

"There is so much leading up to the actual game," Wirth said. "We went to the Ronald McDonald house, which was awesome. Getting to play ball with the guys and watching them was neat. "

Wirth also participated in some of the All-American Game festivities, the 2 Ball competition. In the contest, a female and male player are paired together in a shooting competition. Certain spots of the court holds different point values and whichever team has the most points wins.

"My partner was Richard Hendrix, who went on to play at Alabama, and we won!" Wirth said. "I wasn't even going to do it but the other girls were egging me on. So I told them to sign me up. They signed me up and we won."

After high school, Wirth chose to play at Vanderbilt – a decision that was pretty easy once she visited the school.

"I lived in Arizona for 18 years, so I was ready to leave," Wirth said laughing. "That's probably the only thing I knew for sure during my recruiting process. I had never heard of Vanderbilt until my sophomore year, they started recruiting me and I did my homework on the schools. I took my first official visit there and loved it."

During her time there, Wirth increased her scoring average in each one of her four seasons for the Commodores, averaging 11.5 points per game for her four-year career.

In Wirth's senior season, she was MVP of the SEC conference tournament and led her fourth-seeded team to the Sweet Sixteen in the 2009 NCAA Women's Tournament. She scored a career-high 28 points in the 78-74 loss against the top seed Maryland Terrapins.

Besides having an excellent basketball career Vanderbilt, Wirth also found a best friend in teammate Jen Risper. Together, the pair averaged 24.4 points per game their senior season and led Vanderbilt to a 26-9 record and SEC Tournament Championship.

Going into the 2009 WNBA Draft, the roommates had the possibility of being drafted together.

"We were actually sitting in our room, watching the draft, just wondering who was going to go next – that was kind of fun." Wirth said. "It was really neat, too, because of all the places we could have gone. It was just exciting sitting there together."

Wirth was selected by Indiana in the second round. Risper was drafted in the third round, 29th overall, by the Chicago Sky – but she was cut at the beginning of the season.

"I thought she had a good chance to make the team," Wirth said. "But it was tougher than ever with the roster cuts. She didn't make it. This offseason though, we are going to go overseas this year and play together in Slovakia."

Looking forward, Wirth feels like she mainly needs to improve a certain aspect of her game.

"Getting stronger is the biggest thing," Wirth said. "In college, at 6'1", I was a pretty average post player. But here, I'm a tiny post player. That was probably the biggest thing at first, guarding Ebony or our big post players. We are about the same height, she is just a lot stronger than me."

Going from the leader on her college team, to a rookie reserve on a veteran team has been no easy task for Wirth. But she is doing anything and everything to learn, and make the Fever better.

"Once you are leader, you are always a leader," Wirth said. "Your leadership role might change a little bit, but I try to be somebody that is really encouraging. I'm not talking the entire practice like I did in college. "

"I really just try to see what I can bring that this team needs. Whether that's talking quietly with someone on the side or being encouraging my teammates. I'm just trying to fill a role that we might need filled. "

## Fever win their 13th straight at home

By David Woods

The Indiana Fever's work for the WNBA regular season is nearly finished, even though seven games remain. That doesn't mean they're not trying to get better.

For instance, in beating the San Antonio Silver Stars 77-66 Thursday night at Conseco Fieldhouse, the Fever held the league's No. 2 scorer to zero points. Can't get better than that.

The Fever (20-7) retained the WNBA's best record, tied a franchise record with a 13th consecutive home victory and clinched home-court advantage for the first round of the playoffs.

San Antonio guard Becky Hammon shot 0-of-5 and had as many turnovers (six) as assists. Coincidentally, she last went scoreless four years before to the day -- Aug. 27, 2005 -- at Indiana while playing for the New York Liberty.

Hammon was averaging 19.7 points a game, and the credit for inhibiting her was spread around. Just as the Fever's scoring was spread around.

"Balance, to me, is the key," Fever coach Lin Dunn said. "If you want to go far in these playoffs, you better, on a given night, have two or three or four people step up and get in double figures."

The Fever had three: Tamika Catchings (20 points), Ebony Hoffman (15) and Tammy Sutton-Brown (12). It didn't matter that the league's No. 6 scorer, Katie Douglas (17.7 ppg), had only eight.

"Our focus was going inside," Douglas said. "Until they stop it, there was no reason to get myself going."

In a best-of-three first round of the playoffs, the Fever will open on the road Sept. 16 or 17. The Fever will be home for Game 2 (Sept. 18 or 19) and Game 3, if necessary. If the Fever beat Sacramento on Saturday, they will have home advantage throughout the Eastern Conference playoffs.

The Fever atoned for an 84-65 loss at San Antonio on July 23 in which Catchings was scoreless for the only time in her career.

Last year, Hammon carried the Silver Stars (11-17) to the WNBA Finals. This year the Stars are in jeopardy of missing the playoffs.

San Antonio coach Dan Hughes said Tully Bevilaqua "is as good an on-the-ball defender as there is in the league." Hughes added that bigger Fever teammates were instrumental in handling Hammon, and Bevilaqua agreed.

"They really bodied her up good," Hughes said.

The only damage Hammon did was when she clobbered Catchings with 2:52 left and was assessed a flagrant foul. Catchings said the two "go way back" and was not offended.

"She was like, 'I just had to find a way to keep you from scoring a three-point play,'" Catchings said. "I'm like, 'You gave us four points. Don't worry about it.'"

Catchings made two free throws, and Sutton-Brown scored on a layup when the Fever retained possession.

Catchings, the WNBA leader in steals, had five. The Fever turned the Silver Stars' 21 turnovers into 27 points.

The sequence that epitomized the Fever's night was one in which Hoffman stole the ball, Bevilaqua saved it and passed to Douglas, who drove underneath and scooped the ball to a slashing Hoffman for a layup. The Fever led by as many as 20 points.

Ann Wauters led San Antonio with 18 points and 14 rebounds, and Sophia Young added 18 points.

Etc.

Hoffman celebrated her 27th birthday Thursday. . . . Shanna (Zolman) Crossley, a former Indianapolis Star Indiana Miss Basketball from Wawasee, was 5-of-6 on 3-pointers and scored a season-high 15 points for the Silver Stars. . . . Fever G Tamecka Dixon sat out because of back spasms. . . . The Fever are 5-5 against the West.

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## Douglas, Catchings won't share MVP, but they should

By Bob Kravitz

The Indiana Fever have a conundrum.

Is Katie Douglas their MVP candidate, or is it Tamika Catchings? When the WNBA's best team embarks on a public-relations blitz in a few weeks to promote its players for postseason awards, do they bang the drum loudly for Douglas, their best scorer, or Catchings, their best all-around player?

"Maybe we'll have the first-ever co-MVPs," Fever chief operating officer/general manager Kelly Krauskopf said at halftime of the Fever's 77-66 victory over San Antonio on Thursday at Conseco Fieldhouse. "I mean, why not? Our success this season has so much to do with both of them. They've both done so much for the team, it's hard to say.

"It's something I've been thinking about. Honestly, how should we approach this? I know people say that if we promote both, they'll take votes away from each other, but you can make such a strong case for both of them."

Which is why they should go ahead and do it.

Realistically, mathematically, it makes no sense because Catchings will steal votes from Douglas, Douglas will steal votes from Catchings and either Phoenix's Diana Taurasi or San Antonio's Becky Hammon will slide in the side door and win the award.

But, then, who cares?

Even if a co-MVP promotion is ultimately self-defeating, the symbolism in the effort will make it worthwhile. A co-MVP promotion would make a statement about this team that is as accurate as it is profound.

This isn't a one-woman team like, say, San Antonio, which has the league's second-leading scorer in Hammon -- who, by the way, was held scoreless Thursday night. This isn't a racehorse, beyond-up-tempo team like Phoenix, which gives Taurasi, the WNBA's top scorer, ample opportunities to put up numbers.

Would an MVP be nice? Let's just say neither Douglas nor Catchings would give it back. But that's not what this is about, not for two players who are both 30 years old and have accomplished almost everything besides winning a WNBA championship.

"At this point, there's only one thing I want and that's a title," Douglas said after an unusually quiet eight-point night.

"Not even thinking about MVPs," said Catchings, laughing. "I'm here to win a championship. We have the team to do it. This is our year."

Last spring, the Pacers did a terrific job making the case for Danny Granger, once a long-shot candidate for the league's Most Improved Player. In the end, the promotional blitz to NBA media worked, with a lot of help from Granger's numbers. He

won the award, one of the high points in an otherwise uninspiring season.

The Fever, though, have bigger goals. They are the league's best team, and if they don't wobble, they'll earn home-court advantage throughout the playoffs. If not now, when?

"All I'm worried about now is how we're going to win a championship," she said. "The last thing I'm worried about is which one wins the MVP because both are legitimate candidates, and let the chips fall where they fall.

"But I do think we have to push both (Douglas and Catchings). We would be remiss if we didn't do that. I wouldn't think of pushing one over the other."

Now, if the Fever were going to promote one over the other -- and, practically speaking, that is the smarter approach -- the choice would have to be Douglas.

She is having a career year, and it has been a pretty darned good career. Her 17.7 points per game average is sixth in the WNBA. Her 1.69 steals per game average is 10th. She has been in double figures 26 times, scored 20 or more 10 times and scored more than 30 twice.

The raw numbers may not jump off the page, but she is the best player -- by an eyelash -- on the league's best team. If Douglas didn't have Catchings, she might have gaudier scoring numbers. She'd also be on a team still struggling to make the playoffs, and not a team that is an early favorite to win the WNBA title.

Catchings has had a consistently productive year, but nowhere near a career year. She has finished in the top three in MVP voting in four of her seven seasons; it's hard to imagine this year's understated numbers would put her over the top.

"They've been 1 and 2 all season; really, 1 and 1," Krauskopf said. "Who's been better than them this season? They both deserve it. Co-MVPs would be a good story, though, wouldn't it?"

After the game, I asked Douglas about her MVP candidacy. She shrugged and talked about her teammates. Then I asked her about Catchings' candidacy and she talked for six minutes.

Then I asked Catchings. She shrugged. Then I asked her about Douglas as MVP, and she went on forever.

There won't be co-MVPs this year, no matter how hard or how well the Fever public relations people push the concept. If the pair tie in the voting, that means someone else has won. But they should go ahead and do it anyway, and never mind the results.

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## **Perseverance and Making a Difference**

By Katie Douglas

When I was asked to write an editorial for Breast Health Awareness Week, it was an easy choice. Of course I would.

I know that I am truly fortunate. I play a game that I love, and I get to play in front of family and friends in my hometown. For that, and for having overcome my own family's encounters with breast cancer and pancreatic cancer – I am fortunate.

Not many pro athletes have the opportunity to play where they want, and not many have the good fortune to play for first-class organizations like I have in Connecticut and Indiana. I feel blessed and I'm excited about helping the Fever try to take its next step toward the WNBA Finals.

Ultimately, in my career, perseverance has been a valuable trait that I have developed. It has come by learning to direct my focus and all my efforts to the task at hand. It's a challenge to avoid distraction, but it's a key to maintaining your focus and thus a key in overcoming obstacles that might get in the way of your goals.

That is where my family experience enters my story. At Perry Meridian High School here on the south side of Indianapolis, and again while I played at Purdue University, I had to deal with the loss of both of my parents.

My father, Ken (pancreatic cancer, 1997), and mother, Karen (breast cancer, 2000), both lost their lives to cancer within three years of each other – right in the middle of my high school and college career, and right during the time that my Purdue teammates and I won the NCAA title in 1999. My life was a whirlwind of emotion.

In a way, the basketball court became my refuge. It was the one place that I knew that I could focus my attention and not allow my personal distractions to take over my emotions. I always had the support of my sister and brothers, but in college, they couldn't be there for me every day.

My teammates and coaches at Purdue helped me to continue working through a really hard time. Games and practices were an outlet for me and my emotions. I poured everything into my game and, in a way, it set a tone for my career.

When I step onto the floor, I have one singular focus and I've been blessed with the ability to block out so many of the distractions that could otherwise affect me.

The point to be made is that no matter the issues or obstacles that get you down, the ability to persevere and keep working can help you achieve success. That is how I learned to deal with losing both my parents to cancer, and that is what I tell people who endure similar struggles.

I also have been fortunate to be given a platform with which I can help others who now are faced with the obstacle of dealing with cancer – whether to a friend, colleague or family member. I have been given the ability to make a difference, and for all of the people who helped me overcome and still achieve success, I am so happy to spend time with people in need; or offer words of encouragement or advice.

I didn't grow up asking to deal with this disease. But it has become a part of my life. I try to extend my thoughts and prayers when I am given the opportunity. I've been there before. It's sad and devastating. People need a lift. I'm fortunate, now, to be able to use my platform to provide a hug or a smile, and let them know that in my heart, I truly know how they feel.

You have heard the quote by legendary North Carolina State basketball coach Jim Valvano, "Don't give up ... don't ever give up." Probably the most memorable honor I ever received was a national award in his name, the Jimmy V National Comeback Player of the Year Award, which I received during my senior year at Purdue.

I know that I am totally lucky to have the family and friends and career that I have. I could have gotten discouraged. I could have made excuses for a bad game along the way. I could have felt sorry for myself.

Thankfully, I didn't. Hopefully, you won't. Thankfully, I've had the opportunity to share this message.

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### Lin Dunn working her coaching magic on the Fever

By Bill Benner

When it comes to basketball coaching greats with Indiana ties, the question is not where to start the list—John Wooden, Bob Knight, Tony Hinkle and Bobby Leonard would qualify as an initial Mount Rushmore — but where to end it.

Among women, the list is significantly shorter, but there's one name that would be right at the top.

Lin Dunn.

No, she's not a native Hoosier, but there's no denying the profound influence she had on women's basketball in Indiana—and, by extension, girls high school basketball—during a nine-year run at Purdue University beginning in 1988.

All she did was build the Boilermaker program into a national power, winning 75 percent of her games and three Big Ten championships, advancing seven times to the NCAA tournament, where Purdue reached the Sweet Sixteen on four occasions and the Final Four once.

Those teams were stocked with Indiana talent—current Purdue coach Sharon Versyp and Stephanie White were among her recruits—and made women's intercollegiate basketball matter in a state then dominated by IU's Knight and her Purdue men's counterpart, Gene Keady.

Dunn left Purdue in 1996 to pursue the professional ranks. She took Portland from worst-to-first in the women's American Basketball League. Then, after the ABL folded, she guided the Seattle Storm from a WNBA expansion franchise to the playoffs, enabling the Storm to become one of the most successful WNBA franchises at the gate and an eventual WNBA champion.

Finally, the long-and-winding coaching road brought her back to Indiana in 2004, first as a scout and then as an assistant for the Indiana Fever. When the Fever let Brian Winters go after the 2007 season, Dunn was a logical choice to become head coach.

Now, in her second year, the Fever—before a road trip to Sacramento and Seattle—have a WNBA-best 19-5 record and are on the verge of clinching the Eastern Division regular-season title and homecourt advantage in next month's playoffs.

For sure, Fever General Manager Kelly Krauskopf has assembled a stellar cast, led by perennial WNBA all-star Tamika Catchings and former Perry Meridian High School and Purdue star Katie Douglas. But Dunn has kept a steady hand on the wheel, especially when the team lost its first two games on

opening weekend and then lost veteran Yolanda Griffith to a career-ending injury in the season's third game.

“We just had to keep everything in perspective,” Dunn said last week following a practice at Conseco Fieldhouse. “It was a tough way to start, but we didn't let it get us out of sync. There was no panic. We knew we had a good team, and we knew we were going to get better.”

What ensued was a franchise-record 10-game winning streak and the Fever have been rolling ever since. Now, Dunn's challenge is to maintain her team's focus with the playoffs still three weeks away.

“We have to be really careful about getting complacent and relaxing,” she says. “There can be no sense of entitlement here. All we can look forward to is the first quarter of our next game. We still need to play with a sense of urgency.”

It's a good story that's unfolding with the Fever. The players are of solid character, many involved with youth groups and charities. And it may be that the public is starting to respond. The Fever's last home game Aug. 15 drew 9,900 fans. It was the second-largest crowd of the season and the largest in the month of August since 2003.

Overall, attendance is averaging 7,702, a slight increase over last year.

“I'd be naïve to say I'm not aware of the economic challenges of these times,” Dunn says. “But the good news is, we're affordable family entertainment.”

The Fever's upcoming playoff run will commence in mid-September. The playoff format in the first two rounds—both best-of-threes—lends itself to the possibility of upsets of favored teams because there is so little margin to overcome an off performance. Ergo, preparation, execution and, of course, coaching will be keys.

“Well, I'm no rookie or neophyte,” Dunn says, chuckling.

No, she's a veteran of 25 years of head coaching with more than 500 wins. A WNBA title would be a fitting capstone to an outstanding career, but we're getting ahead of ourselves. As Dunn says, there's no sense of entitlement. •



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## Whirlwind year no problem for Bevilaqua

by Justin Whitaker | August 21, 2009

In professional sports, when age rises, production usually falters.

But at age 37, Indiana Fever point guard Tully Bevilaqua is having the best year of her career.

After a whirlwind year that featured travel between three different continents, a grueling WNBA season and a silver medal in the Beijing Olympics for Australia, Bevilaqua was tired.

"Last year was just a crazy year," Bevilaqua said. "All the travel I had to do, going back to Australia during the season, then going to China, then coming back to finish the season, then going back home. I covered a few kilometers."



On top of the physicality that basketball places on the body, Bevilaqua was mentally worn out. Rest was needed.

"It was much more mental than physical. It was just one of those crazy years," Bevilaqua said. "I didn't touch a basketball for at least a good four months. I still kept my physical conditioning at reasonable levels. I'm the kind of person who can't go two to the three days without some kind of exercise or physical activity. I just got a nice little balance and came back refreshed."

Bevilaqua also returned to Indiana earlier than she ever had before to get ready for the season.

"I came back in mid-February and pretty much just focused on shooting, working with [Fever assistant coach] Gary Kloppenburg," Bevilaqua said. "That has been the biggest difference in coming back here. Five days a week, not only my work on the court, but doing strength and conditioning training as well. It's paid off for me."

The result has been Bevilaqua's best statistical career. She is averaging 7.1 points per game and has had seven double-figure scoring games in 25 outings this season, both career-highs for her. By comparison, she had just 15 games of double digits through her last four seasons.

"It's all about confidence at the end of the day," Bevilaqua said. "Putting the work in to become confident in that shot is the reason why I'm taking all the open shots. I still give up a few here and there but I'm now taking 99% of the shots that I should be. My teammates are very supportive. Also while I'm knocking them down, it makes it harder for the opposition."

Bevilaqua has been a key part of the Fever's rise to the top of the WNBA with a record of 19-6. She came off the bench for the first two games of the season with both resulting in losses. Upon being placed into the starting lineup for the Fever's third game, the team won 11 straight games. The Fever has won 19 of 23 with her in the starting lineup.

Now nearing the end of the regular season, the Fever has a tough schedule ahead of them. But despite their league-best record, Bevilaqua sees room for improvement.

"We are still playing in patches, playing in moments where we lose focus," Bevilaqua said. "I just think we need to focus on 40 minutes a game. Hopefully by Finals time we will be more towards the 40 minutes than we are right now. The positive to that is we are still winning even when we have those moments."

The trust and chemistry with the team have been essential to the Fever's success.

"We've always put ourselves back in the position to win a game," Bevilaqua said. "That's the great thing about our team, regardless of whether you are on the bench or on the court you can see that everyone is behind each other."

Another accolade this came with her selection to the Fever's All-Decade Team. In fact, she was named to All-Decade teams for the Fever and the Seattle Storm, which were both tabulated by fan voting. When the Fever travels to Seattle on Aug. 22, it will be a special homecoming for the aging point guard who helped the Storm to the 2004 WNBA championship.

"It's certainly very special," Bevilaqua said. "I am now part of the record books. But to be on two of them, it's quite surreal really to think about."

As a ten-year veteran with one championship ring already, Bevilaqua has had plenty of great moments and highlights throughout her career. But she hopes at the end of this season she adds another one.

"I've thoroughly enjoyed my time here in Indiana. Playing with the likes of Tamika Catchings is pretty cool for me," Bevilaqua said. "Hopefully this year, we'll make another memorable moment."



# THE SPOKESMAN-REVIEW

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## Former LC Tiger January enjoying life in the WNBA

By Dave Trimmer

Briann January was a starter for the first game of her rookie season in the WNBA and on the bench by the third game but the former Lewis and Clark star couldn't be happier.

"I was caught a little off guard when I saw my name on the board for the starters," January recalled of her professional debut for Indiana on June 6. "Earlier in the day coach (Lin Dunn) came up to me and said, 'You know you're starting.' I thought she was joking."

Dunn wasn't and January started along side four veteran teammates, contributing 10 points and five assists in 39 minutes of a one-point, double-overtime loss at Atlanta.

The Fever dropped their next game at home by 20 points (January scoring five points with five turnovers) before Dunn moved 11-year veteran Tully Bevilaqua into the starting lineup.

Since then Indiana has gone 19-3 and in the most recent win, 82-59 over defending WNBA champion Detroit, January sparked a second-quarter rally en route to a career-high 17 points.

"Since I've gotten here Lin has shown so much confidence in me and (starting) helped me a ton," January said in a telephone interview last week. "It turned out I might not have been quite ready, but she still shows that confidence in me, which is great."

Dunn told The Indianapolis Star, "I think you're starting to see January develop more and more into what I call a future premier point guard in this league."

January, Indiana's first-round pick (sixth overall) out of Arizona State, will come off the bench Saturday when the Fever play their only game at Seattle.

"Honestly, it's going to be a second homecoming," she said. "We just left Arizona. I'd have to say those Sun Devil fans are amazing. The players are amazing, the coaches are amazing. They were all cheering for Indiana."

"I don't know if we'll get as big of a turnout in Seattle but there will be a few people there."

Indiana is rolling, setting several records for the 11-year old franchise. Along the way, January has been a big part, contributing six points and two assists in 18 minutes per game.

Not surprisingly she said the two biggest adjustments were the physical maturity of the players and the pace of the game.

"What I've been trying to do is take every day and learn," she said. "I make a focus plan for myself to improve little areas at a time."

"You have to continually be able to produce. (ASU coach) Charli (Turner Thorn) prepared me so well for this, my work ethic, my mentality for the game. It's fun because it's not that big of a change."

Coming off the Sun Devils bench for two seasons also helped.

"You get a feel for the game, see the adjustments, see what's working," she said. "I feel a little more comfortable that way."

Having a veteran like Bevilaqua in front of her helps the transition.

"I cannot tell you everything I've learned from her," January said. "I can't imagine going through this without her."

It is a challenge, even for the two-time Pac-10 Defensive Player of the Year.

"Chamique Holdsclaw (Atlanta), she's the real deal," January said, obviously awed by the former Tennessee superstar. "I found myself on the court trying to play defense just watching her. She's a player at both ends of the court."

The Los Angeles Sparks lineup "full of Olympians is incredible," she said. "Sue Bird (Seattle) and Becky Hammon (San Antonio) are by far are the two hardest players I've had to guard. They were my idols. They definitely made me look like a rookie."

After the season January plans to take some time off for rest and relaxation, then head overseas. Though that is a ways off, she is considering offers from teams in Israel, Spain and Poland.

It's been quite a ride for the four-year starter for the Tigers who went on to a record-breaking career at ASU with two trips to the Elite Eight of the NCAA tournament. Success and happiness continue to follow her.

"I can't get over how great of place I'm in," she said. "My teammates, coaches, everything, and of course winning is fun. I'm having a blast."

**August 18, 2009**

## **Catchings chosen for U.S. national team**

By David Woods

Tamika Catchings is on course to try for a third Olympic gold medal in women's basketball. Going for gold is something her Indiana Fever teammate, Katie Douglas, might never get to do.

The 30-year-old Catchings was one of eight players selected Monday to the USA Basketball national team for 2009-12. Others were two-time gold medalists Sue Bird and Diana Taurasi, as well as 2008 gold medalists Seimone Augustus, Sylvia Fowles, Kara Lawson, Candace Parker and Cappie Pondexter.

Besides the 2012 London Olympics, the United States will play in the World Basketball Championship, set for Sept. 23-Oct. 3, 2010, in the Czech Republic.

U.S. coach Geno Auriemma of the University of Connecticut acknowledged that the team's strength will be in the backcourt. Douglas, 30, a leading candidate to be MVP in the WNBA this year, is a 6-foot guard.

Those not on the roster will have a chance to play their way onto the team in training camps, Auriemma said. Someone would have to be "a hell of a player" to beat out perimeter players already chosen, he said.

"You know, USA Basketball usually gets it right," he said.

The United States has won the past four Olympic gold medals. Catchings averaged 6.8 points and 4.4 rebounds during the 2008 Beijing Olympics, shooting 72 percent from the field.

Team USA took the bronze in the 2006 World Championship. Australia won the gold.

Carol Callan, national team director, said USA Basketball would retain a large pool of players from which teams will be selected.

"We just need to be as flexible as we can be, and that's what we plan to do," Callan said.

August 16, 2009

## Fever play like best of the decade

By Patrick Dorsey

At halftime Saturday, five members of the Indiana Fever all-decade team currently playing for the franchise absorbed cheers and accepted trophies.

The rest of the night, pretty much all of the Fever's players showed why they make up one of the franchise's best teams from its first 10 years.

"It's really a special group that we have," guard Katie Douglas said after the Fever defeated the defending-champion Detroit Shock 82-59, moving Indiana to a WNBA-best 19-5 on the year. "Each piece to this puzzle has brought something."

Not surprisingly, the current players who were all-decade picks brought it Saturday night. Four of them -- top-four vote recipients Tamika Catchings, Douglas, Tully Bevilaqua and Ebony Hoffman -- started. The fifth, Tammy Sutton-Brown (sixth in the fan voting), returned to action after missing six games with a stress reaction in her right big toe.

Douglas scored a game-high 19 points. Catchings scored 10 points, grabbed nine rebounds and added four steals -- becoming the youngest and fastest WNBA player to reach 600 steals.

The celebration almost was spoiled. The beginning of the game looked pretty bad, thanks to a defense coach Lin Dunn called "a little soft." Lacking early intensity on that end, the Fever fell behind 27-13 in the second quarter after surrendering a 12-0 run.

Then Indiana started to run itself. First, the Fever outscored the Shock 18-6 over a second-quarter span of 6:29. The Fever retook the lead at halftime (39-38; their first since 2-1), then scored the first 13 points of the third quarter to go ahead 52-38.

It wasn't just the all-decadars who contributed. Jessica Moore started her seventh straight game at center and scored eight points, earning the label "a real warrior" from Dunn.

Perhaps the biggest spark came from rookie guard Briann January, who scored a career-high 17 points (10 in the pivotal second quarter) -- and did so in front of her family, who was visiting Indianapolis for the first time. January is from Washington.

"I think you're starting to see January develop more and more into what I call a future premier point guard in this league," Dunn said.

The Fever scored a stunning 45 points off Detroit's 23 turnovers. Only bench player Shavonte Zellous reached double figures in points (16) for the Shock (9-13).

The win was Indiana's 12th straight at home, moving the team within one of the franchise mark. The Fever can tie it Aug. 27 against San Antonio.

Until then, Indiana hopes its roll will continue at Sacramento (on Thursday) and at Seattle (on Saturday).

"We're just making it happen this year," Bevilaqua said. "It's a lot of fun right now."

Etc.

The Fever's win put them one away from their second season sweep of Detroit and first 4-0 mark against the Shock. They went 3-0 in 2001. . . . The announced attendance of 9,963 was the second largest of the season. . . . The game's 38-point swing -- from a 14-point deficit to a 24-point lead -- tied a franchise record.

August 15, 2009

## Fans pick Fever's all-decade team, which will be honored tonight

By David Woods

One is a native Hoosier who helped get the franchise going. The other is a Californian who has made Indianapolis home.

To be chosen to the Indiana Fever's all-decade team is as meaningful to one as to the other.

Stephanie White and Ebony Hoffman will be two of the players introduced tonight at Conseco Fieldhouse. Ten players for 10 years.

Hoffman is one of five players from this season on the all-decade team. She was fourth in fan balloting behind teammates Tamika Catchings, Katie Douglas and Tully Bevilacqua, respectively. White was fifth. Current center Tammy Sutton-Brown was sixth.

The all-decade announcement will give Fever faithful more to celebrate than the team's WNBA-leading record of 18-5. The defending champion Detroit Shock (9-12) will try to stay in playoff contention by beating the Fever in tonight's game.

The Fever have won 11 consecutive at home, two fewer than the franchise record. The first 3,000 fans will receive an all-decade commemorative poster.

Kelly Krauskopf, chief operating officer of the Fever, said it was always her intention to have an all-decade team -- and to reach 25th and 50th anniversaries for the franchise.

"I went into this with my eyes on the future in building a franchise that many people will enjoy for years to come," she said. "Certainly, it is a tribute to all the players and all the staff . . . to keep this franchise going."

All those connected to the team have been "part of history," she said, on the first women's pro sports team in the state and city.

White was interviewed before she knew she was selected. It would be an honor, she said, especially for someone so associated with basketball in Indiana.

She was an Indianapolis Star Indiana Miss Basketball at Seeger High School, an All-American and NCAA champion at Purdue. White, 32, a Chicago Sky assistant coach, was on the Fever's first team in 2000 and played four seasons with the team.

"There's always a sense of pride to be able to go home," she said. "And there's a sense of pride to see them do well."

Hoffman, 26, was selected in the first round by the Fever in the 2004 draft out of USC. She was the league's Most Improved Player last year, and is averaging a career-high 10.9 points this year.

"This is the first team and only team I've been on," she said. "It's had its ups and downs. I've played bad. I've played well. I think it's just really a big honor that the fans are recognizing me."

Natalie Williams, Tamika Whitmore, Anna DeForge and Tan White round out the team.

Notable omissions include Kelly Miller (11th in voting), first-time Fever All-Star Rita Williams (18th) and Jurgita Streimikyte (19th).

Natalie Williams, 38, retired after the 2005 season. She recently gave birth to a second child, and has two adopted twins.

Whitmore and Tan White are on the Connecticut Sun. DeForge played for the Minnesota Lynx last year and was recently released by the Shock.

## Fever honors All-Decade Team

August 15, 2009 | By Ericka Sanders

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What perfect timing to honor 10 players who helped to establish the Indiana Fever as one of the top franchises in the WNBA. The Fever are arguably the best team in the league, having owned the top spot nearly all season and are playing the best basketball in franchise history.

It's always a good thing to take a look back and recognize players who helped you get your footing. The Fever hasn't always been a team guaranteed to make the playoffs or win 21 games. The early years were tough, but thanks to patient fans, a hard working general manager, talented players and thorough coaches, Indiana is celebrating its history in the midst of a great season.

The All-Decade Team is a list of players who have left (and will leave) a positive and permanent mark on a franchise in arms reach of its first championship. They undoubtedly would not be in such a position if not for the ladies below. Selected by over 51,000 votes cast by fans during online and in-arena voting, here is the Indiana Fever's All-Decade Team.

### Tully Bevilaqua

Age is definitely not a number when it comes to the Australian born Bevilaqua. She hustles all game, every play. She's funny, polite and has fun. I wish she'd play forever.

### Tamika Catchings

Indiana's franchise player since her arrival in 2001, Catchings is the team's "do everything" player. A two-time Olympic gold medalist, the Tennessee grad is always knee deep in the community, holding basketball clinics, opening reading centers, giving to food banks or talking with youth about the importance of education and having a positive attitude. Her work off the court is just important as on the court.

### Anna DeForge

Although she wasn't in a Fever uniform long (only two seasons), DeForge was a great role player and made her mark with her 3-point shooting.

### Katie Douglas

A Hoosier born and raised, Douglas is in her second season with Indiana and is in the running for league MVP. Feeling more relaxed this year, Douglas leads the team in scoring (17.8 points per game) and if you make her mad, she'll make you pay.

### Ebony Hoffman

No one deserved last season's Most Improves Player Award more than Hoffman. Since arriving from USC in 2004, she has improved her game by leaps and bounds. She shoots the 3 very well and hits over 90 percent of her free throws. What more can you ask for in your power forward?

### Tammy Sutton-Brown

An eight-year veteran, Sutton-Brown has been having a great third season in Indiana. Already named Eastern Conference Player of the Week this season, she ranks sixth in WNBA history in blocked shots and last year broke the Fever single-season record with 57. She has great patience and persistence.

### Stephanie White

An icon in Indiana basketball history, the All-Decade Team would not be complete without White. She isn't mentioned in the record books as many times as others, but her impact was felt by her leadership, high basketball IQ and obvious love for the game.

### Tan White

It doesn't seem like White played in Indiana long (four seasons), but she's all over the record books: consecutive games played, career minutes played, career points (second to Catchings), points in a quarter, ect. Needless to say, she spent a lot of time on the court accomplishing great things.

### Tamika Whitmore

Who can forget Whitmore's WNBA playoff record 41-point game in a loss to Detroit in 2006? When Indiana was in need of toughness, Whitmore brought it – every night. She also brought along scoring, rebounding and a never back down attitude, and I loved it.

### Natalie Williams

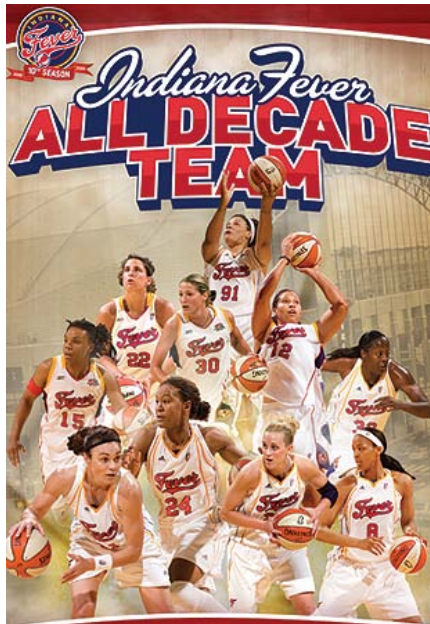
One of the best players in women's basketball history, it was an honor to have Williams in a Fever uniform. A consummate professional, she was one of the key players to help turn the franchise into a winning one.

## FEVER NAMES ALL-DECADE TEAM

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WNBA All-Stars Tamika Catchings and Katie Douglas highlight a cast of 10 honorees which comprise the Indiana Fever All-Decade Team, the team has announced. Honoring the Fever's first ten seasons in Indianapolis, the team was selected by over 51,000 votes cast by fans during online and in-arena balloting. The team will be honored at halftime of this evening's game when the Fever hosts the Detroit Shock.

Saturday's game is a Lucas Oil Family Night presented by The Indianapolis Star. The first 3,000 fans will receive an All-Decade Team commemorative poster and a Lucas Oil shammy. The Indiana Fever All-Decade Team was established in appreciation for the fans that have supported the team throughout its first decade. Fans selected the 10 players who they felt made the greatest contributions to the Indiana Fever, combining on-court performance with spirit and sportsmanship. Balloting and sweepstakes were conducted from June 12 through July 30 at FeverBasketball.com and at kiosks inside Conseco Fieldhouse. All registered voters were eligible for sweepstakes prizes, including a 50" HDTV valued at \$1,500 that will be awarded as the grand-prize courtesy of hhgregg, during tonight's halftime ceremony.



Winners of 18 of their past 21 games and responsible for the best record in the WNBA (18-5), the Fever's 2009 starting lineup occupies half of the All-Decade Team and five of the top six spots in final voting.

Catchings, a two-time Olympic gold medalist and six-time All-Star led the voting (6,244), followed by Indianapolis native Douglas (4,989), a three-time All-Star who currently leads the Fever with 17.8 points per game. Tully Bevilacqua (4,908) and Ebony Hoffman (4,831) occupy the third and fourth spots, and center Tammy Sutton-Brown (3,150) finished sixth. The only non-current Fever player to possess a spot in the top five is Stephanie White (3,439), an Indiana schoolgirl legend, former Purdue star and one of the original members of the Indiana Fever. White is currently an assistant coach with the Chicago Sky.

Rounding out the team were two-year stars Anna DeForge and Tamika Whitmore who each helped the Fever to franchise-record 21-13 seasons in 2006 and 2007; three-year center Natalie Williams who retired after the 2005 season as one of the top rebounders in women's professional history; and Tan White who played four seasons in Indiana and left as the club's second-leading scorer.

Eight of the ten All-Decade stars have represented the Fever on WNBA All-Star teams or won WNBA postseason awards. The Indiana Fever All-Decade Team:

Tully Bevilacqua	G	2005 to present	Tammy Sutton-Brown	C	2007 to present
Tamika Catchings	F	2001 to present	Stephanie White	G	2000 to 2004
Anna DeForge	G	2006 to 2007	Tan White	G	2005 to 2008
Katie Douglas	G/F	2008 to present	Tamika Whitmore	F	2006 to 2007
Ebony Hoffman	F	2004 to present	Natalie Williams	C	2003 to 2005

Indiana Fever All-Decade final voting returns:

Tamika Catchings 6,244; Katie Douglas 4,989; Tully Bevilacqua 4,908; Ebony Hoffman 4,831; Stephanie White 3,439; Tammy Sutton-Brown 3,150; Natalie Williams 2,778; Tamika Whitmore 2,687; Anna DeForge 2,076; Tan White 1,987; Kelly Miller 1,560; Monica Maxwell 1,421; Coquese Washington 1,293; Kelly Schumacher 1,286; Olympia Scott 1,284; Nikki McCray 1,182; Niele Ivey 1,128; Rita Williams 1,024; Jurgita Streimikyte 877; Alicia Thompson 780; Coretta Brown 777; Kara Wolters 651; Gordana Grubin 547; Kristen Rasmussen 300

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## The Pop Culture Grid

<p><b>Athletes in the mix</b></p>	 <p><b>Ebony Hoffman</b> <i>Fever F</i></p>	 <p><b>Clayton Kershaw</b> <i>Dodgers P</i></p>	 <p><b>Tanisha Wright</b> <i>Storm G</i></p>	 <p><b>Alan Gordon</b> <i>Galaxy F</i></p>
<p><b>Jennifer Aniston should date...</b></p>	<p>Her ex, Brad Pitt</p>	<p>Dane Cook</p>	<p>Matthew McConaughey</p>	<p>Ross (David Schwimmer)</p>
<p><b>Favorite childhood possession</b></p>	<p>My basketball</p>	<p>A ski cap with a ball on top</p>	<p>Punky Brewster sneakers</p>	<p>Fly collection</p>
<p><b>Don't mess with me when I'm...</b></p>	<p>Hungry</p>	<p>Playing Ping-Pong</p>	<p>Sleepy</p>	<p>Dropping off the kids at the pool</p>
<p><b>Song playing on my iPod right now</b></p>	<p><i>Ego</i> by Beyoncé</p>	<p>Anything by Taylor Swift</p>	<p><i>Bullet and Target</i> by Citizen Cope</p>	<p><i>All I Need</i> by Radiohead</p>
<p><b>Eminem and Mariah Carey should...</b></p>	<p>Have a conference</p>	<p>Let each other alone</p>	<p>Grow up</p>	<p>Hug it out</p>
<p><b>Celebrity you cant get enough of</b></p>	<p>Will Smith... because he's hot</p>	<p>Will Ferrell. Anchorman was the best</p>	<p>Sanaa Lathan. Shes a great actress and I like watching her movies</p>	<p>Paula Abdul. I cant stop laughing every time something comes out of her mouth</p>
<p><b>Weirdest thing a teammate has ever said to you</b></p>	<p>Something that Katie Douglas has said to me that can not be repeated in Sports Illustrated!</p>	<p>Don't get too comfortable, young buck. -- Orlando Hudson</p>	<p>A teammate and I asked each other if we are weird</p>	<p>Want to take a shower? Its an everyday thing we do but if you think about it, it sounds really bad</p>
<p><b>Who thinks they are your biggest rival?</b></p>	<p>My husband. When we play basketball we go pretty hard and it gets pretty physical</p>	<p>Charlie, my childhood buddy who now plays lacrosse at Denver</p>	<p>Anybody who I play. I cant pick one player</p>	<p>Have no rivals</p>
<p><b>Im really superstitious about...</b></p>	<p>I have to listen to gospel music all day the day of the game</p>	<p>Nothing. Not like a typical ballplayer</p>	<p>I have to shoot with the same basketball for at least 5-10 minutes during the pregame warm-up</p>	<p>Full Moons, There is just something about full moons. Something bad always seems to happen</p>

## Indiana wins possible WNBA Finals preview

By Mechelle Voepel

Not to jump to the conclusion that Saturday provided a mini-preview of this season's WNBA Finals. But ... if that's indeed what the Indiana-Phoenix game was, then the Fever made the potential matchup all the more intriguing.



Visiting Indiana won 90-83 in the first meeting this season between the two top teams in the WNBA. Katie Douglas led the East-leading Fever with 28 points, while Jessica Moore had 19 points and showed once again the power of the UConn pedigree in the WNBA.

The Fever's Jessica Moore scored 19 points on 6-for-8 shooting from the field.

Douglas and Moore also combined for 18 rebounds on a night when the Fever won the board battle 43-26, one of the most important stats of the game. Whether you want to credit Indiana for starting fast or fault Phoenix for starting slowly, the fact was the Mercury remained in catch-up mode the whole game. And that didn't reveal the best side of Phoenix.

Mercury players believe they're better defensively than the team is typically given credit for, but Indiana really exposed some flaws behind the 3-point arc. The Fever made 11 of 26 3-point attempts, led by Douglas' six.

And with the Mercury unable to come close to matching the Fever from long range -- Phoenix shot just 3-for-14 -- even the quick-strike ability of Team LifeLock wasn't enough to rally.

The Mercury did try, of course, but each time they came close, it seemed either Douglas or Moore would make a big play. Moore was thrust into the starting lineup July 30, replacing an injured Tammy Sutton-Brown. Since then, Moore has scored 12, 10, six and 19 points -- all in Indiana victories.

That the Fever could lose Sutton-Brown -- who is having a terrific season but is now dealing with a stress reaction in her right big toe -- for this stretch and still not lose a game indicates how strong this team is.

Coach Lin Dunn has said this Fever squad doesn't have to be carried any longer by Tamika Catchings. Not only because she has a fellow All-Star alongside her in Douglas, but also because of the effective depth of Indiana, which was proved again Saturday.

Indiana is now 17-4, while Phoenix is 16-7. With the recent return of Penny Taylor, reuniting the "Big Three" of the 2007 WNBA championship season, the Mercury have seemed all the more like the league favorite. Taylor again joining Diana Taurasi and Cappie Pondexter provides Phoenix with three of the most effective offensive players in the WNBA.

However, none of them were at their best against Indiana. Taurasi had 16 points, Pondexter 12 and Taylor 11. Rookie DeWanna Bonner scored 15 points on 7-of-9 shooting, and veteran Tangela Smith had 13, but Phoenix couldn't outscore Indiana on a night when the Fever were so effective from long range.

The reality is, this might well have been the best outcome for all parties. It whets the fans' appetites for the rematch between these teams: Sept. 2 in Indianapolis. It shows the Mercury some of the points they have to improve upon defensively. And it gives the Fever players a boost to go into Phoenix's home and defeat the Mercury.

That has happened only twice previously this season: on June 21 when Seattle did it, and July 22 when Minnesota beat the Mercury without Taurasi, who was serving a suspension.

Saturday's game was the first at home for Phoenix since that loss to the Lynx; in between was a five-game road trip that ended with an overtime win at Seattle. So you might have expected Phoenix to come into this contest with all the momentum. It didn't happen that way, though.

Afterward, Taurasi said the Mercury still had a long way to go before being good enough to be a championship team. That assessment is too harsh, but it indicates the attitude she's going to take in dealing with this defeat, and as she reacts, so will the rest of the Mercury.

Meanwhile, the win was exactly what the Fever needed, as they will play four more West foes on the road -- Los Angeles, Minnesota, Sacramento and Seattle -- in their next five games.

Indiana will have to do all the things in those games that it did Saturday, especially controlling the boards. And whenever Sutton-Brown returns, her absence will have had a silver lining. That is the chance for Moore -- who spent the previous four seasons with L.A. -- to build confidence about how much she can contribute for the Fever.



## Shay Murphy: Finding A Home

By Justin Whitaker | August 9, 2009

From playing for three teams last year, to getting traded, to getting cut, three-year guard Shay Murphy has found a home with the Indiana Fever.

Murphy entered the WNBA in 2007, when the Minnesota Lynx took Murphy in the second round with the 15th pick overall.

She saw consistent playing time immediately. In her rookie season, she played all 32 games for the Minnesota Lynx, averaging 5.2 points per game and 3.3 rebounds.

Murphy's second year is when her career turned uncertain. She was traded from the Lynx to the Detroit Shock, and then from the Shock to the Washington Mystics.

"That second year was really tough, especially for me emotionally," said Murphy. "I doubted myself, my abilities, my skills. When you get bounced around from team to team, you wonder if you are capable, if you are good enough, am I supposed to be here?"



The 2009 WNBA season started off in the nation's capital for Murphy, trying to make a young Mystics team with a roster filled with guards.

After a strong training camp with the Mystics, Murphy was feeling confident about her status with the team. That is until a surprise phone call ended her time in Washington.

"I actually had a really great training camp, one of the best," said Murphy. "With the roster change to 11 players, I knew it was going to be difficult. So every day, I continued to stay positive, I came back from a great season overseas and I just let that confidence carry over. I actually left the training camp happy, I was like 'dude, there is nothing else I could do!'"

She quipped, "If I had done a 360 dunk I wasn't going to make the team."

But Murphy was not without a team for long when the Fever called.

"About seven-eight days later got a phone call from the Fever and I was like 'Praise God, thank you Jesus!.'" said Murphy. "I kept that confidence and I came here and this is the best team I've ever been on in my life. I love the girls, everyone is amazing."

With a team returning all five starters and playing behind two All-Star and MVP candidates in Katie Douglas and Tamika Catchings, playing time is not always the easiest to find.

In her finest efforts of the season though, Murphy has played her best ball against the Chicago Sky.

She led the Fever with 15 points on July 10, in an 83-54 blowout win at Chicago. To go along with her team high in points, she also grabbed six rebounds and shot 53 percent from the field.

The 76-67 victory on August 5, at home against the Sky, showcased some of Murphy's strengths.

She scored 13 points and had seven rebounds in 23 minutes, playing for Tamika Catchings who received three quick fouls in the first half. Coach Lin Dunn went with Murphy instead of Katie Douglas in the fourth quarter because she was playing so well.

Catchings and Douglas, too, are the players she looks to as models for improving her overall game.

"I can shoot the ball, and I'm still working on the that every day," said Murphy. "But my goal is to be as what Katie Douglas is, eventually, when it's automatic."

She looks to Catchings' game as a model for her defense and hustle.

"I bring a lot of things, like athleticism, most importantly my passionate energy. That's following Catch's footsteps," said Murphy. "She plays both ends of the court super hard and that's what I want to do. A coach will never have to coach my effort."

Besides Douglas and Catchings, power forward Ebony Hoffman is another Fever player who has had an impact on Murphy's basketball career. Hoffman and Murphy were teammates at the University of Southern California and are both from the Los Angeles area.

Once arriving with the Fever, Murphy was excited about playing with her former teammate once again.

"I came in as a freshman and Eb was already a senior," said Murphy laughing. "The Big Dog on campus, she knew everyone, knew the system and just had her own swag."

In their one year together, the "Big Dog" made sure to watch over her young pup.

"She took care of me, she kind of put me under her wing," said Murphy smiling. "When maybe the other seniors or the coaches were getting on me she was like 'Hey stop yelling at her!' I was like 'thanks, man' and gave her a hug."

After Hoffman was drafted by the Fever, Murphy made it her goal to be the next Lady Trojan drafted. She did just that too, along with an impressive streak of scoring in double-figures in 47 straight games.

Before leaving school, she became the school's all-time leader in 3-pointers with 181. Her favorite memory from USC involves a specific shot from among those 181 threes.

"We were playing Oregon at home in our new facility and it went into double overtime," said Murphy. "They had a girl on their team about 6'5" or 6'6" and I was about two feet behind the [distance of an] NBA three. She went under a screen and, seriously, I think the ball touched the top of the gym and it went in – nothing but net! We went into double overtime, came back and wound up winning. It was such a great shot and it was cool because it was in front of my home crowd, and I was amped up. I might have popped my jersey and blew a kiss to the crowd!"

After a college career filled with accolades, Murphy has some goals to accomplish at the professional level. "I want to find a home, bouncing around I've learned a lot, gotten stronger," said Murphy. "But I definitely want to be on a team for a while. I take it one day at a time, I really would like to continue to play behind Katie and Catch and learn under them, they are amazing."

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### Catchings has her mind set on one thing: winning first WNBA title

By Patricia Babcock McGraw

Tamika Catchings is in love with the fairy tale.

She wants to fall in love with the perfect guy, get married, start a family, maybe even get a house with a white picket fence.

But, here's the thing. Catchings also is in love with basketball.

And the former Stevenson High School star still has a few things left on her hoops to-do list.

So the fairy tale gets put on hold for a bit longer while the dream - or a dream season, rather - is pursued.

"It's a championship, that's what I want," Catchings told me Wednesday night after she and the Indiana Fever turned back the Chicago Sky 76-67 in Indianapolis. "I'm definitely ready to settle down, get married, have kids. I've got a boyfriend. I'm ready for a normal life - for a change.

"But all that stuff can wait a little bit longer. There's only so long (one can play professional basketball) and this time right now - this is it for me. I really want a WNBA championship. It's the missing piece."

But Catchings, who has won at every other level, may not have to be issuing maydays for very much longer.

Over her eight-year stint in Indianapolis, the 30-year-old Catchings has played on some pretty good Fever teams. But she says this one is special.

At 16-4, the Fever boasts the best record in the WNBA. At one point this summer the team had won a record 11 straight games.

"This is probably the best opportunity we've ever had here (to win a championship)," said Catchings, a silky smooth, 6-foot-1 small forward who is averaging 14.2 points, 6.4 rebounds and 2.65 steals. "Everything seems to be coming together."

Catchings knows the signs.

Since leading Stevenson to the IHSA Class AA state championship in 1995, Catchings has won an NCAA championship at Tennessee, 2 Olympic gold medals and various titles in the overseas leagues she plays in during the WNBA off-seasons.

Meanwhile, personal achievements such as being named a four-time All-American at Tennessee, a six-time WNBA all-star and the best defensive player in the WNBA in multiple seasons have only added to her resume.

Yet, Catchings can't stop thinking about the one thing she doesn't have.

"It bothers me," Catchings says about her lack of a WNBA title. "I'm determined to win it at any cost."

Well, maybe not any cost.

The one thing Catchings doesn't want to do is get hurt again.

She has been banged up the last couple of years with serious foot injuries. She spent most of last season trying to come back from an

Achilles tendon tear that sidelined her at the end of the 2007 season.

"There were plenty of nights I was frustrated, not getting to play, watching from the bench," Catchings said. "But looking back, I wonder where I'd be now. You don't want injuries to happen, but they often make you a stronger person. And you appreciate what you're doing a lot more."

Catchings hopes that one day her kids will appreciate the kind of player she once was: a champion (fingers' crossed) at every level.

"You better believe I'll be pulling out all the tapes," Catchings laughed.

Catching up with Tauja: A Tamika Catchings story wouldn't quite be complete without an update on her older sister Tauja.

As teens, the two sisters were practically joined at the hip as they terrorized high school girls basketball teams around the Chicago area.

Tauja, who went on to star at Illinois, now runs Tamika's charitable foundation (Catch the Stars) and is the mother of a 4-year-old son, Kanon. She just got her real estate license and will be getting married to a man from Chicago in early November.

So will Tauja move back up to the Chicago area with her husband or stay nearby Tamika in Indianapolis?

"She better stay down here with me," Tamika laughed. "I'd miss her and my nephew too much."

August 5, 2009

## Fever's Griffith leads from sidelines

By David Woods

She can't make a basket, clear a rebound or block a shot for the Indiana Fever any more. That does not mean Yolanda Griffith can't contribute.

Griffith, 39, ended her playing career June 9 when she went down with a torn left Achilles tendon. She has a guaranteed contract and didn't have to stick around Indianapolis during her rehabilitation.

Instead, she has become a veritable third assistant coach, attending meetings and practices and watching games from her wheelchair on the end of the Conseco Fieldhouse court.

She wants to become a coach anyway, so she is starting that career a bit earlier than intended.

"I just don't feel good going back home to Sacramento when I could be here and giving my input on the game and things that I see," Griffith said.

Griffith won a WNBA title with the Sacramento Monarchs in 2005, and now she wants the same for the Fever in 2009. The Fever (15-4) will try to extend their home winning streak to 11 tonight against the Chicago Sky (10-10).

Griffith, a two-time Olympic gold medalist and 1999 league MVP, said before the season that this would be her last as a player. She confirmed Tuesday that she is retired. She ranks second in league history in rebounds and sixth in points.

The Fever signed Griffith to be a leader, and she has been, according to teammates.

"She was willing to stay, and we wanted her to stay, regardless of the situation," forward Ebony Hoffman said. "We were sad to see her miss out on her final year playing, the way it happened.

"But she is an amazing person to still be here through all the injuries and everything she's going through right now."

Tammy Sutton-Brown, a center now sidelined with a toe injury, said Griffith is "in the head" of the post players. Griffith brings a player's perspective that might be different from that of the coaches, Sutton-Brown said.

"If you sit down there by her on the bench, she's always talking and saying something," Sutton-Brown said.

Coach Lin Dunn and chief operating officer Kelly Krauskopf said they have welcomed the input and predicted Griffith would become a successful coach.

Griffith promised to be plain-spoken and tell the truth, whether she is coaching in high school, college or the pros. She said some post players in the WNBA still don't know how to pass the ball or employ a counter-move.

"There's a lot of things that we need to work on," she said. "We get to this pro level, they think it's not important. But fundamentals of basketball are the most important thing."

**Etc.**

A victory would allow the Fever to equal 2007 as their best 20-game start. The Fever lead the Eastern Conference by five games. Detroit won the East by a record seven games in 2003 en route to the WNBA title. . . . The Fever's scoring average of 77.3 is far ahead of the franchise record of 72.9 set in 2007. . . . The Fever, who have exceeded 80 points in three straight games, have never done so in four straight.

## Hoffman continues to improve her game

August 5, 2009 | By Ericka Sanders

The jig is up - Ebony Hoffman can shoot.

Shooting a blazing 45.6 percent from beyond the arc last season, “Big Dog” as she is affectionately called by fans, won over the WNBA and was named the league’s Most Improved Player in 2008. She deserved it because she was all over the court. Averaging 10.4 points after scoring 4.2 a game in 2007, Hoffman led the team with 7.8 rebounds, both career highs, along with assists (1.8) and steals (1.4).

After a year like that, how do you continue to improve?

“After having a good season last year, my goal was to capitalize on that and not get complacent,” Hoffman said. “This year I’m starting to dribble a little more, attacking the basket more than just shooting because (teams) know I can shoot now, and I’m not as open as I used to be.”



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Hoffman may not be as open, but her shot is still pretty deadly as she is third in the league, shooting 46.2 percent from the three point stripe. Still, maneuvering her way through defenders on her way to the basket is key since Hoffman rarely misses from the free point line, shooting 91.3 percent (sixth in the WNBA). It was also one of her offseason goals.

After leading the team in rebounds last season, however, Hoffman is aware that she hasn’t been grabbing as many boards.

“My rebounds are down, and my feet have something to do with that. But it’s about working harder to get to the board,” she said.

Assistant coach Jim Lewis agrees – with a big laugh.

“Blocking out, which is an inside joke. It’s one of our biggest weaknesses as a team and sometimes fundamental needs to be emphasized,” he said. “Ebony is a natural, instinctive, nose for the ball rebounder, but she still can’t make it a jumping contest.”

Hoffman and Lewis’ relationship is a special one. “She’s like a daughter to me,” he said.

Lewis acknowledged Hoffman as a very hard worker. The Fever’s first round draft pick in 2004 can usually be found in the gym dusting off old tricks and adding new ones.

“I think she has the complete game,” Lewis said. “She’s a great facilitator, a tremendous passer, ball reversal person and can penetrate and kick to open people. Obviously she stretches the defense for us with her three point shot and she’s diversifying her game by driving more and getting to the free throw line.”

It also helps that Hoffman’s husband of nearly two years, Ronald Cass, is by her side at home and in the gym.

“He’s got an array of moves that most people can’t even dream of having and little by little he’s teaching me different things to do with my game,” she said. “It’s amazing (to have him by my side). This is an extremely stressful job, and it’s predicated on winning basketball games. It helps that he’s around me every second. He watches the game, watches film with me and we come in the gym early. It’s such a blessing.”



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## The Old Guard

She was happy to be a part-timer in Indiana, but now Tully Bevilaqua, 37, is leading the league's top team

ANDREW LAWRENCE

**Four years** ago, when Tully Bevilaqua joined the Indiana Fever, she was a 33-year-old point guard looking to write the final chapter in a circuitous career that included stops in Cleveland, Portland and Seattle, where she won a title in 2004. The Fever brought in the Aussie playmaker with the understanding that she'd eventually move to the bench once her successor had been groomed. But by the end of last season the team still had no point guard of the future, and their point guard of the present was seriously contemplating retirement.

Now the league's third oldest player at 37, Bevilaqua was persuaded to come back for another season just to back up and mentor the rookie point guard Indiana expected to take with the sixth pick the draft. Besides, second-year coach Lin Dunn told her, "you have the rest of your life to be retired."

The Fever did select a point guard, Arizona State's Briann January, and gave her the starting job. But when Indiana began the season with two losses, Dunn hastily reinstated Bevilaqua—and ever since then Indiana has been on a tear. The Fever ticked off 11 consecutive wins and at this weekend's All-Star break had a league-best 12--4 record.

Bevilaqua's stats are relatively modest—she's averaging a career high in points (7.4 per game) and is flirting with personal bests in assists (3.0) and rebounds (2.6)—but her steady play at the point has allowed her teammates to shine. Sixth-year forward Ebony Hoffman, the league's Most Improved Player last year, continues to make strides as a perimeter shooter. Two seasons ago she attempted just five three-pointers; this year she's on pace to take 72, and she's making them at a 50.0% clip. Forward Tamika Catchings, who tore her right Achilles tendon during the 2007 playoffs, has finally recovered fully from the injury, which cost her nine games and invaluable practice time last season. She started alongside Fever teammate Katie Douglas for the East in Saturday's All-Star Game, which the West won 130--118.

One reason for Bevilaqua's effectiveness has been her improved three-point shooting, a skill she concentrated on in the off-season. "Teams were backing off me and playing us 4 on 5," says Bevilaqua, who is on pace to hoist up 119 treys this season, 30 more than she took each of the last two seasons. She's also making them at a career-best 42.9%.

The real test will be whether Bevilaqua can keep knocking them down as Indiana begins August with a grueling stretch in which it plays six of eight games on the road. Can the Fever keep up its sizzling run? "Honestly," says Catchings, "I don't feel like we've peaked. You see it in spurts, but as far as a consistent, 40-minute game, I don't think you've seen that yet."

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## Moore, Davenport fill post position

August 3, 2009 | By Amber Harding

On June 9, 2009, in the first quarter of the Indiana Fever's home game against the Seattle Storm, the Fever had a scary moment. Yolanda Griffith tore her Achilles tendon, and suddenly Indiana was without its seven-time WNBA All-Star and former WNBA MVP.

But the show must go on, and the Fever coaching staff has found two players to help fill the void that Griffith's injury created. Jessica Moore and Jessica Davenport, both acquired in mid-June, bring the size and leadership needed to thrive in the post.

Moore believes that she can play an important role in the success of her team. And with the recent loss of Tammy Sutton-Brown to a nagging toe injury, Moore has been pressed into duty.

"Being consistent is what I try to do every single game," Moore said. "I try to go out there and rebound, run the floor, play great defense and make open shots." Moore has been a model of consistency since joining the Fever, grabbing at least two rebounds in all but two games this season. She has shown consistency with at least 2.5 points and 2.5 rebounds in every game – and she came up big in a July 28 win over Washington, playing 21 minutes with five rebounds while Tammy Sutton-Brown was first hampered by her right big toe.

Since then, Moore has made two starts and scored in double figures each time.

Davenport, too, considers consistency to be a crucial aspect of her game.

"I need to be more consistent on rebounding," Davenport said. "I think defense will be there because we play great team defense."

Even though Moore and Davenport are now filling Griffith's position on the court, she is still an active member of the Fever team. She attends practices and games and constantly offers advice to her young counterparts.

"She's a great post player," Moore said. "She's been in the league for a really long time, so whenever she says something, I try my best to take heed. She's always saying to be patient and do whatever it is that we do best."

Griffith is already impressed with the new players' abilities.

"Davenport's strength is her height," Griffith said. "She's another big body that we needed after my injury." Davenport is starting to use that height to her advantage. After only block three shots in her first six games with the Fever, the former Ohio State star followed that stretch with four blocked shots over the next four games. She also added 12 points at Chicago on July 10, and she was the Fever's leading scorer with 13 points at San Antonio on July 23.

Moore's biggest contribution, Griffith explained, is her veteran leadership. After playing for the Los Angeles Sparks for three years – including starting all five games in their 2006 Playoff run – Moore has already found success in the league.

"She has quickness," Griffith said. "She has great footwork and is a threat on the defensive end. She brings a lot of energy and smarts on the floor."

For Davenport, being surrounded by veterans is invaluable in helping her improve her game.

"It helps a lot because everybody's always talking to you," Davenport said. "They're giving you hints on how to play defense, hints on how to play offense, and also just making sure we're taken care of off the court. That helps a lot coming to a new city."

With over half the Fever roster possessing five or more years of WNBA experience, this lineup is full of basketball knowledge.

"Having veterans on the team is always great because they've been through it all," Moore said. "They know what to expect. And the best thing about this team is that they have so many great players who have played together for a long time, so the chemistry is there."

The new posts have appreciated their mentoring, and they've taken the advice to heart.

"They're young, and they want to get better," Griffith said. "It's a great thing that these players still want to learn the game of basketball."

The loss of Griffith was undoubtedly a setback to the Indiana Fever, but the addition of Moore and Davenport was a vital move because, as Griffith explained, "Tammy (Sutton-Brown) and Ebony (Hoffman) can't play the whole game without getting a break."

"When they're coming off the bench, it's key that they have a lot of energy and play their positions well," Griffith said.



July 31, 2009

## Fever's home streak now a perfect 10

By David Woods

Thursday was designated Inspiring Women Night at Conseco Fieldhouse. How appropriate.

On a night in which Tennessee coach Pat Summitt and 15 other women were honored, the Indiana Fever beat the Connecticut Sun 94-85 in an overtime game inspiring postseason thoughts.

"It definitely turned into a playoff atmosphere," Fever guard Katie Douglas said.

Douglas scored 32 points and Tamika Catchings 23, helping the Fever to a 10th straight home victory and keeping their record (14-4) atop the WNBA. In the loss column, the Fever are two ahead of West leader Phoenix (14-6) following the Mercury's 106-76 defeat at Atlanta.

"It was a great game for the fans, and ulcers for me," Sun coach Mike Thibault said.

Catchings and Douglas both missed free throws in the fourth quarter that could have cost the Fever, who trailed 77-73 with less than three minutes left. Douglas' 3-pointer tied the score at 79, and Catchings' layup tied it at 84. Catchings was fouled on the play but missed at the foul line with 11 seconds left. On to overtime.

Ebony Hoffman caused the Sun's Asjha Jones to foul out at the start of OT, and then sank two free throws. Jones scored 21 points. With her gone, the Fever outscored the Sun 10-1 in overtime.

Catchings (13-of-14 from the free throw line) and Douglas (10-of-12) were repeatedly fouled on thrusts to the goal, and finally the Sun succumbed.

"Between the two of them, they're just fierce competitors," Fever coach Lin Dunn said. "And it carries over to everybody else."

Douglas, who set a regular-season franchise record of 34 points Tuesday against Washington, has had the two highest-scoring games of her career in succession. Preceding that was a two-point game at San Antonio.

Douglas is the first Fever player to score 30 or more back-to-back. Dunn said she decided to rest Douglas more in games and practice, and asked her to go to the rim. Douglas acknowledged that shooting free throws and layups puts her into a rhythm.

"It kind of loosens you up and makes the rim feel a little bit bigger," she said.

Summitt loosened up Catchings by pulling her aside and telling her she had nothing to prove. The Vols coach was 11th on a list compiled by The Sporting News -- and the only woman -- of the 50 greatest coaches of all time.

"Tamika Catchings is the hardest-working player that I've ever coached. That covers 35 years," Summitt told the crowd at halftime.

The Fever will need to keep working to beat the Sun (9-8) in a potential playoff matchup. Sandrine Gruda, France, (19 points) and Anete Jekabsone-Zogota, Latvia, (10) weren't in Connecticut to

begin the season because they were playing in the European Championship.

"They're going to get better and better, and we need to continue to get better as well," Catchings said.

Dunn credited two reserves -- Jessica Moore (12 points) and Tameka Dixon (eight on 4-of-5 shooting) -- for the victory. Moore started in place of center Tammy Sutton-Brown, who will be sidelined at least a week with a stress reaction in her right big toe.

### Etc.

The Fever's franchise record for consecutive home wins is 13 from July 2002 to July 2003. . . . The Fever won eight games in July, a franchise record for any month. . . . Fever G **Tully Bevilaqua** is featured in this week's Sports Illustrated magazine. . . . Sun F **Tamika Whitmore**, acquired in the trade that sent Douglas to the Fever, is sidelined by a knee injury.



July 30, 2009

## Fever expect more Moore

### With Sutton-Brown slowed by injury, backup center should play bigger role

By David Woods

Jessica Moore has always been about winning basketball.

That was evident in high school, college, pro. In Alaska, Connecticut, California.

Although Moore is a backup center for the Indiana Fever, perhaps it is no coincidence that her team has the best record (13-4) in the WNBA.

"She has a relentlessness about her that is second nature," Fever assistant coach Jim Lewis said. "That is one of the biggest attributes she brings to the table."

With Tammy Sutton-Brown impaired by a toe injury, the Fever will look to Moore more in tonight's game against the Connecticut Sun (9-7).

The Fever signed Moore, 27, as a free agent June 11 after she was waived by the Los Angeles Sparks.

She averaged 4.3 points as the starting center in 2006 for the Sparks, whose 25-9 record was first in the Western Conference. Moore came off the bench the past two seasons for the Sparks.

In Tuesday's 85-81 victory over Washington, Moore delivered four points, five rebounds and stout defense in 22 minutes. Her most important play might have been an assist. She passed down court to Tully Bevilaqua for an easy layup that extended the Fever's lead to 80-71.

"I think it was huge," Lewis said.

Moore has a love of the game that has grown since she was introduced to the sport at age 10 by her brother. She said she would be happy to play two minutes, five minutes, 20 minutes. Just as long as she can play.

"Jessica's high intensity. She's always been that way," Sutton-Brown said.

At Colony High School in Palmer, Alaska, Moore's teams won two state championships in volleyball and two in basketball. She competed in jumps and relays for the track team, winning one state title with a 35-foot triple jump.

She chose the University of Connecticut because she wanted to win national championships, and did just that -- three, in fact.

In her third NCAA title game, in 2004, she tore an anterior cruciate ligament but remained in the game. She finished with 14 points and nine rebounds in UConn's 70-61 victory over Tennessee.

Afterward, Moore received a letter of congratulations from then-Gov. Sarah Palin, who also played for a state championship team in Alaska.

Moore said there is a reason so many players coached by UConn's Geno Auriemma populate WNBA rosters.

"I think it comes down to our self-discipline and what we go through in those four or five years at Connecticut," she said. "Coach always tells us, what you go through at UConn not only prepares you for the world and basketball, but just to be an all-around better person.

"I think we just carry that with us."

**Etc.**

Tennessee coach **Pat Summitt** will address the crowd at halftime as part of the Fever's Inspiring Women Night. **Donna Orender**, president of the WNBA, will be here to present Summitt the league's Inspiring Coach Award. . . . The Fever have won nine in a row at home. . . . Moore played on the U.S. team that won a bronze medal in the 2001 under-19 World Championship. Five others from that team -- **Diana Taurasi**, **Cappie Pondexter**, **Alana Beard**, **Nicole Powell**, **Shameka Christon** -- played in last week's WNBA All-Star Game.

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## Douglas sparks Fever to win

### All-Star guard gets angry, pours in 34 points

By David Woods

If you are an Indiana Fever fan, here is your assignment for the next game: Say something to tick off Katie Douglas.

Call her a dumb blonde. Criticize her fashion sense. Make a joke about her Purdue Boilermakers.

Then watch the fireworks.

Douglas gets mad, then gets going. She scored 24 of her regular-season franchise-record 34 points in the second half, leading the Fever past the Washington Mystics 85-81 Tuesday night at Conseco Fieldhouse.

A ninth straight home victory allowed the Fever (13-4) to maintain the WNBA's best record. The Fever set a franchise record of 13 in a row at home from July 2002 to July '03.

Douglas picked up a technical foul with 3:39 left in the second quarter after swooping to the rim for a basket. She acknowledged that she "said something" to an official.

She did something to the Mystics.

Those two points started a stretch in which Douglas scored 25 of the Fever's 33 points over a 17-minute span. She exceeded her career high of 30. Coincidentally, that came against the Fever for the Connecticut Sun on Aug. 22, 2007.

The most points scored by a Fever player is 41 by Tamika Whitmore, in a 2006 playoff game at Detroit. The regular-season record was 32 by Tamika Catchings on three occasions.

"I definitely don't want to have to play ticked off," Douglas said. "I like to be steady out there and keep my emotions in check. Now I've got to do a better job of that."

Fever coach Lin Dunn said Douglas' play was reminiscent of a game in which she scored all of her 28 points after halftime of an 82-81 victory at New York on June 26. She was involved in an altercation with the Liberty's Shameka Christon in that game.

"It was like, 'I refuse to lose,' " Dunn said. "Thank goodness we have some players with that type of mentality. And it's contagious. She puts her head down and says, 'I'm going to the rim. You can't stop me.' "

Douglas was 9-of-19 from the field, 1-of-7 on 3-pointers and 15-of-16 on free throws.

She tied Catchings' franchise record for free throws made.

Douglas said she promised teammates at halftime she was "done griping" and would be careful not to get another technical that would result in ejection.

She wasn't done attacking the rim. She sank 13 free throws after halftime.

Dunn and Mystics coach Julie Plank pointed to the Fever's 28-9 edge at the foul line as the difference. The Mystics (9-8) trailed 80-71 with less than 90 seconds left but climbed within 83-81 in the closing seconds.

Alana Beard led the Mystics with 19 points. Catchings had 15 for the Fever, including 3-of-4 shooting on 3-pointers.

Dunn didn't like the beginning -- the Fever trailed by 10 in the first quarter -- or the ending. The Fever won with center Tammy Sutton-Brown scoring two points and power forward Ebony Hoffman shooting 2-of-10.

"The good news is, we found a way to win without them being productive," Dunn said.

"The bad news is, they weren't productive."

Backup center Jessica Moore came off the bench and delivered five points and five rebounds in 22 minutes for the Fever.

#### Etc.

Sutton-Brown iced an ailing right toe after the game, and Fever guard **Tully Bevilaqua** banged her hip on a fall in the second quarter. . . . Plank, a longtime Fever assistant, wore a stylish white suit. She bought it in Indianapolis to surprise her mother, who traveled to the game from Columbus, Ohio. . . . Douglas' 15 points in the third quarter were one less than the Fever record set by **Tan White** against the Mystics on June 3, 2007.

#### Additional Facts

Sun at Fever

7 p.m. Thursday

#### Light it up

The best single-game scoring performances in Fever history:

- » **41\*** -- Tamika Whitmore at Detroit, Aug. 19, 2006
- » **34** -- Katie Douglas vs. Washington, July 28, 2009
- » **32** -- Tamika Catchings at New York, Aug. 22, 2003
- » **32** -- Tamika Catchings vs. Orlando, Aug. 7, 2002
- » **32** -- Tamika Catchings vs. New York, June 8, 2002
- » **31** -- Tamika Catchings vs. New York, July 10, 2003
- » **31** -- Olympia Scott vs. Utah, July 10, 2002
- » **31\*** -- Anna DeForge at Connecticut, Aug. 23, 2007
- \* -- playoff game

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With 63 RBIs entering Friday, Bobby Abreu is on pace for a seventh straight 100-RBI season.

## Clear the bases

Most current consecutive seasons with 100 or more RBIs

Alex Rodriguez	11 straight (1998-2008)
Albert Pujols	8 straight (2001-08)
Bobby Abreu	6 straight (2003-08)
Mark Teixeira	5 straight (2004-08)
Miguel Cabrera	5 straight (2004-08)
David Wright	4 straight (2005-08)
Chase Utley	4 straight (2005-08)

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# Tamika Catchings

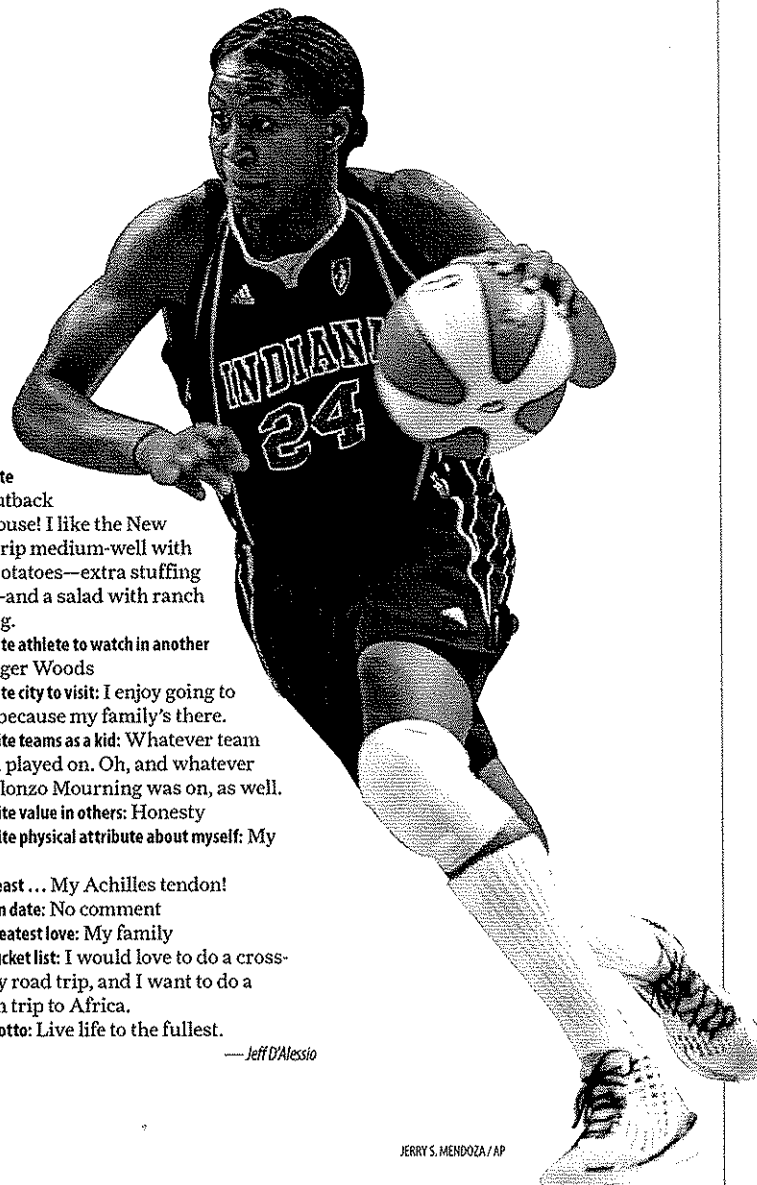
WNBA All-Star, Indiana Fever forward

(What you won't find on Facebook ... even if you are approved as a friend)

- 📍 **Born:** July 21, 1979, in Stratford, N.J.
- 📍 **Status:** Single
- 📍 **Alma mater:** Tennessee
- 📍 **What's on TV:** *Desperate Housewives*, *Grey's Anatomy* and ESPN News
- 📍 **What's in my iPod:** I like R&B, a little bit of hip hop. Mary J. Blige is my favorite.
- 📍 **What I drive:** White 2004 Lexus GS 350
- 📍 **Favorite flick:** *Love and Basketball*
- 📍 **What I'm reading:** *Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood*, by Rebecca Wells
- 📍 **Magazine subscriptions:** *ESPN*, *Glamour* and *Essence*
- 📍 **Bookmarks:** Catchin24.com! FeverBasketball.com, too.
- 📍 **Worst habit:** Driving fast
- 📍 **On my office walls:** A photo album and pictures of me with different players
- 📍 **Love to trade places for a day with ...** Jesus
- 📍 **First job:** My first real job was at the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in Knoxville. I was a tour guide. I got to show people around, and I had to learn about all the things we had there.
- 📍 **Talent I'd most like to have:** I wish I could sing.
- 📍 **Favorite meal:** Outback Steakhouse! I like the New York Strip medium-well with sweet potatoes—extra stuffing inside—and a salad with ranch dressing.
- 📍 **Favorite athlete to watch in another sport:** Tiger Woods
- 📍 **Favorite city to visit:** I enjoy going to Dallas because my family's there.
- 📍 **Favorite teams as a kid:** Whatever team my dad played on. Oh, and whatever team Alonzo Mourning was on, as well.
- 📍 **Favorite value in others:** Honesty
- 📍 **Favorite physical attribute about myself:** My smile
- 📍 **And least ...** My Achilles tendon!
- 📍 **Dream date:** No comment
- 📍 **My greatest love:** My family
- 📍 **My bucket list:** I would love to do a cross-country road trip, and I want to do a mission trip to Africa.
- 📍 **My motto:** Live life to the fullest.

—Jeff D'Alessio

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As the NFL preps to open camp, which 32 players are poised for a breakout campaign in 2009? Find your team's potential star in the new issue of *SN Magazine*.

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## **Fever's Douglas making a difference in life and death**

Family dealing with cancer gets support from Fever's Douglas

By David Woods

Katie Douglas gets her first WNBA All-Star starting assignment today at Uncasville, Conn. While the Indiana Fever guard has made basketball a career, she has not made it her life. Death changed that.

Douglas, 30, lost her mother to breast cancer in 2000 and her father to pancreatic cancer in 1997.

When she was asked to speak to a woman fighting breast cancer, a person she didn't know, it didn't take long to get Douglas on the phone. She talked to Loraine Quillen, a crowd management employee who considered the Fever, Pacers and others at Conseco Fieldhouse part of an extended family.

"Just for her to step out of her world and take the time to call my mom, a total stranger . . . even if she didn't work at Conseco, she would have still called her," said Amy Malott, Quillen's daughter. "It just shows the remarkable character of Katie."

Douglas said she tried to cheer up the woman, praised her courage and told her she was missed by fellow ushers. Although Quillen was sedated, her daughter said the message got through.

"I just extended my thoughts, my prayers to their family," Douglas said. "I've been there before. It's sad and devastating."

Hours after the call, at 2:30 a.m. on July 10, Quillen died at the Indiana University Cancer Center. She was 68.

At the invitation of a friend last year, Douglas went to Brooke's Place, an Indianapolis organization providing support and services to grieving children and families. She said it was a resource she wishes she had when her parents died.

Malott, 41, Kokomo, said her daughters played basketball and were always fans of the Fever, who also have leading vote-getter Tamika Catchings representing Indiana in today's All-Star Game. The girls especially enjoyed seeing their grandmother when they traveled to Indianapolis for games.

The fieldhouse was "really a positive place" for Quillen, her daughter said.

"Mom was one of those people who loved people," Malott said. "She loved talking. She loved sports."

A memorial and prayer gathering will be held for Quillen from 1-5 p.m. Sunday in Pepsi Square at Conseco Fieldhouse. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking donations be made to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Tissue Bank at the IU Cancer Center.

**ESPN.com**  
**July 24, 2009**

## Older, wiser -- and stronger than ever

By Mechelle Voepel

Tamika Catchings spent the winter in Poland, getting a good look at the country and finding a new home away from home. Meanwhile, back in Knoxville, Tenn., Catchings' former coach was at times feeling like she wished she was somewhere in Europe, too.

Just like other Tennessee alumni, Catchings always has been able to call Pat Summitt to get advice and encouragement. But during the past college season, the former players were also giving back those things to Summitt. She won her 1,000th career game, but had a difficult season that ended in an unprecedented (for Tennessee) loss in the NCAA tournament's first round.

"I'd call her and say, 'It's OK, they'll get it. It may take awhile, but they'll get it eventually,'" Catchings said of the conversations she and Summitt would have about the current Tennessee players. "We'd talk about the different mentality that players have now even compared to when we came up, and before we came."

By "we," Catchings meant those players she competed with at Tennessee from 1997-2001. They are now "old school." They don't always understand these kids today.

"When you're so used to winning, when you lose a little bit, it's difficult," Catchings said. "And as a coach, then you start talking to your players and saying, 'This is what we need to do,' but they're not responding. That's where a lot of the frustration comes in for [Summitt]."

Catchings shakes her head a bit when she says this, as if she's an old lady discussing whippersnappers. She just turned 30, having celebrated her birthday Tuesday night with her best game of this season. Catchings had 28 points, 10 rebounds and three steals as Indiana bounced back from its lone loss in six weeks and beat Washington 82-70.

The Fever had won 11 games in a row, dating back to early June, before falling at Connecticut last Sunday. But the victory in D.C. puts the East-leading Fever at 12-3 with one more contest before Saturday's All-Star Game, for which Catchings was the top vote-getter.

Catchings overall is feeling stronger now than she has in recent years. She missed 13 games during the 2007 WNBA regular season with a plantar fascia injury in her left foot. Then during the playoffs that year, she suffered a ruptured Achilles tendon and wasn't able to go overseas to compete.

She had to work hard in rehab to be able to come back not just for the Fever in 2008, but also for the U.S. Olympic team.



She was able to do that. Then the Polish team she didn't get a chance to play for the previous winter still wanted her to come. She played for Lotos Gdynia, along with the Washington Mystics' Alana Beard and Monique Currie.

"I've played in Korea, Russia and Poland," Catchings said. "Korea is my favorite because that's where I became comfortable first; it was my first opportunity overseas. It became like a family over there. We lived in a dorm, and my sister went with me.

"But in Poland, I enjoyed it, too, and I liked being able to get around. It was the first time when I was overseas I had my own car, so I was able to explore things. In Poland, it was easy to drive."

Not so much in her other overseas stops?

"In Russia -- never. In Korea -- never," Catchings said, laughing. "But Poland was laid-back. And we were by the water in Gdynia, and it was just easy. And having AB and Mo there made it a lot easier, too."

Catchings is a star player, of course, but she's happier when she has teammates to share the spotlight with. It was true on the Olympic team, true in Poland and true now in Indiana, too. But there have been times with the Fever when Catchings did feel the team's fate was almost all on her.

"She doesn't have to carry the whole load for us this year, and that's taken some of the pressure off of her," Indiana coach Lin Dunn said. "In the past, she's felt like, 'I have to carry this team, I have to make something happen.' I don't think she feels that way now, and she's happy that she doesn't."

Katie Douglas, in her second season in Indiana, leads the Fever at 16.1 points per game. Catchings is at 14.3, and Tammy Sutton-Brown and Ebony Hoffman at 11.5 each. Sutton-Brown and Hoffman, who was the WNBA's most improved player last season, also combine for about 12 rebounds a game and have helped make up for the loss inside of veteran Yolanda Griffith.

The Fever had brought Griffith aboard for her veteran leadership, but she suffered a season-ending Achilles injury on June 9.

"When it happened, I was gone emotionally," Catchings said. "I was crying like crazy afterward. Knowing the rehab and the long days that she was facing, I've been there and feel for her. It's her last year, and I was really looking forward to playing with her, that post presence and everything she brings."

But that was also the same night the Fever started their 11-game winning streak, and much of that has to do with Catchings' resolve.

Of her desire to win a WNBA title, she says, "It burns -- vividly, wildly. But you get there by focusing on what's right in front of you.

"When my teammates are doing well, get them the ball. Do whatever it takes to win. For a long time, it was like if I struggled, everybody struggled. Now, if I'm struggling, I focus on what is going well for everybody else. Our chemistry is phenomenal."

Dunn, who will coach Catchings in the All-Star Game, says another key is just keeping Catchings from wearing herself out.

"The thing we have to do with Tamika is get her more rest," Dunn said. "She plays much better when she's not fatigued. And because she plays so hard, she can get fatigued. She's not 20 anymore, she's 30 and we've got to get her those extra minutes here and there to rest. I can see the difference when we do."

"But when you talk to her about pace and trying to gear down, she looks at you like you're speaking in a foreign language."

Summitt, though, might counsel Catchings on taking it easy when you can. Because Catchings definitely is still listening to her former coach.

"It says something for [Summitt] to be able to still have an impact on my life even today -- eight years removed from college," Catchings said. "Everybody sees her as this icon, like, 'Oh, my gosh, Pat Summitt!' But we all have a relationship with her that lasts. We're able to call her up and say, 'Pat, I'm struggling. What am I doing wrong?'"

Right now, though, Pat would say, "You're doing great, Tamika. Think there's any way we could get you eligible for another college season?"

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## Updated odds to win World Series

The Dodgers' hot start has dramatically improved their odds to win the Fall Classic.

	CURRENT ODDS	OPENING ODDS
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New York (A.L.)	9-2	6-1
Los Angeles (A.L.)	8-1	8-1
Detroit	12-1	15-1
Chicago (N.L.)	15-1	8-1
Philadelphia	15-1	15-1
St. Louis	15-1	20-1
Tampa Bay	15-1	15-1
New York (N.L.)	22-1	12-1
Atlanta	30-1	40-1
Milwaukee	30-1	40-1
Minnesota	30-1	25-1
San Francisco	30-1	80-1
Texas	30-1	80-1
Florida	40-1	25-1
Chicago (A.L.)	50-1	20-1
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Cincinnati	65-1	50-1
Toronto	65-1	25-1
Seattle	80-1	50-1
Houston	100-1	40-1
Oakland	200-1	40-1
Cleveland	250-1	15-1
Arizona	300-1	15-1
Kansas City	300-1	100-1
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Pittsburgh	500-1	100-1
San Diego	1000-1	45-1
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## Katie Douglas

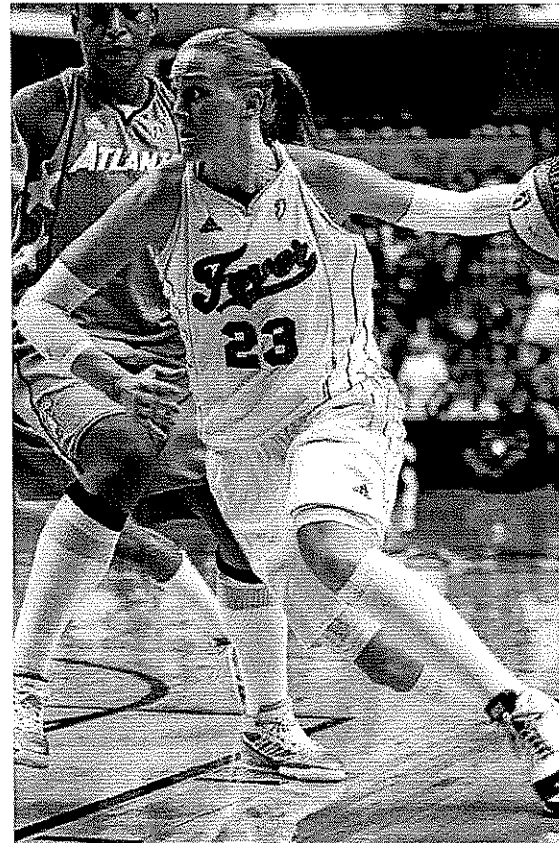
WNBA All-Star, Indiana Fever guard/forward

(What you won't find on Facebook... even if you are approved as a friend)

❶ **Born:** May 7, 1979, in Indianapolis  
 ❷ **Status:** Married  
 ❸ **Alma mater:** Purdue  
 ❹ **What's on TV:** I watch *Property Virgins* and all those home shows on HGTV. I also like *The Hills*, *The Office* and *Family Guy*.  
 ❺ **What's in my iPod:** I'm an R&B girl. Of course, I've been listening to some Michael Jackson lately, but I don't really have a favorite artist.  
 ❻ **What I drive:** Black 2008 Acura MDX  
 ❼ **Favorite flick:** *Talladega Nights*  
 ❽ **What I'm reading:** *New Moon*, by Stephenie Meyer  
 ❾ **Magazine subscriptions:** *People* and *US*  
 ❿ **Bookmarks:** FoxNews.com, MSN.com, CNN.com, IndyStar.com and ESPN.com  
 ⓫ **Worst habit:** Probably cursing  
 ⓬ **Superstition:** I do not like the number 13. I will not leave anything, like the radio, on No. 13. I also have the same routine before every game.  
 ⓭ **On my office walls:** My jerseys  
 ⓮ **Love to trade places for a day with ... (Teammate)** Tammy Sutton-Brown

❶ **First job:** In college, I was the receptionist in a hair salon. I also swept the floor. I got my hair done there, and I needed a little extra cash, so I worked there in the summer.  
 ❷ **Talent I'd most like to have:** I'd like to be more musically talented. I wish I could sing and dance.  
 ❸ **Favorite meal:** Greek food  
 ❹ **Favorite athlete to watch in another sport:** Peyton Manning  
 ❺ **Favorite city to visit:** Athens, Greece  
 ⓫ **Favorite team as a kid:** Chicago Cubs  
 ❽ **Favorite value in others:** Trust  
 ❾ **Favorite physical attribute about myself:** My smile  
 ❿ **And least ... My legs**  
 ⓫ **Dream date:** My husband, Vasilis Giapalakis. We'd be in Santorini, Greece, looking at the sunset.  
 ⓬ **My greatest love:** My family  
 ⓭ **My heroes:** My parents  
 ⓮ **My bucket list:** I want to go to Australia. I also want to have a family.  
 ⓯ **My motto:** "If you ain't first, you're last!" Just kidding, I don't really have a motto.

— Jeff D'Alessio



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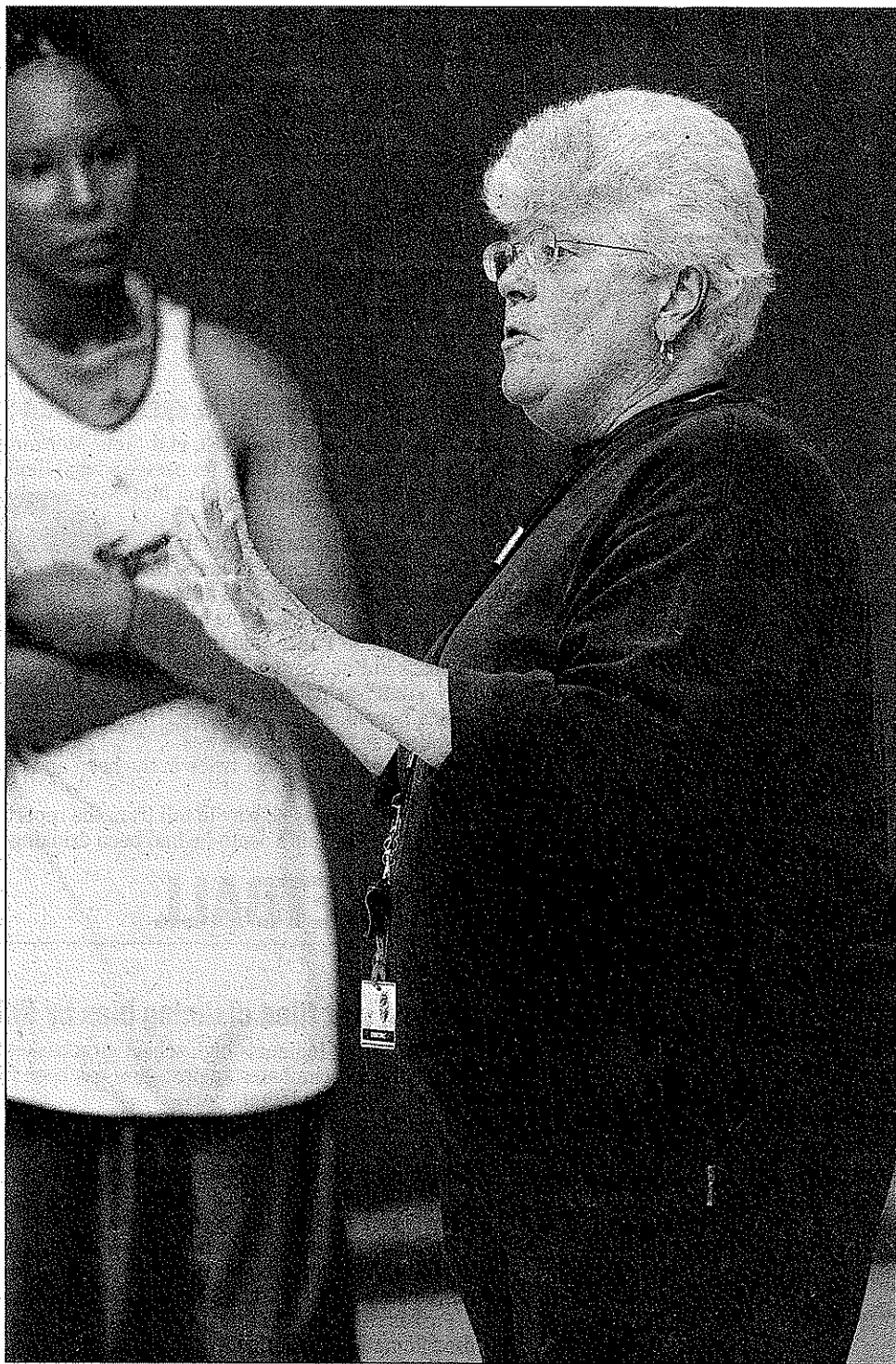
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Indiana Fever head coach Lin Dunn, right, directs the team during practice at Conseco Fieldhouse in Indianapolis on July 7. The Fever are 11-3, the best record in the WNBA.

# Renaissance woman

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# Multifaceted Dunn uses talents to get most out of WNBA's top team

By RICK MORWICK

DAILY JOURNAL SPORTS EDITOR  
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## INDIANAPOLIS

**W**ith interests ranging from music to politics, Indiana Fever coach Lin Dunn could have followed any number of career paths.

But she pursued coaching for a simple reason: She can't sing.

If she could, chances are she might have been a regular at the Grand Ole Opry instead of a pioneering figure in women's basketball.

"I wish I could sing because I would probably be a gospel singer," Dunn said in a vintage Southern drawl after a recent Fever practice, "but I'm not a very good singer.

"If I hadn't gotten into coaching, I probably would have gotten into politics. I would probably be a mayor of a small town in Tennessee or maybe a state representative."

Instead, Dunn, 62, is head coach of the WNBA's hottest team.

She's also one of the most renowned figures in women's basketball.

A coach for nearly her entire adult life, Dunn's career spans four decades and includes a college and professional record of 536-353 (.603).

A 1969 graduate of Tennessee-Martin, her first stop was at Austin Peay in 1970. From there, she had college stints with Mississippi, Miami (Fla.) and Purdue and multiple pro positions in the American Basketball League and WNBA.

(SEE DUNN, PAGE B2)

## THE DUNN FILE

**Name:** Lin Dunn

**Occupation:** Head coach, Indiana Fever

**Age:** 62

**Hometown:** Dresden, Tenn.

**College:** Tennessee-Martin, 1969 graduate

**College head coaching background:**

Founded women's basketball program at Austin Peay in 1970 and coached there through the 1975-76 season; coached one season at Mississippi (1977-78), followed by eight at Miami (Fla.) (1979-1987) and nine at Purdue (1988-1996); coached in the NCAA Tournament nine times and led Purdue to the Final Four in 1994

**Pro head coaching background:**

Portland Power, American Basketball League (1996-1998); Seattle Storm, WNBA (2000-02); Indiana Fever (2008-present)

**Fever background:** Joined team as a scout in 2003; joined coaching staff in 2004; was hired as head coach Dec. 12, 2007, following the firing of Brian Winters

**International:** Served on USA

Basketball staffs for the 1992 Olympics and 1990 gold medal World Championship and Goodwill Games teams; was head coach of the 1995 bronze medal USA Jones Cup team; served eight years on the USA Basketball selection committee

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She also has served as a head coach and an assistant coach with USA Basketball and is the winningest coach in the history of the Austin Peay, Miami (Fla.) and Purdue women's programs.

Dunn coached Purdue for nine seasons (1988-1996) and led the Boilermakers to three Big Ten championships, seven NCAA Tournament trips, four Sweet 16 appearances and to the Final Four in 1994.

She left Purdue in 1996 to embark on a pro coaching career that began with the Portland Power of the now defunct ABL.

Dunn moved on to the WNBA in 1998 and has served as head coach in Seattle as well as Indiana. She will coach the Eastern Conference All-Stars in Saturday's All-Star Game.

"I've always been an advocate for the women's game," Dunn said. "The professional game, I just thought that was the next step in the growth of our game."

Growing up in the small town of Dresden, Tenn., Dunn never dreamed of a pro league for women until the seeds for the ABL and WNBA were planted in the early 1990s.

Now that the WNBA has taken root, Dunn, who is in her second season as the Fever head coach, prefers it to the college game for the simple reason it is

**"She is fiery, but in a good way. She's going to get the most out of you. She's going to push you. She's always on us to strive to get better."**

**Tammy Sutton-Brown**

Indiana Fever center on head coach Lin Dunn

the pinnacle of the sport.

"As our college players developed and became even more talented, it was unfortunate that for many years they really had no place to go," Dunn said. "So I'm thrilled to be a part of the (WNBA). I think it just enhances the growth of our game."

"We've got 4- and 5- and 6-year-old little girls now that want to play in the WNBA. That's really neat to see."

Known as a fierce competitor with vast knowledge of the game, Dunn is popular with players because she blends a no-nonsense approach with touches of homespun humor that always make practices or games interesting.

"She's a folksy person," Fever star Tamika Catchings said. "Hailing from Tennessee, that accent is kind of crazy, that attitude is kind of fiery."

"She knows what she wants, and she's definitely a go-getter. She's focused on the task at hand."

For the Fever, the immediate task is pursuing a championship.

Indiana, which had an 11-game win-

ning streak snapped Sunday at Connecticut, has the league's best record (11-3) heading into tonight's game at Washington.

"The thing with Lin is, she's always on you," point guard Tully Bevilacqua said. "The thing about that is, if she's on you, it's because she wants to make you better."

"She also has the ability to throw in a little one-liner just to lighten the mood a little bit. At the same time, when we need coach Dunn to kind of give us a rev-up, she'll do that, too."

Veteran center Tammy Sutton-Brown agreed.

"She is fiery, but in a good way," Sutton-Brown said. "She's going to get the most out of you. She's going to push you. She's always on us to strive to get better. Even right now, yeah, we're playing good basketball, but there's a lot of things we need to focus on."

"In practice, she's still yelling at us and screaming, but she just wants us to get better. That's her personality, and I wouldn't want it any other way."

Were coaching not her passion, Dunn might have done something dramatically different for a living after college.

Singing wasn't an option, but dancing might have been.

And it's never too late to rule out politics.

"I love to dance," Dunn said. "I might be teaching ballroom dancing, but probably I would have gotten into politics, maybe (even) been a lawyer."

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## Bevilaqua still makes Fever go with her defense and 3-pointers

Veteran guard turns 37 today, but the Australian is in such good shape that she feels like a 'spring chicken'

By David Woods

The Indiana Fever's Tully Bevilaqua almost certainly won't be among reserves chosen to the WNBA's Eastern Conference All-Star team Monday. Not with guards such as Connecticut's Lindsey Whalen, Detroit's Katie Smith and Deanna Nolan, and Chicago's Jia Perkins available.

Bevilaqua is the point guard for the league's best team, however, and her 11th season has become her best. Her resume already includes a WNBA title with Seattle in 2004, a world championship gold medal in 2006 and an Olympic silver medal in 2008.

Being an All-Star would be far-fetched, she said. The 5-5 Australian would settle for a victory today -- her 37th birthday -- over the Connecticut Sun.

"I'm like wine, aren't I?" she asked. "You know, I'm loving it."

Perhaps not as much as teammates are loving her. The Fever are 11-0 with her as a starter, setting a franchise record for consecutive wins.

Coach Lin Dunn suggested Bevilaqua's 3-point shooting has been as responsible for the Fever's surge as any development.

Bevilaqua worked diligently in the offseason, and now she has the confidence to match her accuracy.

"Now, even if I miss a couple of shots, I'm going to make the next one," she said. "It's just the mental training that I've done."

Bevilaqua is 21-of-48 for a .438 percentage that ranks fourth in the league among those with 20 or more 3-pointers. She is averaging a career high in scoring (7.5) and nearly so in assists (2.8). And that's all in an energy-preserving 25 minutes a game.

Not that she is concerned about fatigue. She trained so relentlessly with the Fever's strength and conditioning staff that she is as fit as ever.

"I feel like a spring chicken right now," she said.

Defenders once hedged off Bevilaqua, virtually daring her to shoot. That has become an undesirable strategy.

"We love it when teams leave her open," Fever guard Katie Douglas said. "She's ready to knock it down. There's never any hesitation."

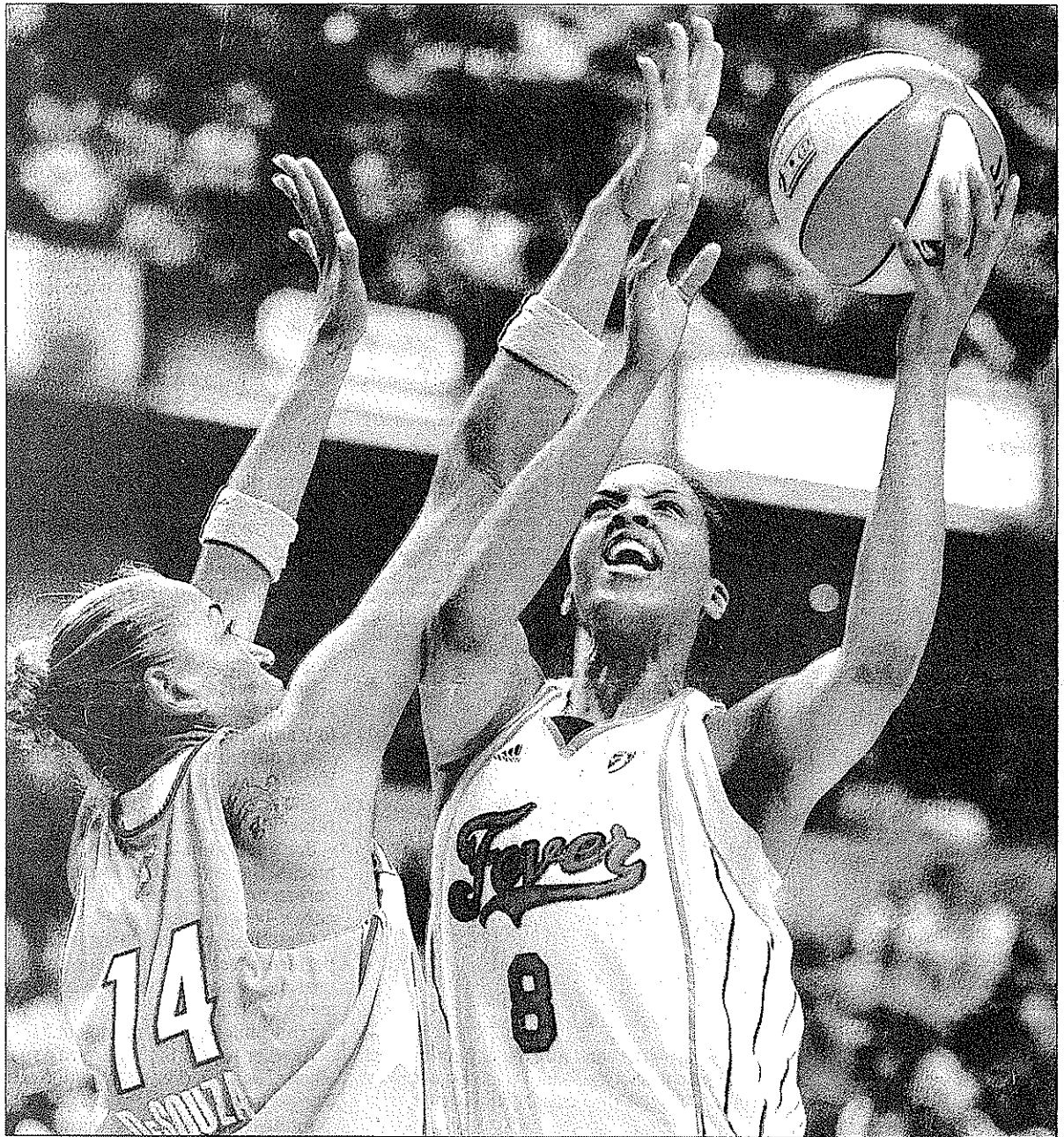
"She's just that consummate leader that we need out there on the floor, directing traffic, getting us in our offense, and also being the catalyst for us on defense."

Bevilaqua has been on the league's all-defensive team in each of the past four seasons.

Dunn has long stated that no one wants to be guarded by Bevilaqua.

Now you can't leave her unguarded, either.

"You just can't do it," Dunn said. "And that's huge for us."



AP PHOTOS

The Indiana Fever's Tammy Sutton-Brown, right, shoots over the Atlanta Dream's Erika Desouza during a July 5 game in Indianapolis. An 84-74 victory against Chicago on Wednesday gave the Fever a 10-game winning streak.

## Unsung center not interested in taking credit

By JASON MARTIN

DAILY JOURNAL SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

### INDIANAPOLIS

Indiana Fever center Tammy Sutton-Brown likes to deflect attention as much as she likes blocking shots.

When asked how she has managed to have one of the finest seasons of her nine-year WNBA career, she credits her teammates with lines straight from the players' humility handbook.

"When you have shooters on the perimeter like Katie Douglas and Tamika Catchings, teams can't help out like they used to, and that opens it up and leaves me one-on-one, which I like," she said after Wednesday's 84-74 defeat of Chicago. While Sutton-Brown might be

### THE SUTTON-BROWN FILE

**Name:** Tammy Sutton-Brown  
**Team:** Indiana Fever  
**Position:** Center  
**Number:** 8  
**Height:** 6-foot-4  
**Weight:** 199 pounds  
**Age:** 31  
**College:** Rutgers  
**WNBA experience:** In ninth season  
**Stats:** This season, Sutton-Brown is averaging 11.4 points, 7.1 rebounds and 1.9 blocks a game.

speaking the truth, she is telling only part of the story.

The paint is more open with defenders looking toward Catchings and Douglas outside, but in Sutton-Brown's 33 minutes on the court against Chica-

go, rarely did she miss a blockout.

Point guard Tully Bevilacqua made some nice interior passes and lobs to Sutton-Brown, but it takes a deft touch around the basket to sink 10 of 11 shots and set a single-game franchise field-goal percentage record, as she did Wednesday.

And when it came to neutralizing the height advantage of 6-foot-6 Chinese rookie Chen Nan, the Fever guards' tendency to push the tempo helped, but it wouldn't have been as effective if Sutton-Brown weren't uncommonly quick for her position and able to routinely burn Nan down court.

"She's running the floor as well as she's run it in years," Indiana coach Lin Dunn said. "She is demanding the basketball."

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"Post players aren't necessarily the quickest or fastest, but I do like to run," Sutton-Brown said.

A native of Ontario, Canada, the 6-foot-4 ninth-year veteran from Rutgers hopes to help Indiana extend its franchise-record 10-game winning streak when the Fever host Atlanta at 7 tonight at Conseco Fieldhouse.

Sutton-Brown's acknowledgments of her All-Star teammates also probably are only part of the story of Indiana's successful first half.

This week, Catchings and Douglas were voted as Eastern Conference starters, and Dunn was appointed to lead the team.

It's quite likely they'll have the company of Sutton-Brown for the game July 25 in Connecticut.

She is averaging 11.4 points and team-highs of 7.1 rebounds and 1.9 blocked shots per game.

She's fourth in the WNBA in rebounding and third in blocks. Her rebounding average is the best of her career, and she's about a half-point off matching her career-best scoring average.

"Any time your inside player has such a dominating performance, I love it," Douglas said. "I love when our post players are providing a big presence for us offensively and defensively.

"Our philosophy is inside-out."

Another part of Sutton-Brown's success is having Ebony Hoffman draw some of the attention in the post. The 6-2 forward averages 10.5 points and 5.2 rebounds.

Against Chicago, most of Hoffman's 18 points and seven rebounds came in the first half. After halftime, it was Sutton-Brown's turn to control the action inside, with 14 points coming in the third and fourth quarters.

"Tammy and I are playing well together; and (Wednesday), we just fed off each other," Hoffman said.

Yet Sutton-Brown said she is receiving as much or more than she's contributing to the team.

She said she can never remember being on a team that has won 10 consecutive games.

"I have great perimeter players who are out there and making it easy for me right now," she said. "It's always fun and easy when you're winning."

Sutton-Brown spent her first six seasons in Charlotte but said she has found a home in Indiana.

"I love it here, and it shows when we get on the court how much we want to win for each other," she said. "We keep on breaking records. Our confidence is up there, and it's something we'll keep working to build."

Should she make the All-Star roster, it will be Sutton-Brown's third career selection to the squad.

But she said she's focused neither on personal accolades nor the mounting winning streak that has given the Fever the best record in the league.

"Our coach keeps us humble, and trust me, she'll find the mistakes we made," Sutton-Brown said. "I know we have Atlanta next, but beyond that, I don't even know where we go."

"That's how much we're focused on the next game."

## Dixon's experience, poise crucial to Fever

July 15, 2009 | By Ericka Sanders

Indiana Fever guard Tamecka Dixon has been a much larger influence on the season than her stats show.

First, she's experienced. A 12-year veteran, Dixon is one of just four active players remaining from the WNBA's inaugural season in 1997.

Second, Dixon's pretty darn durable. In 12 seasons she's played in 328 regular season and 36 playoff games, averaging 10.3 points.

Finally, as fellow guard Tully Bevilacqua puts it, "When Tamecka is on the floor, and especially in crucial moments, she keeps it cool. We all have confidence that she's going to make the right play at the right time."

And that is what the New Jersey born and raised Dixon has done for teams throughout her basketball career. She's not flashy, but she can be creative. She doesn't post huge numbers, but she makes big plays.

Dixon hasn't played many minutes for Indiana, but when she's on the court, she makes every second and each play count.

Take the June 21 home game against Detroit. In 16 minutes, Dixon scored eight points, shooting 3-of-5 from the field, including two 3-pointers, and had two assists and two crucial steals that turned the game around.

"I see my role as a steadying presence on the court," Dixon said. "I try to come in and do whatever it is I think we're lacking in."

Coming to Indiana as a free agent, Dixon had to make a sacrifice. For the majority of her career, she's been a starter and with the Fever's starting line-up pretty much set, the Kansas grad knew she would have to come off the bench.

"It's a different, but I relish it and try to do it to the best of my ability," she said. "It does allow me to look at what we may be lacking and implement those things when I do come into the game."

It's that way of thinking that makes Dixon a favorite among players and coaches. As training camp was winding down, Fever coach Lin Dunn had to choose between Dixon and Tan White, whom the team drafted in 2005.

"We chose Dixon because of her experience," Dunn said. "She's plays whatever role we need her to play. She understands the game, and she's tremendous at getting to the rim and creating her own shot. She just has a poise about her that is invaluable off the bench."

Dixon's willingness to come off the bench is also a sign that her career may be winding down.



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“I’m thinking this may be my last year, but we’ll see how it goes,” she said. “I’m 33, and I probably still got a little bit of basketball left in me. But I’m kind of ready to do other things.”

The plan after basketball is to put more time into her business of training youths in basketball that she started last year with her father, who played professional basketball in France, Italy and Argentina, and her personal trainer.

When and if Dixon retires, she’ll leave behind a professional career that included amazing moments, including being among the WNBA’s all-time leaders in games played, points, assists, steals and minutes, and two championships with the Sparks.

“It’s been crucial having someone like Tamecka coming off the bench and bringing her smarts out on the court,” Bevilacqua said. “She’s even teaching me to stay calm under pressure, something she’s really good at.”

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## January thrives in Indianapolis

By Gina Mizell

For Briann January, the rookie life in the WNBA is pretty darn good so far.

After all, the Indiana Fever point guard gets to share the floor with MVP candidates Tamika Catchings and Katie Douglas every game and ranks first among rookies in assists (2.9 per game).

Not to mention, Indiana is in the middle of a franchise-record nine-game winning streak and will go for No. 10 in a row against Chicago on Wednesday.

"I was just blessed enough to get [drafted by a] team with amazing people and some amazing veterans that have just made this whole transition for me and experience for me just great," January said. "I can't say enough about my teammates — they have made this so easy for me."

But that doesn't mean adjusting from college basketball to the professional ranks has been a complete cakewalk for the former ASU standout.

January was drafted sixth overall by the Fever on April 9, which was just over a week after the ASU women's basketball team ended its 2008-09 season with a loss to eventual national champion Connecticut in the Elite Eight of the NCAA Tournament.

After the draft, she returned to ASU to finish school and graduate and then had to pack up and make the move from Tempe to Indianapolis in time for the start of training camp on May 17.

"From the end of the NCAA Tournament to me coming out here [to Indianapolis] to now [has] been a whirlwind," January said. "There was a point when I was in a little of a panic because I was like, 'Oh my gosh, how am I going to get all this done?' It was just coming so fast at me, but it all worked out."

January then had to survive training camp, which wasn't exactly a guarantee for anyone after the WNBA reduced roster sizes to 11 players for the 2009 season.

"It was fast-paced, and you better believe it was cut-throat," she said. "It made me grow as a player really fast. It was just crazy, because you'd show up one day and two people were gone. It was super scary. If you had a bad day you were like, 'Oh my gosh, am I going home?'"

January not only made the Fever's final roster but emerged as the team's starting point guard for the season opener.

But in the two games that January started at the beginning of the season, Indiana went 0-2.

Fever veteran point guard Tully Bevilacqua was then moved into the starting lineup ahead of January, but January said she has embraced her new role as the Fever's first player off the bench.

"I can honestly say that it was a good move," January said. "We lost the two games that I did start, and so adjustments have to be made.

Being able to come off the bench, you get a feel for the game, you get to see what's going on [and] you get to make the adjustments that the players on the court can't see. It gives me a little of an advantage going into the game, and I like it a lot, actually."

The Fever hasn't lost since the role switch.

Even though January now has 11 WNBA games under her belt, she said she still has moments where it hits her that she's made it to the sport's highest level.

"I'm a big, big nerd, and I've had that thought a couple times," she said. "We went and played in Madison Square Garden and I was like, 'Wow, OK, I'm here. I'm in the league playing in Madison Square right now,' and I had to step back and soak it all in. It's so exciting every night, just because the players you're playing against and the energy that's coming from the game is awesome."

January has also had plenty of moments that made her "feel like a rookie," such as when she had to guard WNBA superstars Sue Bird and Becky Hammon and when she was told by Fever coach Lin Dunn that information that would take over a month to cover in college would have to be learned in a week at the professional ranks.

"I've played basketball forever, but coming to this level, there's just so much more to the game," she said. "You really have to be a student of the game to catch up. There's so much more going on in this game than [there] was in college."

But January has been able to lean on her veteran teammates to for support and guidance — especially Bevilacqua.

"From day one, [Bevilacqua] was helping me with the transition, especially because she's an established point guard in the league and she's been here forever," January said. "I can't tell you how much she's helped me in this process in just giving me little tidbits or just leading by example. She's been amazing for me."

Also helping January make the jump to the WNBA is what she learned during her ASU career, both on and off the court.

"I feel like I was more prepared than a lot of the new players coming into the league, and I've been told that," January said. "[The ASU] coaches don't just teach us how to be good basketball players, they teach us how to be respectable people hard workers, and I think those are the two things that are really respected in the WNBA."

January has even been able to draw many similarities between ASU coach Charli Turner Thorne and Dunn, as well as between both coaches' respective staffs.

"Besides the southern drawl that Lin Dunn has, I can honestly say there's not much [difference]," January said. "Lin is a little more of a yeller, but at the same time she only yells when she needs to, and that's basically the same way Charli coached. We value defense here, and that's what Charli's all about, so it's the perfect fit for me."

January has also started to adapt to her new surroundings in Indianapolis, which she said is "definitely no Arizona" but is comparable to her hometown of Spokane, Wash.

"It has this small-town feel," she said. "Indianapolis is a city and it has some big-city things, but the people down here and just the way things are is just definitely laid back. Everybody's been so welcoming down here."

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But one date January has had circled on her calendar all summer is Aug. 8, which is when the Fever travels to Phoenix to take on the Mercury.

“[On] draft day I looked at the schedule and knew when I was going to be back in Arizona,” she said. “It’s definitely something that I’ve had marked on my calendar for a long time, and I’m excited to come back and see everybody. I miss Tempe, I miss my [ASU] teammates [and] I miss everybody down there.”

Until then, January’s goal is to keep improving as a professional player and to continue to be the spark plug on both ends of the floor that Sun Devil fans came to know during her time in Tempe.

“[I want to] just grow defensively and continue studying the game,” she said. “Being able to be that point guard that can knock down open shots and get to the rim and just create for my teammates, I think that’ll help my team make it to a championship.”

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## Catchings keeps tinkering overtime to figure out why shot is off

By Mark Dent

Teammates call Tamika Catchings a perfectionist. Away from the game she can relax, but not in a gym.

There, she always has to stay late after practice and fix some kind of deficiency. The Indiana Fever guard always has to work on something so she can be, as she says, the best player she can be, the perfect her.

Right now, though, something has rocked Catchings' basketball world: her shot. She's shooting about 32 percent from the field, nearly 10 percent below her career average, and just 29 percent from the 3-point line.

"It's a little off right now," she said.

This is the Fever, though. The season has been mainly about good news, so there is an upside to this slump. At this point, it doesn't matter Catchings hasn't shot the ball well. Indiana has won eight consecutive games and looks for a ninth victory tonight at Chicago.

But Catchings and her teammates know if she starts hitting her shots, that streak has a much better chance of continuing.

Being a perfectionist, Catchings is already working on the problem. Actually, she has been for the past three years.

"I've done a lot of work," Catchings said. "You just can't see it right now."

It started in Houston in 2006, at the NBA All-Star break. Catchings went there for the festivities and worried she wouldn't be able to work on her game. An assistant with the Houston Comets recommended Marvin Harvey. He's the classic shot doctor, having worked with WNBA player Marie Ferdinand and several NBA and overseas players.

Catchings could already notice the improvement in her shot with Harvey's help. So after a week of 6 a.m. workouts, she hired him full time. Since then, they've worked mainly in the offseason, turning her shot from what she called very ugly to what it is now.

And the past three seasons, it has been good. She shot a career-high percentage from behind the arc last year.

Catchings can't quite figure out why she's missing so often this season.

She and Harvey are desperately trying to find the problem. He came to Indianapolis last week for some lessons. They are focusing on her feet. She's not setting them properly when she receives the ball.

"A lot of times I'm running," Catchings said, "and I just try to hurry up and get it."

To fix the problem, Catchings has been watching tape of herself and of shooters like Michael Jordan and Kobe Bryant.

But maybe the perfectionist has done all the perfecting she can do. Teammate Katie Douglas said Catchings' work ethic and ability to self-criticize has made her the All-Star that she is.

"I keep telling her," Douglas said, "you have to stop thinking about it."

### Dunn earns coaching honor

Because the Fever (8-2) are assured of the Eastern Conference's best winning percentage through Wednesday, Lin Dunn will replace Bill Laimbeer as a head coach in the WNBA All-Star Game on July 25 at Uncasville, Conn. It's the first time for Dunn, who replaces Laimbeer because he stepped down from reigning conference champion Detroit last offseason. Said Dunn: "It is a great honor to be named coach of the East All-Star team. I am really happy for the Fever to be represented. It really is a reflection of what the team has accomplished thus far."

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## **Tale of Two Point Guards**

By Scott Stanchak

Imagine playing the game you love professionally for 10 years, then having to step aside and teach everything you know to your replacement. The typical emotions you'd experience range from rejection to jealousy, none too unusual. You have, after all, just been benched.

Then there's the scenario in Indiana with Fever guards Tully Bevilaqua and Briann January. Bevilaqua has spent the last decade in the WNBA. Meanwhile, January is a fresh-faced rookie looking to make a name for herself.

The thing is: There is no bitter rivalry between the two, only a friendship that makes their 14-year age difference seem obsolete. They live in the same housing complex, listen to similar music (everything from country to dance) and plan on having a barbecue in the near future. They are truly friends despite the Fever grooming January to take over at the point, Bevilaqua's spot for the last four seasons in Indiana.

"The thing with Bri is, for one, she's a great person," Bevilaqua said. "She's got a lot of talent and she's definitely the future of this club."

"She's been an amazing mentor this entire time," January said. "She's been super, super supportive of me."

Bevilaqua came into the WNBA as a free agent with the Cleveland Rockers in 1998. She became a full-time starter with the Portland Fire the next season before moving on to Seattle in 2003. There, she won a WNBA Championship, but wasn't getting nearly enough minutes with Sue Bird and Betty Lennox ahead of her on the depth chart. So she moved on to Indiana in 2005 and started every game she played in (129) over the next four years.

The Aussie native claims to have never had a mentor early in her career. But with the hundreds of different players she's gone up against and the thousands of in-game situations she's seen, Bevilaqua is willing to dish off what she knows to the 22-year-old January.

"It's not like bombarding her every day with something new," Bevilaqua said. "It's just, when there's something at this particular moment she can do differently or think about, then that's when I like to have a chat in her ear."

"I can't tell you how much she's helped me. She's helped me on offense and defense. She's in my ear consistently and I love it," January said.

January was a track and basketball star at Lewis and Clark High School in Spokane, Wash. She chose Arizona State University to further her basketball career and left leading the Sun Devils in assists and steals all four years. January was also awarded with the Pac-10 Defensive Player of the Year award her junior and senior seasons.

The Fever, coming off a first-round playoff loss to the Detroit Shock, were looking for their point guard of the future this off-season. The draft was stocked with them, but January was the one Fever head coach Lin Dunn really had her eyes on. Dunn preaches defense and January was one of the best defensive players in the

pool. Indiana wasted no time snatching her with the sixth-overall pick.

"It's easy to work with someone who's willing to learn, willing to listen to what you've got to say," Bevilaqua, who would like to become a coach in the WNBA when she retires, said. "Once she learns the rigors of the WNBA, she's going to have a long future in this game and hopefully a long future with the Fever because in my eyes she's definitely the future point guard."

"I couldn't imagine coming to a better team," January said. "All these girls worry about is winning."

Being the future face of the franchise and talking nice about her teammates can only get January so far. But it doesn't exclude her from any innocent rookie hazing, including from Bevilaqua.

"She's never called me January. I pretty much have gotten every other month of the year other than January," she said. "It's just good fun."

January began the season as the Fever's starting point guard, but a string of mediocre games put the ball back in the hands of Bevilaqua, who's handled it in the eight games since. During this time, Bevilaqua is averaging eight points, two assists and two steals per game. January, meanwhile, is dropping five points, three assists and one steal a night.

"Regardless of if she's starting or if I'm starting, it doesn't matter, every time we're out on the court we're giving 110 percent and getting the job done," said January.

The two *are* getting the job done, as the Fever are leading the Eastern Conference with an 8-2 record and a league-best eight wins in a row.

"I'm super excited with the chemistry of our team and the work ethic of our players," January said. "I'm so excited to see how far we can make it and make a run towards the championship."

Spoken from a true leader-in-training.

## The Herald Bulletin July 9, 2009

### Douglas makes her mark

By Justin Albers

INDIANAPOLIS — Tamika Catchings has always been the face of the Indiana Fever franchise, and for good reason. She was the team's first-ever selection in the WNBA Draft, and she has a career scoring average of 16.6.

Catchings also started the first 186 games as a member of the team between 2002 and 2007 and helped lead Indiana to its first-ever playoff birth.

But now, Katie Douglas has joined Catchings as an MVP candidate and shining star.

The Purdue graduate and Indianapolis native came to the Fever in 2008 after two seasons in Orlando and five with the Connecticut Sun and has molded well with a team that always seemed to be missing that one piece.

Fans consistently pestered general manager Kelly Krauskopf to bring Douglas to town, and the eight-year pro hasn't disappointed. Douglas, who practiced only "two or three times" with Catchings last year, averaged a team-high 15.6 points per game in her initial year with the Fever but shot a mediocre 37 percent from the field and scored only 7.3 ppg in the postseason (she struggled with a knee injury in the playoffs). Catchings was injured on and off throughout the year, and the team just never came together.

"The chemistry that we have out on the floor this year is much more fluid," Douglas said. "Last year it was really hard to get an understanding of each other at the start of games because I came in right before the season started."

Indiana finished 17-17 and was bounced from the playoffs in only four games by the eventual world champion Detroit Shock. This year, however, has been different.

With Douglas leading the way, the Fever has rolled to eight consecutive wins and the best overall record in the league. Douglas, who is currently third in Eastern Conference All-Star voting (22,407), is averaging a team-high 16.9 ppg while making 44 percent of her field goal attempts.

She said her second year with the Fever has felt a lot more comfortable.

"Earlier in the season we had a guy come in, a 'shot doctor' kind of thing," Douglas said after a recent home game at Conseco Fieldhouse. "He really kind of broke it down to me and told me a couple of helpful hints that I could do. I've really been trying to work on that, and when you get in a good rhythm, you try to stay in a good rhythm."

Douglas routinely spends most of the offseason playing ball in Moscow to earn some extra money and hone her skills.

But this year the schedule allowed her to play less minutes, and she has returned to the Fever fresher than ever as a result. Douglas, 30, is on a short list of MVP candidates that includes her teammate Catchings along with Seattle's Lauren Jackson and Phoenix's Diana Taurasi.

Douglas' scoring average is good for seventh-best in the league, and she ranks in the top five in minutes per game, 3-pointers made and 3-pointers attempted.

"I cannot remember, even all the years in Connecticut, where she played with more confidence," Dunn said. "She's poised; she's like having a coach out there on the floor. She's really playing at a high level."

Included in the eight wins this season were two consecutive 17-point comebacks that kept the winning streak alive. The first came against the Shock on June 21 when Indiana rallied from a 54-37 deficit and outscored Detroit 45-16 over the final 16:53.

The second came courtesy of Douglas, who scored all 28 of her points in the second half to help the Fever knock off New York 82-81 in the famous Madison Square Garden on June 26. Indiana had trailed 50-33 before making the push.

Rumors have been surrounding the WNBA and the Fever this season as to whether the team will ever exist past this year. Douglas would like to win a title to put a little more pressure on the Simon brothers to keep the team in Indianapolis.

"We talk a lot about control and not to focus too much on the stuff we can't control," she said. "We've talked about controlling what we can do. We can go out there and compete, we can go out there and win ball games. Honestly, as a player on this team and as a leader on this team, I'm telling people to pay close attention to each and every game. Unfortunately, the business side, we can't control any of it."

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## Fever's Douglas finds herself among the best No American women's pro basketball player is playing better right now

By David Woods

Who is the best female American basketball player? Right now, that is.

Lauren Jackson is a two-time MVP of the WNBA and has long been the world's best female player. She is Australian, though.

Candace Parker was MVP last year, but she is coming off maternity. Lisa Leslie has been the most dominant player of her generation, but she is 36 and in her final season. And she is injured.

Becky Hammon? Plays for Russia's national team.

Seimone Augustus? Injured.

Diana Taurasi? Maybe.

Katie Douglas? Now we're talking.

Granted, it is early. But so far, the Indianapolis native has been the best player on the best team in the best league. USA Basketball has repeatedly snubbed her for the national team, but no American is playing better *right now*.

Douglas will try to help her current team, the Indiana Fever (6-2), stay on top against her former team, the Connecticut Sun (4-3), in tonight's game at Conseco Fieldhouse.

Fever coach Lin Dunn said the final spot for the 2008 Olympic team came down to Douglas, Alana Beard or Kara Lawson. Coach Anne Donovan chose Lawson.

There is no major international tournament this year, although there is a World Championship in the Czech Republic in September 2010. Douglas, 30, said she feels young and would be willing to play for Team USA.

"Obviously, I know they have my birth certificate and know I'm not getting any younger," she said, smiling. "It's a great honor, and if it comes my way, I'll seize the moment and seize the opportunity. But if it doesn't . . .

"Right now, my goal is to chase after that elusive championship, be a leader for this team."

The Fever are unusual in that they could end up with two MVP candidates, Tamika Catchings and Douglas. Catchings won gold medals at the 2004 and 2008 Olympics and 2002 worlds, and a bronze at the 2006 worlds.

"Trust me, I believe that she should be on a team, too," Catchings said of Douglas. "I have no input whatsoever."

Douglas has had plenty of impact with the Fever after scaling back in her offseason league in Moscow.

The lightened load allowed Douglas to be fresher. She had few preseason practices a year ago after being acquired from the Sun, and she finished the season with an ailing knee. This year she went through a full training camp with the Fever.

"That's helped us get to know each other on and off the court," Catchings said. "And it helps when we play."

Douglas said she benefited from tips delivered by "shot doctor" Marvin Harvey of Tampa, Fla. She began this season rested, healthy -- although she needs pads on both elbows -- and confident.

In successive games, the Fever erased 17-point deficits to win in rallies sparked by Douglas. She scored 17 of her 23 in the second half of an 82-70 victory over Detroit. She scored all of her 28 points after halftime in an 82-81 victory at New York.

"That second half, it was Reggie Miller-esque," Dunn said. "Really. That was an amazing performance."

Douglas is seventh in the league in scoring (18.1) and fifth in 3-pointers (22). It is revealing that on a Fever team with more depth than ever, she rarely sits. She is second in the league in average minutes played (35.4).

By beating the Sun, the Fever could extend their winning streak to seven, which would be a franchise record.

## **The Tennessean** **June 29, 2009**

### **Christina Wirth moves slowly in pros**

By Mike Organ

Christina Wirth and Jennifer Risper are best friends trying to make the best of challenging times.

The former Vanderbilt women's basketball stars hope to reunite in the fall when both plan to play professionally in Europe.

In the meantime, Wirth is struggling to learn to play two positions with the Indiana Fever of the WNBA and Risper's patience is being tried after the Chicago Sky cut the third-round pick on June 1.

"They know how to overcome obstacles and turn them into opportunities," Vanderbilt Coach Melanie Balcomb said. "We used to talk about that all the time, any obstacle becomes an opportunity. They did that for me in their careers while they were here ... they understand what it takes. This will be a like a bump in the road and they know how to turn it into something positive."

In the fall, Wirth and Risper plan to join many other WNBA players who spend the offseason playing professionally in Europe. They have the same agent — Eric Wiesel — who is working to get both a contract overseas.

Risper, a guard, appeared in three preseason games and averaged two points and 1.7 rebounds. She said that she wished she would have received a better explanation from Sky Coach Steve Key.

"He didn't really say anything," Risper said. "I would have liked to have heard something because then I would know what I needed to work on in the future."

She returned to Nashville and is offering individual basketball instruction through the summer.

Wirth's career with the Fever got off on the wrong foot. She twisted her ankle the day she arrived in Indianapolis and wasn't ready to play when camp began.

With or without the injury, the Fever planned to bring Wirth, the 19th player taken in the draft, along quickly.

Because of her size (6-foot-1) and shooting ability, Coach Lin Dunn is using Wirth at two positions — small forward and power forward.

"The thing we liked about Christina was her versatility," Dunn said. "She's a big small forward and a fairly average size power forward. Because of her versatility, she spreads the floor and that's what we were looking for in the draft: somebody who could knock down shots and also be a very nice passer."

Wirth didn't back down from playing both positions, but the missed time slowed her development.

"A few days after camp began, I'd try to get in there and do different stuff, maybe not the five-on-five and the completely live stuff," Wirth said. "I definitely didn't feel like I was playing 100 percent at all. But at the same time, I knew this was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and they needed to see me play in order to evaluate me."

Since then, the ankle has healed and Wirth is getting a little playing time. In seven games, she is averaging 5.3 minutes per

game. She has made 2 of 12 field goal attempts (both were 3-pointers) with five rebounds and three assists.

Dunn hasn't lost confidence in Wirth.

"When you miss two weeks, it's tough even when you're just learning one position. She's trying to learn two," Dunn said.

"Her work ethic, her intensity, her energy is huge. Because she's trying to learn these positions and trying to catch up on these reps that she's missed. ... It's just a matter of time before she's really going to give us some quality minutes at the backup three and the backup four."

## **The Liberal (Richmond Hill, Ontario) June 29, 2009**

### **Basketball pro enjoys competition in Turkey**

By Michael Hayakawa

Tammy Sutton-Brown has been a globetrotter in her professional basketball playing career, having taken to the hardwood courts in South Korea, Russia and Turkey.

But if you were to ask the 31-year-old Markham native where she's enjoyed playing the most, the odds are likely it might be in Turkey. And with good reason.

Playing centre for the Fenerbahce Queens, the six-foot, four-inch Sutton-Brown scored a game-high 18 points in the recent Turkish league final against Mersin Buyuksehir Belediyesi to propel them to a 68-54 victory and helping them claim their fourth consecutive championship.

For Sutton-Brown, it marked her third straight league championship title in as many years she's been with the club, which also finished atop the regular season standings this past season.

Being seeded as the top team entering the playoffs, the Rutgers University and Markham District High School graduate saw no reason why her team couldn't three-peat as league champions.

"I had a good feeling that we could win the title," Sutton-Brown said recently from Indianapolis, where she's embarking on her ninth WNBA campaign and third with the Indiana Fever.

"Fenerbahce is one of the top club teams in Turkey and we have some really good players who I play with overseas who are very talented."

Playing in a league comprised of 20 regular season games, Sutton-Brown noted her club also participates in the Euro League. Because of this, she noted her overseas campaign is comprised of playing almost two games a week from October until the end of January. In February, she noted the Euro League playoffs begin. In this league, the Fenerbahce Queens advanced to the quarter-finals before they were eliminated.

But once that concluded, it was back to the Turkish league and their postseason drive.

Having played previously in South Korea and Russia and in making comparisons of the calibre of ball played in each country she's resided in, Sutton-Brown said the Turkish league ranks near the top.

"The Russian league is probably the top league outside of the WNBA right now," she said.

"And that is because there are a number of Russian teams who have a number of WNBA players on their squad.

"But I will say that after Russia, Turkey is right behind. Turkey has a lot of great players and this past year, there were a number of WNBA players who played there making the league very competitive."

While enjoying her stay in Turkey, Sutton-Brown said she's been appreciative of her time playing in South Korea and Russia.

"I've been fortunate because I have enjoyed all my experiences overseas," she said. "Each city I have played in has been good and different from the next."

For Sutton-Brown though, she intends to be back in Istanbul when the ball is tipped off to begin the 2009-2010 European campaign as she has one more year remaining on her current contract.

In returning with her Fenerbahce Queens team, there's the incentive of winning a fourth consecutive Turkish league title.

In between time with the Indiana Fever and returning to Istanbul, Sutton-Brown will get back to her Markham roots to run her second annual basketball camp.

This year's camp is scheduled to run July 20 to 24 at Father Michael McGivney Catholic Academy and from Aug. 17 to 21.

New this year will be a Tall Girl Clinic to take place Aug. 22 and 23.

**The Southside Times**  
**June 25, 2009**

## **Katie Douglas carries on**

### **Furious Fever defense produces win on emotional weekend**

By Tia Nielson and Lael Nielson

How did you honor your father on Father's Day? Katie Douglas, former Perry Meridian and Purdue basketball standout, faced a painful memory on Father's Day weekend: the anniversary of her father's death to cancer. It also closely coincided with the same sad anniversary of her mother's passing.



So, Katie did what her parents asked her to do.

The two-time WNBA All-Star, now headlining for the Indiana Fever, focused her attention on the task at hand June 21 to fuel a decisive victory over the Detroit Shock, the reigning WNBA champion. Her parents message to Katie? "Carry on."

Carry on she did. Much to the Shock's dismay.

As each parent faced leaving this life, they challenged Katie and her

three siblings to carry on. "Don't let your life spiral (downward)," said Katie in an exclusive pre-game interview. "They wanted something good to come out of it."

For now, that is excelling in a game that is being honed by her contributions to women's professional basketball. Katie's focused mindset prepares her to face each game, the fluidity of the team roster, and life with unusual toughness for a 30-year-old.

Katie's mind is made up that she will make things work out for the best. When teammates are waived and new ones join the team, Douglas decides, "We're going to make it work." We treat the group here today like they'll be here all season. "These are the people we're going to battle with."

Katie affirms that team chemistry is part of on-court success. "It's a huge factor." With teams changing roster members for any reason, Douglas said, "As an athlete, we don't concern ourselves with what we can't control." We focus on what we can control — and that is how we play basketball.

With an emotion-laden weekend, Douglas made sure she contributed fully to what was in her control.

The Indiana Fever beat the Detroit Shock for the second time in three nights, 82-70.

Fierce and competitive, the first quarter kept the teams fairly even, swinging the lead back and forth six times. Two pivotal points

turned the game. First: with the Fever trailing 38-37 in the second quarter, Detroit went on a 16-0 run from 3:36 of second quarter to the 6:53 mark of the third quarter.

Second: Fever coach Linn Dunn called a time out at that point for her beleaguered team, now trailing 54-37. The result? The Fever defensive pressure turned up immediately.

Smothering their opponents over the course of the next 16 minutes, they outscored the Shock 40-8. Allowing only one basket in the first nine minutes of the fourth quarter, the Fever went up 77-62. Maintaining that intensity, the Fever wrapped it up at 82-70.

This hearty team effort was lead by Douglas, with 17 second-half points and 23 overall. Perennial fan favorite Tamika Catchings chimed in for 15, while Tammy Sutton-Brown added 13 points. The Fever held Detroit to 31 percent shooting in the second half while the Fever shot 55.6 percent, with points coming from eight players.

This moves the Indiana Fever to 4-2 on the season. They are only one-half game behind Washington in the Eastern Conference with the next home game on Saturday, June 27, against the New York Liberty at 7 p.m.

The take-home for Katie Douglas? Chalk one up for honor. This one's for you, Dad.





## Veteran Dixon brings championship experience to Fever

By Amber Harding | June 11, 2009

The Indiana Fever, as a team, has never won a WNBA Championship, but that doesn't mean that all of its players are new to the spotlight.

Tamecka Dixon, signed by the Fever as a free agent on May 4, 2009, competed in three consecutive WNBA Finals with the Los Angeles Sparks, and her team won the title in 2001 and 2002. Dixon, along with Tully Bevilaqua and Yolanda Griffith, is one of only three current Fever players to boast a WNBA Championship ring. With this playoff experience, Dixon believes she can help to jump start the Fever this season.

"I've been there, and I was an intricate part of the championships we won in L.A.," she said. "I know what it takes to win, and I try to practice that way and show all the girls that this is the level of intensity and effort that you have to have every night to compete for a championship."

Spending nine years with the Sparks, Dixon has been in good company. In L.A., she played alongside three-time WNBA MVP and seven-time WNBA All-Star Lisa Leslie.

"I've been fortunate," Dixon said. "I was drafted by L.A. in '97 and immediately was taken under her wing. She made sure that things were easy for me as a rookie, and I really credit her with a lot of my success in this league."

As one of four active players remaining from the WNBA's inaugural season, Dixon sees herself as a leader for the younger players on the Fever squad. Because she's not a talkative person, however, she tries to lead by example.

"I feel like I've done a lot in this league," Dixon said. "And any time that I can give something to the rookies and to the young players, I try to do that. I try to offer them advice."

Entering her 12th year in the league, the three-time All-Star has experienced the highs and lows of each season. She knows what it will take for Indiana to bounce back from its 0-2 start.

"We'll be fine," she said. "I think people are panicking, but it's early. There are still some good things we can take from both efforts. Hopefully we hit our slump early, and it's nothing but up from here."

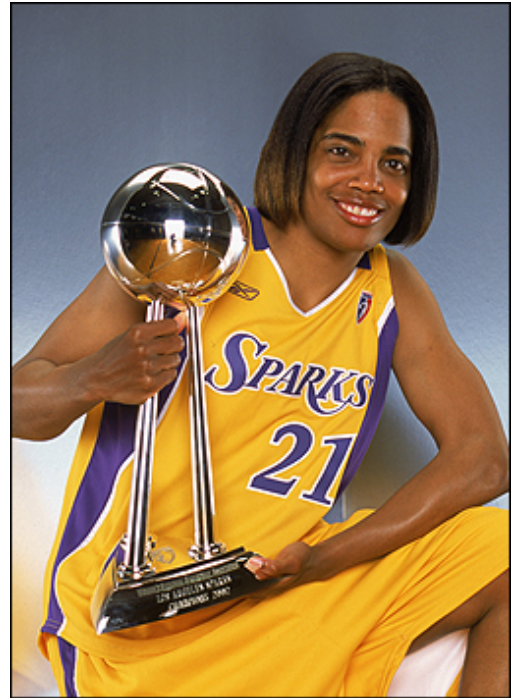
Indiana emerged from its slump on Tuesday, June 9, when it captured a 73-66 victory over the Seattle Storm. Dixon believes that this Fever team has extraordinary talent but they still need to build on the little things.

"I think we have all the pieces to contend for a championship," Dixon said. "But I think one thing we need to continue to work on is our chemistry. It's a little off right now, and it's early. So we'll develop that over the next month or so."

The team will put its chemistry to the test when the Fever takes on Leslie and the Sparks at Conseco Fieldhouse this Friday (7:00 p.m.). The Sparks have been cited by most prognosticators to win the championship this year. Dixon says that her emotions always run high when playing against her former team.

"It's always tough for me," she said. "But I'm excited about it. It's a new chapter for me here in Indiana, and it's going to be fun playing against a lot of the players that I played with in L.A. and in Houston."

Despite its bumpy start, the Indiana Fever has a long and promising season ahead. The squad gave its fans something to cheer about on Tuesday, and the players aim to carry this intensity into Friday's game against the Sparks. Veteran Tamecka Dixon has high hopes for her team, and she believes that the Fever will find success "as long as we bring the energy and the effort."



**ESPN.com**  
**June 11, 2009**

## **Yo Griffith, here's to your perseverance**

By Michelle Voepel

Yolanda Griffith had that baffled expression Tuesday like, "Ouch! What did I just step on? Where is it?" She looked at the space on the Conseco Fieldhouse court where her left foot had just been, trying to find what apparently had ended her career a few months ahead of schedule.

There was nothing there.

And so it goes rather often with those two injury "monsters" of basketball: the ruptured Achilles' tendon and the ACL tear. Sometimes there's contact or an awkward fall/landing, a distinctive moment you can re-watch, cringe and say, "Well, sure, that *would* hurt somebody."

But other times, as with Griffith on Tuesday, you really don't see anything happen. It's just that a part of an athlete's body has had enough. There is no warning, no means of prevention. It's a step on a basketball court, a player looking puzzled, then pained, then crumpling to the floor.

How many steps has a 39-year-old professional basketball player taken, do you think?

This step came in the Indiana Fever's game against Seattle, which is the team Griffith spent last season with after nine years in Sacramento. She had said coming into this season that it would be her last, and if she sticks with that decision to retire, then we've seen her final game.

How to define this career? Remarkable perseverance. In fact, that's how you'd define Griffith's life.

Her numbers went down in recent seasons, of course, yet she was still a valuable veteran presence. It was strange to see her in a Storm uniform last season, and stranger still to see her this year in the Eastern Conference, playing for Indiana.

But that's not how we'll remember her as a player. We'll always see her in our minds as a Monarch.

Griffith was, at her WNBA peak, as tough a post player to stop and to score/rebound against as there was. No WNBA championship team has been as blue-collar as Sacramento, which won the title in 2005, and no one better symbolized that than Griffith.

She came into the league in 1999, when she was already 29 years old. She'd played overseas and in the ABL. She was not a familiar name, because she hadn't played Division I in college. The birth of her daughter, while Griffith was still a teen-ager, changed the course of her life and college career. She had been at Iowa, but left and played in junior college and Division II.

The WNBA gave women's basketball fans a chance to get to know and appreciate Griffith, who became one of the league's most popular players. Fans admired her for coming up, as she once put it, on the "back road." She was an underdog because of circumstances in her life, and yet she had triumphed over that with talent and determination. She'd reached the top of her profession, all the while knowing just how far she'd had to travel to get there.

You could see her tears Tuesday night as she was taken off the court, and that was crushing. This is a woman who was only 13

years old when her mother died, someone who's felt deep loss, someone doesn't cry unless there's truly something to cry about. So you knew that she knew this was bad.

Perhaps Griffith may change her mind and try to make one more comeback, play one more full season. She'll be 40 next March, so the odds are long. Not that she isn't used to that.

But if she stays with her plan to retire from the WNBA as a player this year, there should be a spot on the sidelines somewhere if she wants that. Everything you need to know about being a post, Griffith can teach. And any young basketball player (at any position) with a lick of sense would listen to her advice about how to play the game.

If we've seen the last of Griffith as a player, with this premature end to the season, that's sad. But it's also inevitable for every athlete to have to stop sometime. Let's hope we will soon see the other ways Griffith can impact this sport in another capacity.

Finally, below is a story I did for ESPN.com in August of 2004, before the Athens Olympics. I'd had the chance to talk to Griffith in person in Sacramento for this piece. Although this is from five years ago – and it was the season before the Monarchs' title – re-reading this story made me appreciate once again the difficult journey Griffith went through – and why it was so moving the next season to see her win a championship.

June 6, 2009

## Fever players hoping for championship rings

### Three players have won elsewhere. All believe this is the Fever's year

By David Woods

Tamika Catchings and Katie Douglas have distinguished women's basketball resumes.

Both won national championships in college. Both have nearly won Most Valuable Player awards in the WNBA. Catchings has two Olympic gold medals.

However, neither has a prized piece of jewelry: a WNBA championship ring.

Three of their Indiana Fever teammates -- Tamecka Dixon, Yolanda Griffith and Tully Bevilacqua -- do. They're not greedy. They want to share that experience.

They're here to bring Indianapolis its first pro basketball championship since the ABA's Pacers in 1973.

"We've been All-Stars, we've been part of All-WNBA teams, we've won championships," Dixon said. "So at this point, you just give what you got. It doesn't really matter who gets the glory right now.

"Because at the end, we're all standing up on the podium with the trophy."

The Fever open the season tonight at the Atlanta Dream. The home opener is Sunday against the Minnesota Lynx -- exactly 10 years after the Indiana franchise was awarded on June 7, 1999.

There is speculation this will be the Fever's final season, that the financial burden has become too great for Pacers Sports & Entertainment. The players have said management seems supportive, and they can't control the future of the franchise anyway.

What they can control is on-court performance.

Griffith, 39, who has said this season would be her last, nearly came to Indiana in 2005 before staying with the Sacramento Monarchs. She and Dixon, 33, chose the Fever. They signed as free agents. So did Bevilacqua, 36, in 2005.

Catchings, 29, has made Indianapolis her home. Douglas, 30, an Indianapolis native, long sought a trade to her hometown team, and Connecticut granted that wish in 2008.

To summarize, key figures are here because they want to be. Catchings said practices have been intense.

"But at the end of the day, when we walk off the court and we're in the locker room, that chemistry is there," she said.

"It seems like we're all on the same page, and we truly believe what this team is capable of doing."

The Fever had a talented roster a year ago but endured a bumpy ride. In the beginning, Catchings didn't play because she was recovering from Achilles surgery. In the end, Douglas was ailing.

In between, there was a monthlong break for the Olympics. The Fever lost in the first round of the playoffs to the Detroit Shock, who won the WNBA title.

Fever coach Lin Dunn said Catchings and Douglas had more practices together in the first week of training camp than they did all of last season. Camp started later this year, after European leagues were done, and the WNBA's new calendar has favored the Fever.

"We've got to know each other's moves," Griffith said. "We've got to know where each other is going to be on the court. We're got to have that rhythm defensively."

Dixon won a WNBA title with the Los Angeles Sparks in 2001 and 2002, Bevilacqua with the Seattle Storm in 2004 and Griffith with the Monarchs in 2005.

Dunn said "they get it." She called Griffith a natural leader and said Catchings was especially eager to share the leadership load. The two players were teammates for the 2004 Olympic gold medalists.

"I just see a lot of players on this team who are blue-collar players who come out and get it done the best way they can," Griffith said. "And that's what I'm used to."

That's what the Fever are banking on.

#### Additional Facts

##### Fever facts

- 7-2:** Fever's record in season openers, best in WNBA.
- 4:** Consecutive trips to WNBA playoffs.
- 5:** All-Stars on roster: Tamika Catchings, Tamecka Dixon, Katie Douglas, Yolanda Griffith, Tammy Sutton-Brown.
- 19:** Combined All-Star Game appearances.
- 1:** WNBA MVP (Griffith).

#### Season opener

Fever at Dream, 7 p.m. today

## The Associated Press June 5, 2009

### Rookie point guard January steps in for Fever

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Veteran stars Tamika Catchings and Katie Douglas are the top returning scorers for the Indiana Fever, but their success this season might depend on a rookie point guard.

Coach Lin Dunn said Briann January likely will take over for veteran Tully Bevilaqua, and hopes are high after the Arizona State product led the Fever to a 3-0 preseason record.

"She scores, she pushes the ball, she runs the team, she defends," Dunn said. "She's what I call a multidimensional point guard. She complements Tully and the things that Tully does, and I think the players are starting to get really comfortable with her. I just think she's got a huge upside."

January will add to a cast that Dunn has called the most talented she has seen in her six years on the coaching staff. January averaged 8.0 points, 2.7 rebounds and 2.0 assists in the preseason, and enters the season opener Saturday at Atlanta with confidence.

"Going against Catch, Katie Douglas in practice works you hard," January said. "The games are the easy part. I've had fun, and they are helping me the whole way."

Catchings, a perennial All-Star, is impressed with the 22-year-old January's maturity.

"I think Briann comes in, and, even though she's a rookie, you can already sense that sort of veteran leadership aspect about her. She wants to learn, she wants to get better. She stays in the gym. She wants to learn, she listens, and she's able to take everything in and use it and take it out on the court."

The Fever hope January's athletic ability helps them match up better with the Detroit Shock, their postseason tormenters for this half of the decade. They also hope to recover from a disappointing 2008 season.

After finishing 21-13 each of the previous three years and making the Eastern Conference Finals twice, Indiana hoped at least to make its first WNBA Finals appearance last season. Instead, the Fever went 17-17 in the regular season and lost to Detroit 2-1 in the first round of the playoffs.

The Fever played the first eight games last season without Catchings, who was still recovering from a torn Achilles' tendon. When she returned, the team had to adjust again. Then, the monthlong break during the Olympics stalled the team's flow, and toward the end of the season, Douglas suffered a knee injury.

This year, the team hopes to stay injury free, but has added some depth just in case.

Yolanda Griffith, a 39-year-old post player, still can help a team. A former WNBA MVP, Defensive Player of the Year, WNBA Finals MVP and a seven-time All-Star, she provides skill and toughness inside. She's impressed Dunn with her offensive skills.

"We've got to get her more touches," Dunn said. "We've got to find a way to get her the ball. We've been kind of a perimeter-oriented team in the past, and we now have got somebody like her down there in the paint. We've got to get her the ball."

Catchings is impressed with Griffith's defensive prowess and leadership.

"Bringing her in was such a great idea," Catchings said. "Being a veteran, winning championships - I don't even know how to explain it. With me, there's a comfort level of knowing that if I do get beat, she's at the basket, you have somebody there who has your back."

Griffith will share playing time with Ebony Hoffman and Tammy Sutton-Brown. Hoffman was the league's Most Improved Player last season, and Sutton-Brown was an All-Star in 2007.

"Those three are going to play a lot of minutes," Dunn said. "They can play together, Ebony can play with either one of them, but that's going to be our primary post rotation."

Hoffman missed the preseason with left ankle tendinitis, but Dunn hoped she would be available for the season opener.

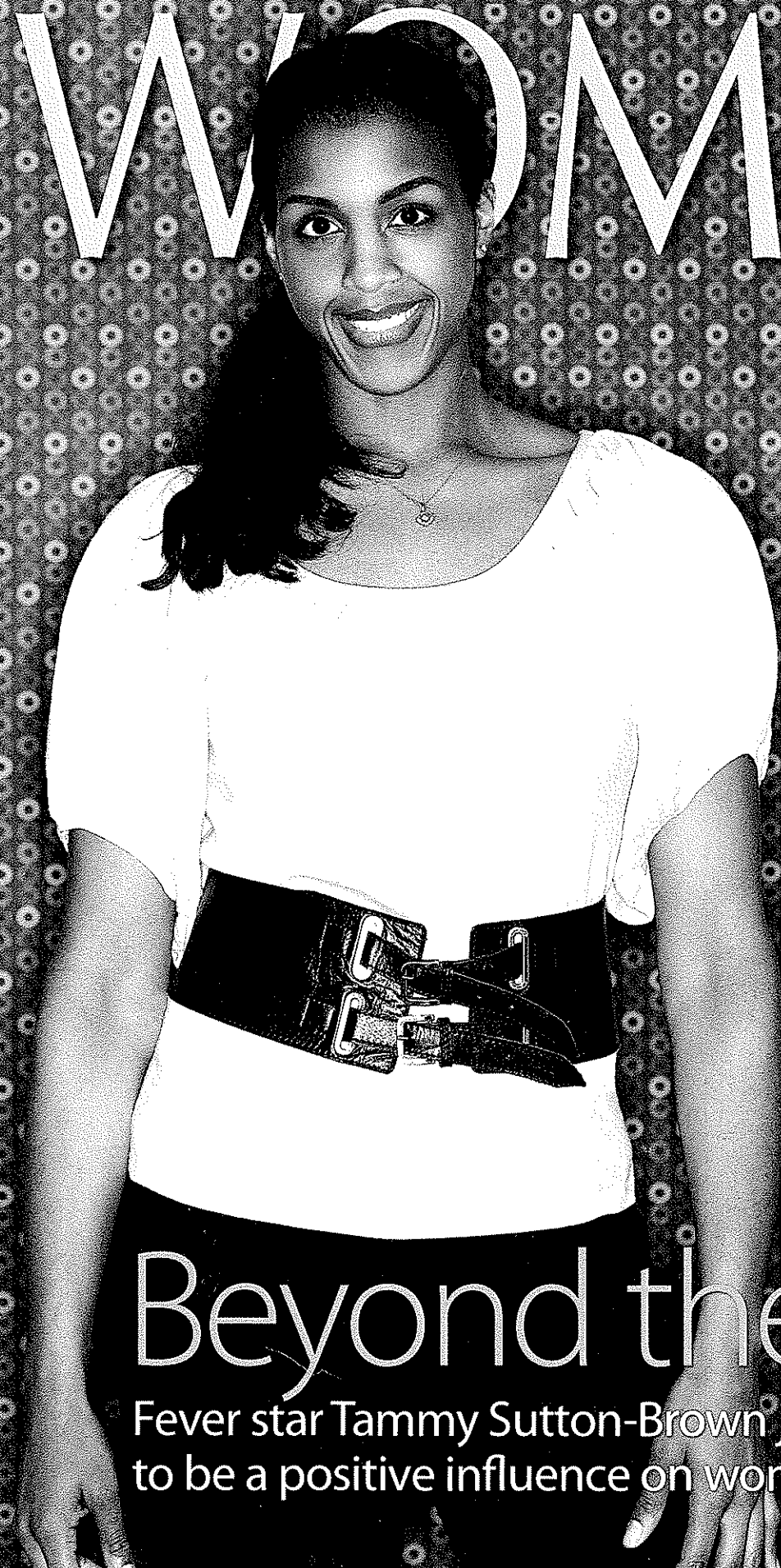
Douglas averaged 15.6 points per game last season, and Catchings averaged 13.3 points and 6.3 rebounds in the injury shortened season.

Bevilaqua returns to a backup role after four years as the starter. January gives the Fever depth and has more scoring ability than Bevilaqua.

"She's going to make the usual rookie mistakes, but that swagger that she has, that confidence," Catchings said. "It's not a cocky confidence, but it's like 'I'm confident in what I can do and what I can bring to this team,' and that's important."

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# Role Models

I still can recall vividly when I first heard the news that Indiana was getting its first WNBA team. My first thought was, *Yeah for the girls!*, immediately followed by, *Yeah for Indianapolis!*

The *Indianapolis Woman* staff has cheered for the Indiana Fever ever since. We have been fans from the start — making sure we were among the first sponsors of the women's professional basketball team.

I was especially proud and honored when the Fever presented me with an official WNBA ball and a team picture, autographed by the coach and all the players. To this day, they are displayed prominently in our conference room.

With the Fever celebrating its 10th anniversary, I took a moment to reflect on how the team has helped our community. The team's impact on our city goes far beyond such things as opening doors for female athletes, boosting our city's national exposure and providing families with wholesome entertainment.

The Fever players — individually and as a team — have provided our youth with much-needed role models.

Without exception, these young, talented athletes have shown both girls and boys how much you can accomplish when you work hard, stay focused and work as a team. Their examples also go beyond the court, with many of them getting involved in efforts to better the community.

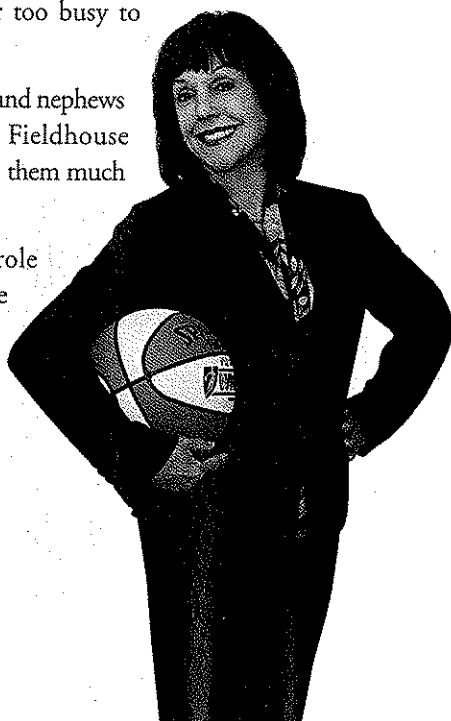
During the Fever's 10th anniversary, we're proud to say we remain among its No. 1 fans.

Each month, *Indianapolis Woman* shines the spotlight on women who model worthwhile qualities like success, determination and compassion. In this month's cover story, we find out what drives Tammy Sutton-Brown's performance on the court as a Fever player and her passion for community service (page 24). Tammy shows us you're never too busy to give back.

As you bring your daughters, sons, nieces and nephews along to cheer on the Fever at Conseco Fieldhouse this season, know that you're providing them much more than a ticket to an entertaining game.

You're exposing them to incredible role models — quite possibly changing the course of their future for a lifetime.

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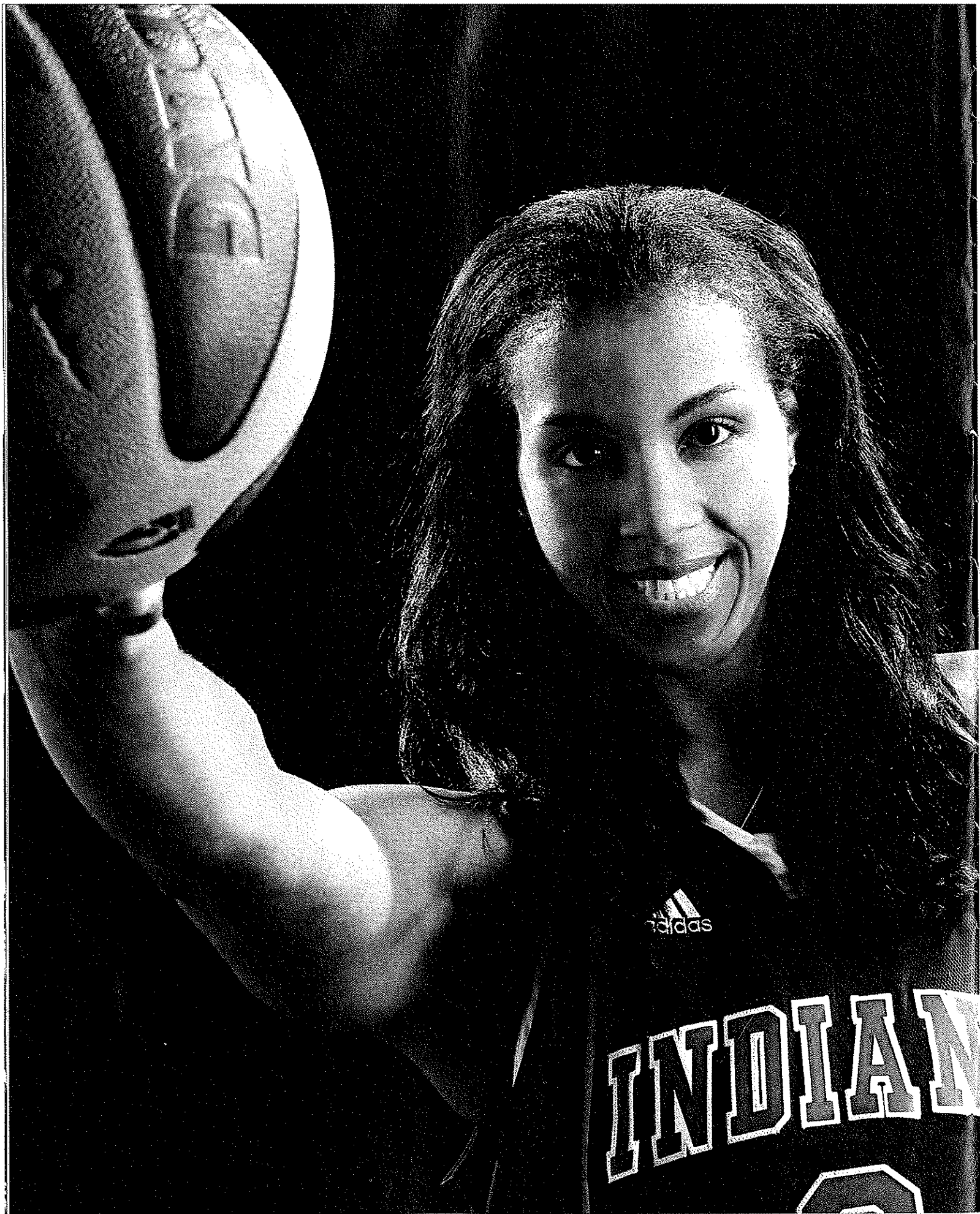
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# SHOOTING for the Stars



*The Fever's Tammy Sutton-Brown jumps through hoops to make a positive impact on women and children*

by Rebecca R. Bibbs

Evelyn Clegg looks across the sociology classroom in February 2000, working up the nerve to approach the student she's certain is a member of the acclaimed Rutgers University women's basketball team. "She just had that presence of someone I had known," says Clegg, who closely followed the basketball team.

Clegg walks across the room and introduces herself to Tammy Sutton-Brown, sharing that her daughter Arianne Buchanan is on the basketball team at Wardlaw-Hartridge School in Edison, N.J. Walking back to her seat, Clegg doubles back to make an offer: If Tammy would speak at her daughter's school, she and her husband would give her a home-cooked meal — something that was rare for most of the students. ▶▶▶



"I said, 'I think it will be inspiring for the students to have you there,'" says Clegg, who was an older student who had returned to college to complete her bachelor's degree in psychology.

That evening, Tammy visited the school with Clegg. It was the start of a relationship between the women's basketball players at Rutgers and Wardlaw-Hartridge and between the young basketball star and the woman she would come to call her godmother.

Though she wears the number 8 for the Indiana Fever as the WNBA team's center, Tammy continues to give of herself in communities in the United States and abroad.

### The tip-off

Named for actress and fashion model Tamara Dobson, best known for her role in the 1973 movie *Cleopatra Jones*, Tamara Kim Sutton-Brown was born Jan. 27, 1978, in Markham, Ontario, a suburb of Toronto, Canada.

Though her parents couldn't have predicted it, Tammy says she feels a strong affinity for her namesake, who at 6-feet, 2-inches, was certified as the tallest leading lady in film by the *Guinness Book of World Records*.

"She was the epitome of the correlation between tall and beautiful, and she complemented it with her strength and intelligence," Tammy writes in a blog that celebrates Black history in Canada.

Monroe Sutton-Brown, who works for the Toronto Transit Commission, and his wife Jean raised Tammy and her younger sister Camille in the up-and-coming suburb known for its multiculturalism and as Canada's Silicon Valley.

At about age 8, Tammy started participating in a whirlwind of activities, including softball, volleyball and piano lessons. In an effort to keep up with her daughters' demanding schedules, Jean left her bank job.

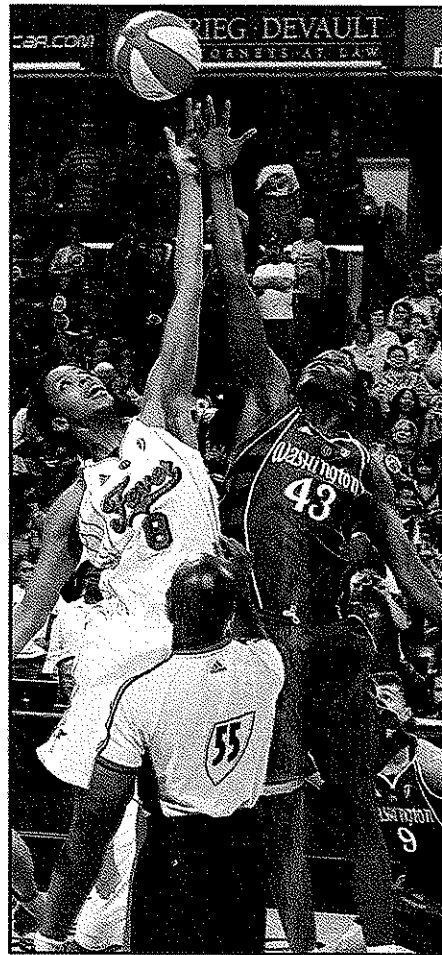
"She was always around for track and field events and came to basketball games," Tammy says.

But her fate was solidified by the seventh grade when Tammy — already 6-feet, 2-inches tall — was recruited to join the Markham Unionville Minor Basketball Association, a recreational league.

"Being that I was taller than everybody else, it seemed like a perfect fit," she says.

"From there, I was kind of hooked." Each Saturday from October through April, Tammy and her team practiced for 30 minutes on Saturdays, then played one of six other teams.

Though she was supposed to attend the newly built Middlefield High School, Tammy was "recruited" by George Kraus, a coach from Markham District High School. One day after she played, Kraus approached her to ask whether she'd play at his high school. The next week, he met with her mom, and her parents agreed.



Tammy, who became the first Canadian to play on the WNBA's All-Star Team, spends the off-season from the Fever playing for a team in Turkey to maintain her skills.

"It's ironic because Middlefield is now where I give my summer camp," Tammy says.

The blossoming basketball star went on to lead her high school team to four regional titles and was rated Canada's top female basketball prospect by the *Toronto Star* newspaper.

### Crossover dribble

When it came time to think about a post-secondary education and the possibility of attending a university on a sports scholarship, Tammy turned her sights to the United States.

"Sports in general is looked at differently and valued differently. I think Canada values education more. There were no sports scholarships," she says.

Starting in the ninth grade, Tammy was courted by a variety of schools including the University of Vermont — which frequently recruited players from the state's northern neighbor — Stanford University and her personal frontrunner, the University of Michigan.

"I really thought I was going there (Michigan) because it was close to home," she says.

But it was a visit to her home by Rutgers University's legendary Coach C. Vivian Stringer, who was inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in 2001, that shifted Tammy's sights toward the East Coast. "It was her value of education first and basketball second," Tammy says.

A visit to the school sealed the deal. "I don't think it actually hit me till my visit and I met the girls. It was the whole family feel that got me," Tammy says.

The Canadian standout entered Rutgers to major in African-American Studies in preparation for a career in teaching because, at the time, there was no WNBA to which she could aspire.

Stringer says she first was introduced to Tammy by her assistant coach Betsy Yonkman, who recently had come from Central Michigan University, as they assembled Rutgers' dream team.

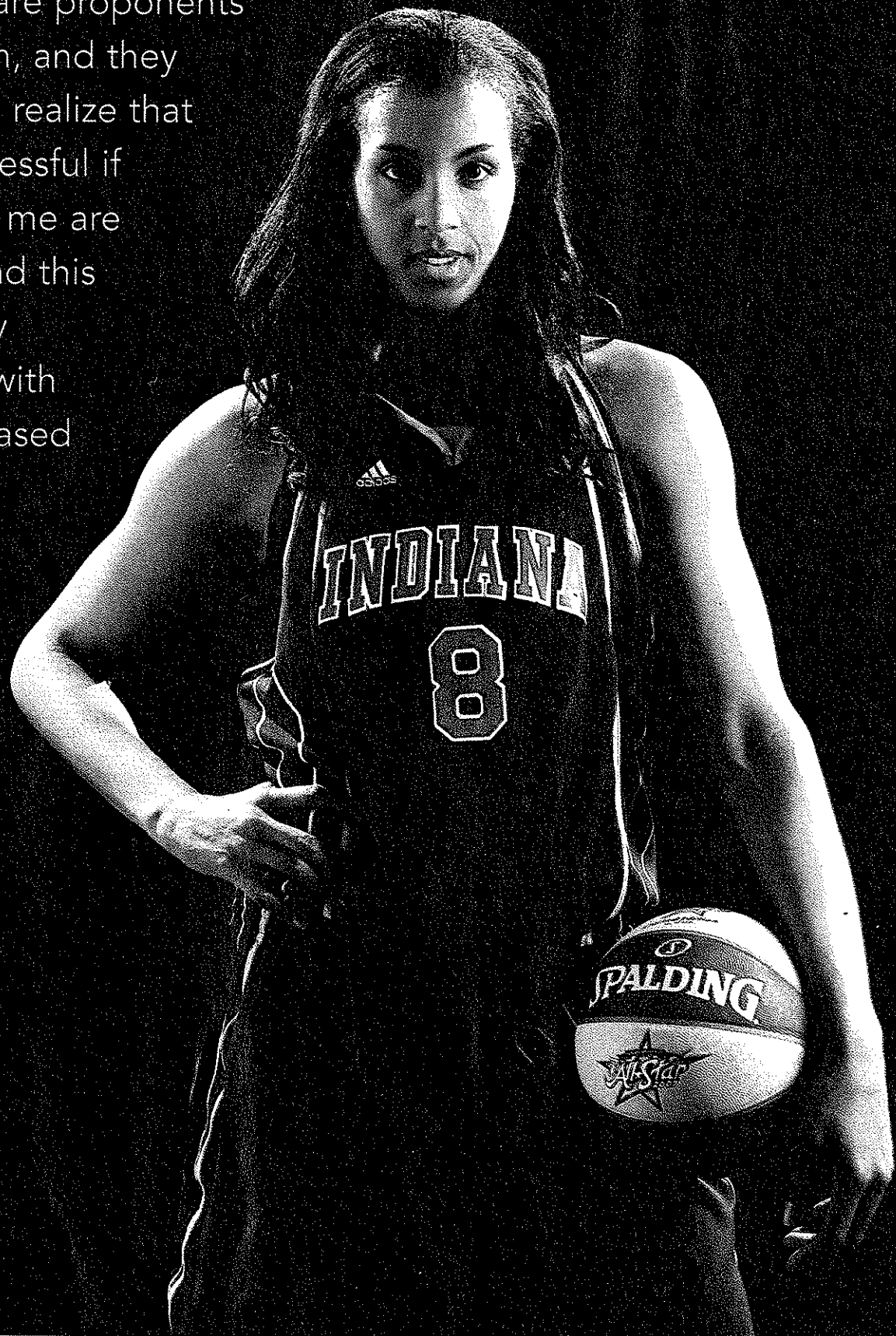
"She said, 'I know the exact person that we need for the center,'" Stringer says.

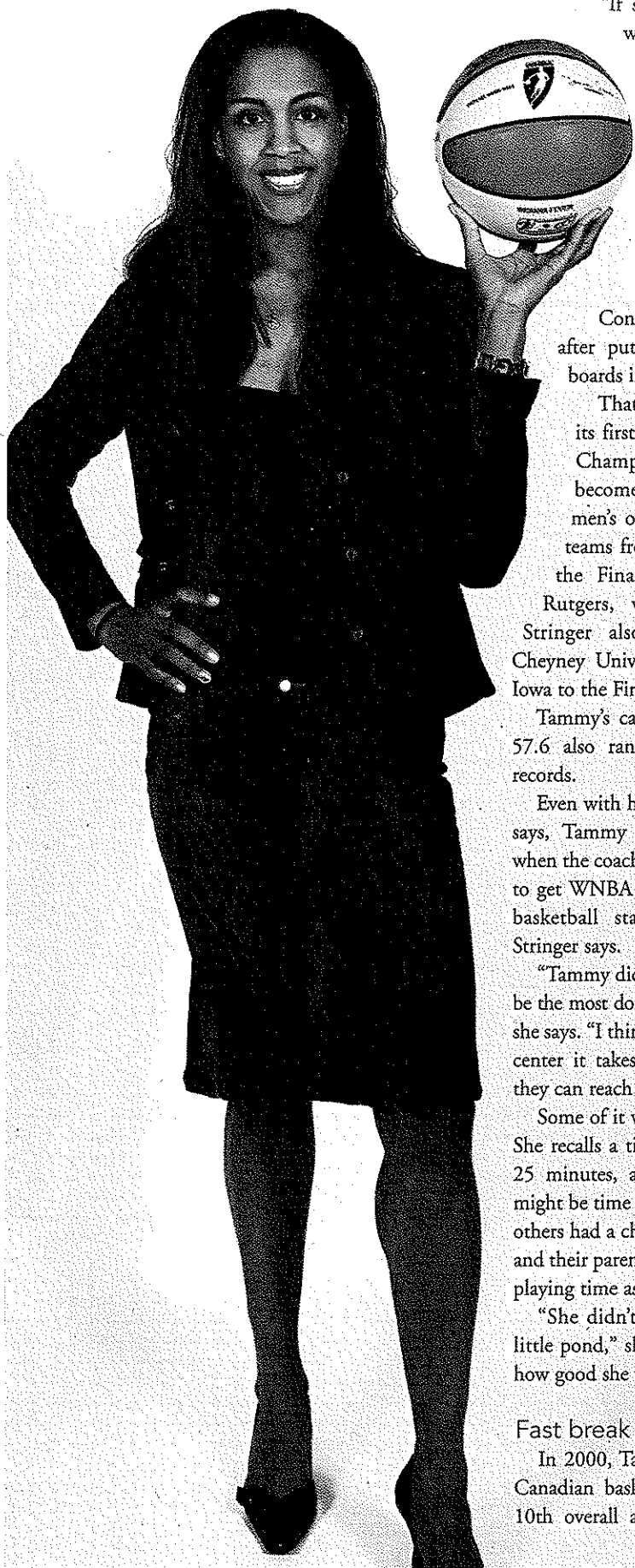
Though Stringer describes her as "very shy" when she first started with the team, Tammy made an immediate impact, leading the Scarlet Knights in field goals and blocks as a freshman.

"It was obvious from the beginning she was an athlete who could control the game," Stringer says. "She had a body to die for; her hands were like suction cups."

Even so, Stringer says she wasn't certain at first whether Tammy, whom she also described as polite and considerate, was

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mean enough to play at the highest levels.

"If she knocked you down, she was really considerate. She never tried to humiliate people," the coach says.

Equipped with Stringer's aggressive and intense half-court defense, as well as her full-court traps and presses, Tammy was named to the Big East Conference team her junior year after putting up 39 points and 17 boards in three games.

That year, she also led the team to its first NCAA Women's Final Four Championship, helping Stringer become the first coach in either men's or women's basketball to take teams from three different schools to the Final Four. Before arriving at Rutgers, where she remains today, Stringer also had taken teams from Cheyney University and the University of Iowa to the Final Four.

Tammy's career field goal percentage of 57.6 also ranks third in Rutgers' career records.

Even with her impressive results, Stringer says, Tammy remained humble. In fact, when the coach told Tammy she was starting to get WNBA inquiries her senior year, the basketball standout hardly believed it, Stringer says.

"Tammy didn't come in saying, 'I want to be the most dominant center in the country,'" she says. "I think for a lot of people who play center it takes a while before they believe they can reach the highest levels."

Some of it was cultural, Stringer believes. She recalls a time Tammy played for about 25 minutes, and her mother suggested it might be time to pull her out of the game so others had a chance to play. Most players — and their parents — would insist on as much playing time as possible, Stringer says.

"She didn't act like the big fish in the little pond," she says. "Tammy didn't know how good she was."

#### Fast break

In 2000, Tammy was invited to join the Canadian basketball team, which came in 10th overall at the Summer Olympics in

Sydney, Australia. Though her team won only one game, Tammy says she was overwhelmed by the talent she crossed — like men's basketball star Yao Ming — in the athlete's village.

"When people ask what are the highlights of my life, that was one of them," she says. "It doesn't get any higher than that."

One of 10 players Stringer recruited for Rutgers who have moved on to play in the WNBA, Tammy was selected 18th overall in the second round of the 2001 draft by the now-defunct Charlotte Sting. She is the second Canadian drafted to the WNBA.

"They were veterans at the time. They were great role models for myself, great teachers," the 6-foot, 4-inch center says.

In 2002, the Sting's #55 became the first Canadian invited to play in the WNBA All-Star Game. She ranked second in WNBA blocks and became the Sting's all-time leader in blocks in 2004. In 2006, she became only the 10th player to achieve 200 blocks.

The women's basketball season, however, is very short, and the players aren't paid nearly as handsomely as their counterparts in the NBA. So like many WNBA players, Tammy sought opportunities abroad in the offseason, playing for teams in Korea, Russia, the Czech Republic and most recently, Turkey.

"It helps me stay in shape because eight months is a long time not to play," she says.

Since 2006, Tammy has packed up her *Grey's Anatomy* DVDs and headed to Turkey to play with the Fenerbahçe sports club in Istanbul, Turkey. While there, she lives in a furnished apartment supplied by the club near the marina and has use of a driver to take her to professional events and to run personal errands.

"All you need to do is carry your own suitcase and come as you are," she says. "The people are great. There's so much to do, and there are great restaurants."

She has helped her Turkish team win the 2006 and 2007 Turkish Presidents Cup and the Turkish championship in 2006.

When the Sting folded in 2007, Tammy — considered by some the most sought-after free agent in the WNBA at the time — signed with the Fever. In order to make that happen, the Fever sent La'Tangela Atkinson to Sacramento, in exchange for a second-round draft pick in 2008.

However, with growing up in Canada but playing in the United States and Turkey for most of the year, where exactly is home for the Fever's center?

"Home definitely is where the parents are, back in Toronto," says Tammy, who maintains a condo in Toronto. "Between seasons, I always go home, even if it's for four days."

Tammy's family — and her extended family, including Clegg, who went to Turkey to ensure she wasn't alone on her 30th birthday — often visit throughout the season. Clegg, who is Sutton-Brown's manager, speaks to her daily on Skype and sees her about five times a year, including at the beginning of the WNBA season when they meet to discuss Tammy's business and philanthropic ventures.

Though she is unable to spend much time at home, Tammy wants to make her presence felt in the community. To that end, she has established a basketball camp for children and spa days for homeless and battered women.

"My parents are proponents of collectivism, and they helped me to realize that I am not successful if those around me are struggling, and this has fueled my involvement with community-based initiatives," she writes in her blog.

Though she offers camp opportunities in Toronto for recreational players, advanced players and elite players, there's one that addresses an issue close to Tammy's heart: Tall Girls Camp, focusing on how height can be used to a player's advantage.

"I think basketball actually helped me out in the sense that it's amazing how people react to you when you do well," she says. Today, Tammy adds, she wouldn't change anything about her height.

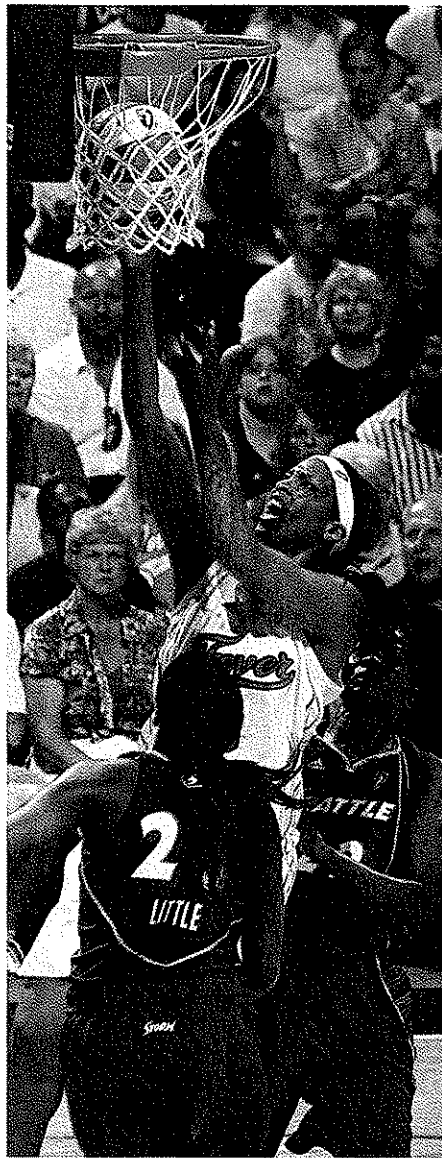
Still, being so tall as a pre-teen was somewhat awkward, Tammy says.

"That was the first thing anyone saw," she says. "It sucked at that age ... Kids can be mean. They said things like, 'How's the weather up there?' or called me 'Brown Giant.'"

Tammy also is committed to helping homeless and battered women by arranging for spa days through the Tammy Sutton-Brown Foundation. In addition, she hopes the Fever will allow her to designate a day on which a station would be set up so fans could donate cell phones they no longer use for the benefit of these women.

"Spa is important to Tammy. Whenever she comes to Orlando, I schedule a spa day for her at the Ritz-Carlton," says Clegg, who now lives in Florida.

Because she spends so much time away from home, Tammy counts on those around her to organize her various projects.



In 2007, Tammy became the sixth player in WNBA history to score 2,000 career points. She also has the distinction of achieving 300 career blocked shots.

"Her mother says she doesn't know how this child does it. She gets people in her life who want to help and get nothing in return," Clegg says. "I thank her for bringing me on this journey with her because I'm having a ball."

Because of her hyphenated surname — a British colonial holdover of her parents' Jamaican heritage — a still-single Tammy is constantly fielding questions about her husband.

"It's not even a combination of my mom and dad's name; it's just my dad's name," she says.

But having a relationship when you're constantly on the road and live most of the year away from home is nearly impossible, Tammy says.

"It's difficult; it's challenging," she says. "You definitely need people who understand your lifestyle."

Visiting her relatives, including grandparents in her parents' native Jamaica, where she's visited only three times since she turned 8, also has been a challenge.

"Every year, I say I want to go back to Jamaica, and I don't have time," she laments.

When she does have a moment to herself, however, Tammy likes to read and listen to the music of Beyoncé, Anthony Hamilton and Luther Vandross. "When Oprah's name is on Oprah's Book Club, you know, I lean toward that sometimes," she says.

Tammy, considered a veteran and role model to younger players on the Fever team, isn't certain when she'll hang up her high-tops.

"I gave myself till 28, but 28 came and went," she says. "Any time the love for the game begins to disappear some, that's when I think I'll give it up."

There was a time Tammy imagined setting down in the United States — perhaps in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., or Charlotte, N.C., where she'd actually bought land where she intended to build a house. That, however, has changed.

"The older I'm getting, the more I see myself going back to Toronto," says the basketball standout, who says she looks forward to having children one day.

In the meantime, Tammy says, she enjoys her home away from home.

"I love Indiana. I love being there in the summer," she says. W



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# Poised to Win



Now in its 10th season, the Indiana Fever has a strong history of offering to the central Indiana community basketball like it should be played. Fever players serve as basketball inspiration for girls everywhere, but their community contributions are equally commendable. These women know what it means to give back.

by Laura Kruty



## Team Player

Ebony Hoffman realizes her dream of playing pro basketball

Ebony Hoffman says it's a dream come true that she gets to play professional basketball. After all, it's been her only career goal since she was a little girl growing up in Los Angeles.

"I've always aspired to be a basketball player since the first time picking up the ball," says the 6-foot, 2-inch Fever forward. "I can't think of any other job I'd like to do actually."

Hoffman says she was in elementary school when she became interested in the game through her older brother Elliot.

"It was a challenge playing with him, and one day I was good enough to stay on the court," she says. "I've pretty much surpassed my brother a long time ago. We don't play together anymore."

After majoring in international relations at the University of Southern California, Hoffman joined the Fever in 2004 and has ranked among WNBA leaders in rebounds per 40 minutes each season.

"I like the different personalities a team brings," she says. "We have 11 people and 11 different personalities learning each other."

Hoffman says her parents are her biggest role models.

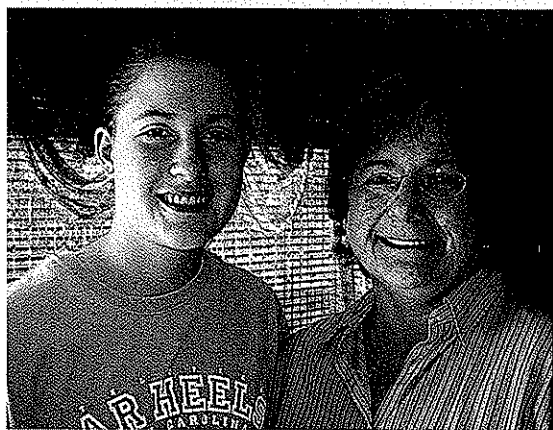
"They've set great values in me and raised me to be the complete person I'm still striving to be and hopefully becoming," she says.

Like many WNBA players, Hoffman plays overseas during the offseason in countries like Italy, Lithuania, Turkey and Israel.

"You get to experience different cultures and live within the culture," she says. "These people make a difference in your life and become lifelong friends."

In fact, while taking a break from playing in Lithuania, fellow teammate Katie Douglas helped Hoffman pick out her wedding dress in Spain. Hoffman married Ronald Cass in 2007.

Off the court, Hoffman enjoys *The Unit*, *24* and *American Idol*. She likes chick flicks — although her husband does not — traveling, listening to oldies and calls herself a food connoisseur. She also helps out with Tamika Catchings' Catching the Stars Foundation doing whatever needs to be done.

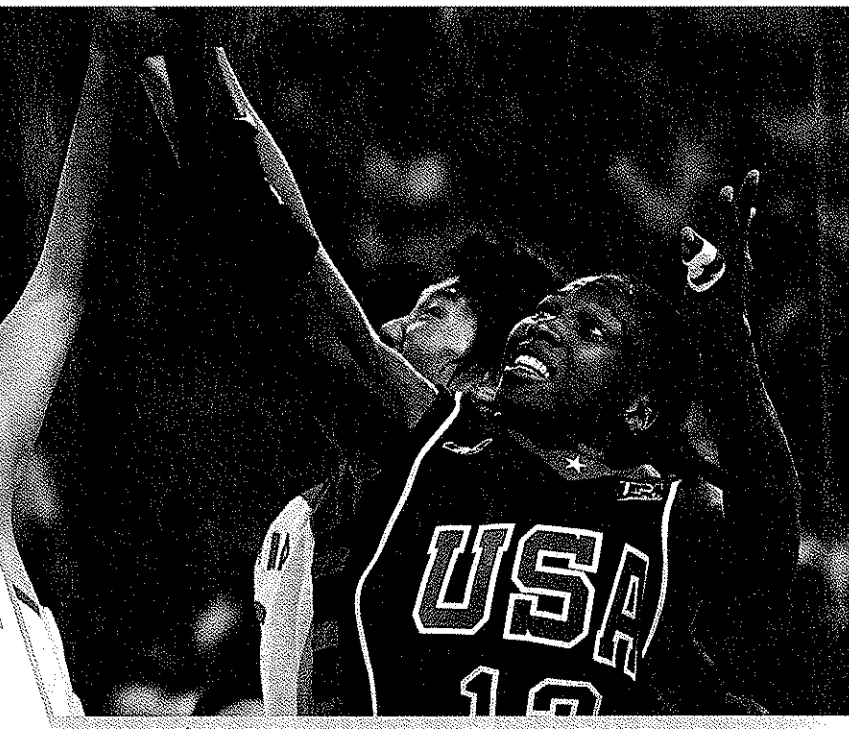


## Chelsea and Kathy Taylor — fans from far away

"We became Fever fans about two years ago. We drive three hours one way to be at the Fever games. It doesn't matter if it is a work day or even sometimes a school day. We make the six-hour trip to see the ladies play. They inspire Chelsea to be the best that she can be. There is no greater gift than a role model to kids and adults alike that this team brings. Chelsea's favorite thing is the courtside seats. If I see somebody on the court about to plow us over, I scream like a girl, and Chelsea just thinks it's great because it's a basketball player.

"We have really enjoyed the last two seasons with the Fever. I say keep up the good work, and we will still keep coming no matter what." — *Kathy Taylor*

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# Giving Back

Yolanda Griffith starts charity to mentor girls

As the youngest of five athletic children, Yolanda Griffith was surrounded by sports from the beginning. She tried her hand at volleyball, softball and even cheerleading, although she was cut from the team.

She took up basketball at age 6, playing at school and against her siblings. She soon realized the sport was a way to reach her dream and take care of her family, which includes her daughter Candace.

"I saw I could establish a better life with basketball," she says.

Griffith studied liberal arts and criminal justice at Florida Atlantic University and began her WNBA career in 1999 with the Sacramento Monarchs. This is her first year with the Fever.

"To get this opportunity for women is great," says the six-time All-Star.

The 6-foot, 4-inch forward/center counts her mother — "she's always smiling, no matter what" — and former Phoenix Mercury

coach Cheryl Miller among her role models.

"I always wished I could be like her, and if it wasn't for players like Cheryl, we probably wouldn't have the opportunity we're getting now," Griffith says.

Off the court, Griffith likes reading, bowling, dancing and spending time outdoors. She lists R&B and country as her favorite types of music, *The Andy Griffith Show* as her top TV show and *Con Air* among her favorite movies.

About a year and a half ago, Griffith started her charity, All About Us Girlz, based in Sacramento, Calif. Offering basketball camps to girls ages 10 to 17, it focuses on developing leadership, self-esteem and community responsibility through education.

"We still have a long ways to go," Griffith says.

The charity is her way of saying thanks.

"If it wasn't for the fans and the little kids, we wouldn't be where we are today," she explains. "I enjoy what basketball has been able to give me. I'm just trying to give back to the kids and the fans."

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# From the Land Down Under

Australian Tully  
Bevilaqua enters her  
10th year as a pro

But it wasn't until she was about 16 years old when she realized she wanted to pursue basketball and see how far it could take her.

"I always knew early on that I prefer team sports to individual. It was a good choice, I guess," the Fever guard says with a laugh. "I moved from the country to the city and was fortunate that the basketball thing worked out for me."

Bevilaqua, entering her fifth year with the Fever, moved to Perth, Australia, to pursue her career, which started in the semi-professional Women's National Basketball League. After about 15 years, she made the leap — or, rather, the very long flight — to the States and started

Growing up in a small country town in Australia, Tully Bevilaqua played just about every sport there was: cricket, soccer, basketball, Aussie rules football, tennis and netball, a sport similar to basketball, just to name a few.

in the WNBA.

It was a big transition.

"It's like the land of the giants," the 5-foot, 7-inch Bevilaqua says of WNBA players. "They're great athletes."

When she's not playing, Bevilaqua likes to help charities that support children or animals or those that are dedicated to eradicating cancer, as her father is a colon cancer survivor.

She also likes watching *Law and Order: SVU* and *24*, watching "feel-good" movies, reading James Patterson novels and hitting the links when the weather's nice. And you can count on Bevilaqua offering you Vegemite, a spread made from yeast extract that's popular in her native land, especially if you've never tried it.

"I like to see their facial expressions," she says.

But no matter what she's doing, you can expect her to have fun while doing it.

"They call me the 'Crazy Aussie' on the team," she says. "My motto is, 'You've got to enjoy life.'"

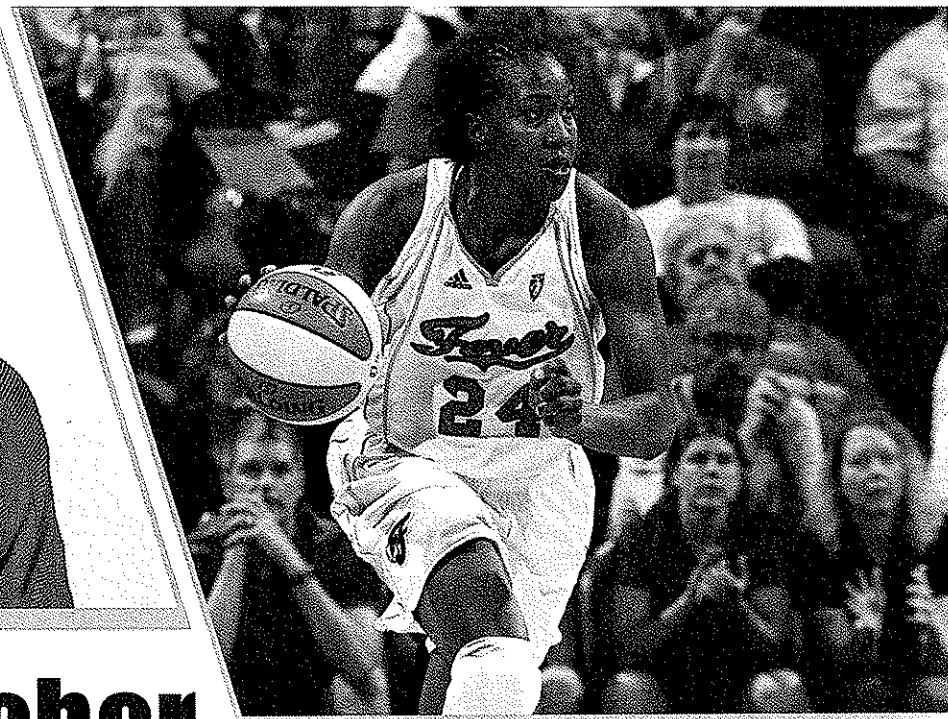


## Pam Altmeyer Alvey — enjoying good basketball

"They remember what it's like to be young. They're engaged in sports as many young people are and understand that children are our future. They're invested in them, as we all should be. What a great group we have with the Fever.

"I love good basketball. I love basketball played well. They're fulfilling a dream. It's fun to see them. It's fun to watch them; it's torture to watch the referees." — Pamela Altmeyer Alvey





## Dream Catcher

Tamika Catchings' foundation helps kids reach their goals

her refuge.

"Having the issues I had growing up, I think basketball was the one thing I could use," she says. "You can make fun of me for the way I talk or for having hearing aids, but I can beat you on the basketball court.

"That's the place I was able to be free."

She says she knew in seventh grade she was going to play professionally. Her father Harvey played for three NBA teams.

"As I got older and better, I thought, *I'm good at this and want to be like my dad,*" says the 6-foot, 1-inch forward.

Catchings earned a degree in sport management from the University of Tennessee and earned her master's in sport study in

Tamika Catchings knows all too well what it's like to feel like an outsider.

"I grew up with a hearing and speech problem," the WNBA All-Star says, adding she had to wear hearing aids and glasses.

But she soon found basketball as

2005. She joined the Fever in 2002 and has led the team in points per game, rebounds, assists and steals each season since.

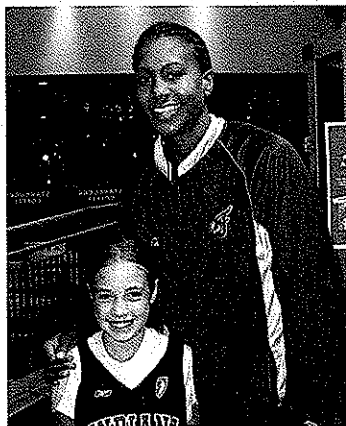
In 2004, Catchings started the Catch the Stars Foundation, a nonprofit dedicated to motivating at-risk youth in the metropolitan area to achieve their dreams and goals.

"That's a passion of mine, helping kids," she says.

Geared toward boys and girls ages 9-15, the foundation offers fitness clinics, basketball camps, mentoring programs, programs that integrate sports and life skills, scholarships and reading programs. The foundation also purchases a block of tickets in "Catchings Corner" for each Fever home game.

"It seems like every year we're adding to the mix," says Catchings, who later this month will be honored with the Rev. Charles Williams Award at the Pathfinder Awards Banquet.

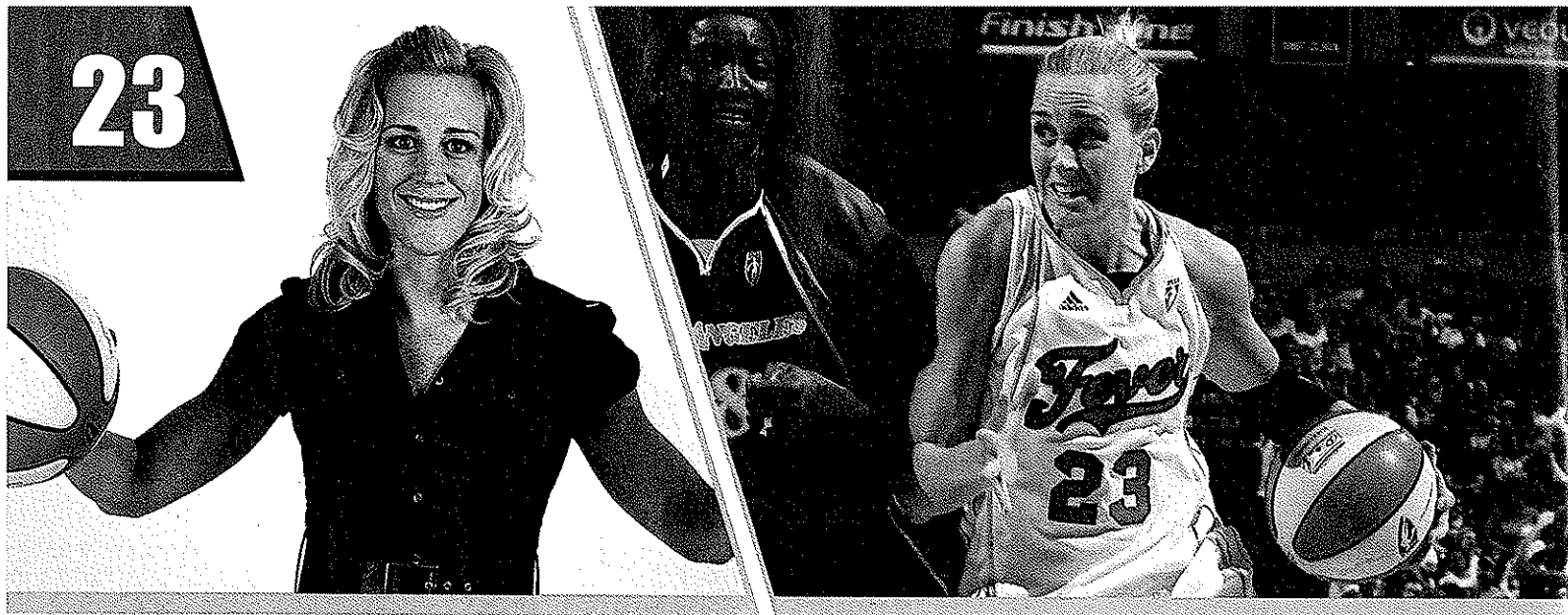
In her free time, Catchings likes to watch *Desperate Housewives*, *Grey's Anatomy* and inspirational movies, and spend time with her nephew, parents and four siblings. But it's clear basketball is what she loves most. "It's like going to gym class and being paid to do it," she says.



## The Bolen family — cherishing those player connections

"I think the WNBA gives younger female athletes something to aspire to. Unlike the NBA, these women have to perfect their skills while going through four years of college, showing the importance of being a student athlete. The players all find a way to become involved in the community and find a way to take their popularity and success to help others, like Tamika's Catch the Stars program.

"We've been lucky enough that Sam has had very strong connections with such players as Stephanie White, Kelly Schumacher, Anna DeForge, Ebony Hoffman and Tamika Catchings. These women have all went out of their way on many occasions to talk to Sam, sign an autograph or give her a keepsake. I still remember Kelly sending Sam an autographed uniform from her team in Spain one Christmas. It still hangs on her wall today. Having caring, hard-working, professional athletes for my daughter to look up to is one of the main reasons we've continued to support the Fever for 10 years. My 2-year-old, Josie, is more of a Freddy Fever fan but hopefully will grow and follow in her sister's footsteps." — Jon Bolen



## Doing Whatever She Can

Katie Douglas supports various community organizations

Like many of her Fever teammates, Katie Douglas was interested in softball before basketball, mainly because of her father, who was a huge baseball fan, she says.

But because many in her circle of friends chose basketball, she did too.

"I had a talent, and people could see it, so I just went with it," says Douglas, an Indianapolis native who joined the Fever last season.

She graduated from Purdue University with a degree in communications, helping the Lady Boilermakers to a national title her junior year. She joined the WNBA in 2001.

Douglas, a 6-foot guard/forward and two-time All-Star, says it's a dream come true that she plays professionally.

"To be able to do something you love is a true blessing," she says. Douglas' mother lost her battle with breast cancer in 2000, and her father died of pancreatic cancer in 1997, but they left a profound influence on her.

"I only got 20 years with them, but I learned a lot through those 20 years — values and morals and how to live and lead my life," she says.

Those experiences with loss and grief drive how she gives back to the community.

Douglas says she's involved with breast cancer awareness and would like to get involved with pancreatic cancer awareness, schedule permitting.

"It's hard to throw yourself into something when you need 100 percent commitment," she says.

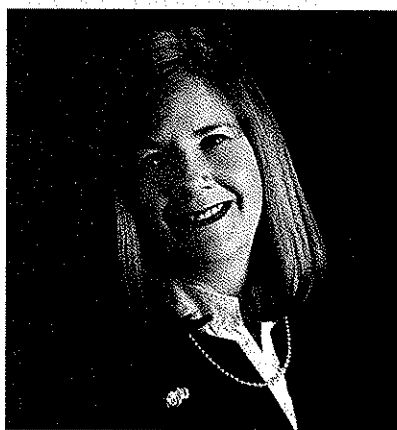
She also has spoken at Brooke's Place, an organization that helps families through the grieving process.

"It's something I didn't have available, but I wish I did," she says.

Other efforts include supporting the Children's TherAplay Foundation, which uses horseback riding as a rehabilitation tool, and helping flood relief efforts in south central Indiana last summer.

"I like to put myself out there and give back," Douglas says.

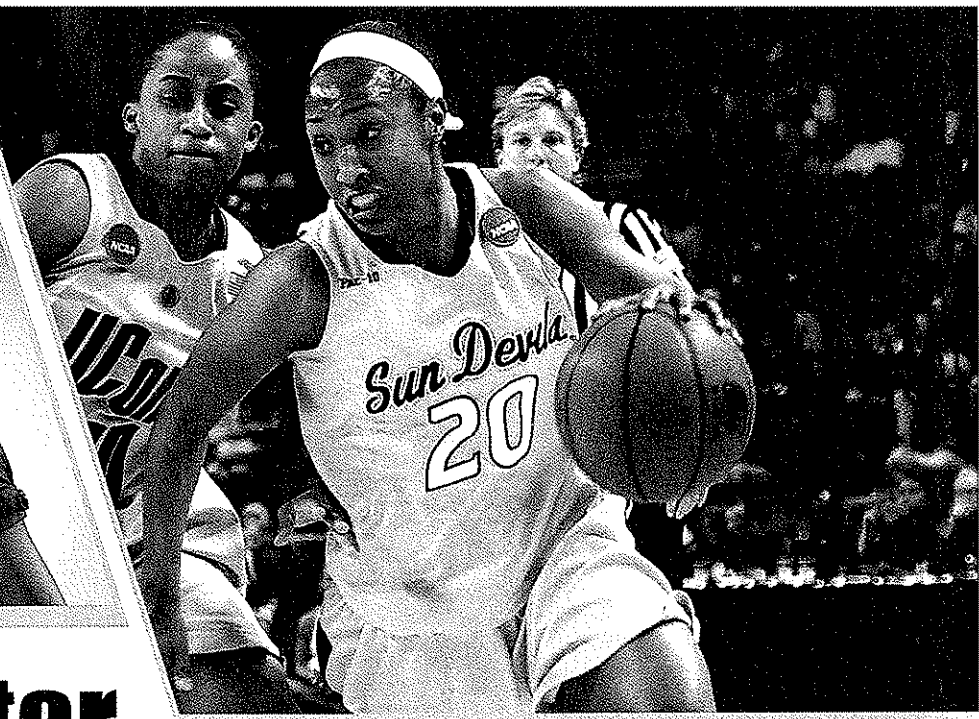
At home, she enjoys laughing it up with comedies or chick flicks, watching *Family Guy* and *The Hills*, and Greek food. She recently got hooked on decorating, making her home a relaxing "getaway spot."



### Emily Hancock — part of a family

"They're very involved in civic issues. They contribute their time and talent to the betterment of mankind. They champion causes that are for the betterment of mankind. Their value systems are intact and they're contributing citizens.

"It's fun. I don't know a thing about sports; I'm sports illiterate. What keeps me coming is the people, the Fever family. Players treat their fans with respect and treat them like family. It's the family atmosphere." — *Emily Hancock*



## A Rising Star

Briann January is a  
black belt in karate

Once you get to know Briann January off the court, you quickly realize she has a deep appreciation for variety.

January, who was drafted recently by the Indiana Fever, likes to upload

her iPod with everything from '80s music to alternative, techno, hip-hop and country tunes. "You've got to be able to switch it up a bit," she says.

Her kitchen cabinets also are a sign of her penchant for variety. They're stocked with about six different kinds of cereal. "You never know what you're going to feel like in the morning," says January, 22, who rates eating as "one of her favorite activities of the day."

"You've got to have your options," says January, who also is a big fan of reality TV and mystery books by Jodi Picoult.

But one thing her fans may really be surprised about is January's expertise in karate. She's a black belt. The 5-foot, 8-inch January, who played for Arizona State as point guard, started taking karate from the time she could walk, along with her younger sister, Kiara, she recalls.

"It's always been a part of my life," says January, whose father,

Barry January, is a karate instructor and a sixth-degree black belt. Her mother, Sally January, a teacher, is a secondary black belt.

When she's not on the court or training, January still enjoys the solitude and focus she gets from practicing karate. "It's a great escape."

January was introduced to basketball as a young teen when several of her soccer teammates asked her to try out for the basketball team.

She did — and fell in love with the competitive nature of the game.

"I just love competing. It's so much fun to me," January says. "You get out there, and you just go for it. I enjoy every minute of it."

She started considering pro basketball seriously after watching WNBA games in between her studies in education and sociology.

"It wasn't until after my sophomore year that I realized I could be doing this. I started believing in myself more, and I started stepping up the work." With the help of the coaching team at Arizona State, her hard work eventually paid off. January is among the rare college athletes who have appeared on the cover of *Sports Illustrated*.

"It came as a total shocker," she says of the Nov. 21, 2008 *SI* issue. "Every athlete wants to be on the cover of the magazine."



### Dr. Barbara K. Siwy — a fan from the beginning

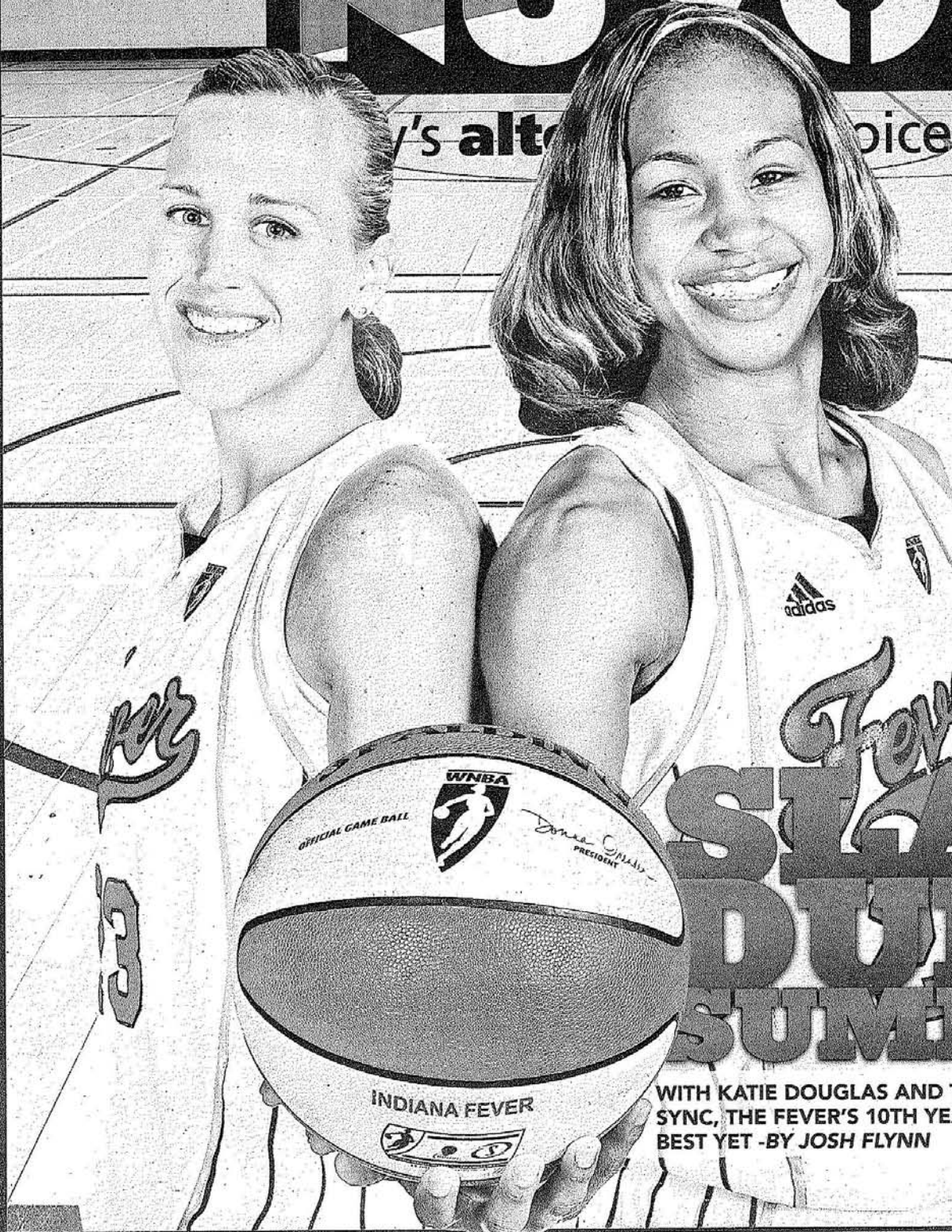
"I started coming to their games in their first season. At that time, my two sons were 4 and 5 years old, and they were mesmerized by the basketball players. I think they're hard working. They're affable. These ladies are worth looking up to. They play with intensity the whole game. They're committed to their team and to their career. They support the community. They're young women that you could easily see bringing to your home and having dinner with. They're also diverse because they're not only basketball players, but they have other careers. I would say as a rule they're very intelligent, motivated and independent.

"I'm one of those kinds of people that once I decide I'm going to support an organization, I give it my best effort to stay with it and to keep supporting it. It's a women's endeavor, and I like to support women's efforts, as well as causes that are dear to women like breast cancer and helping underprivileged women, especially young girls. I'm just a big basketball fan, too." — *Dr. Barbara K. Siwy*

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# FEVER SLAM DUNK SUMMER

WITH KATIE DOUGLAS AND TAMIKA CATCHINGS IN SYNC, THE FEVER'S 10TH YEAR SHOULD BE THEIR BEST YET -BY JOSH FLYNN

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### With Katie Douglas and Tamika Catchings in sync, the Fever's 10th year should be their best yet

By Josh Flynn

*Ten years ago ...*

Indiana has always been a basketball state, but in the 1990s women's basketball began to reach the levels the men's game had decades earlier. The 1993 high school All Stars took their games around the state and nation, creating an immediate effect. Ft. Wayne Northrop High School's Leslie Johnson helped Purdue University reach their first Final Four in 1994, while Bloomington South High School's Beth Morgan would lead Notre Dame University to their first appearance in 1997.

At Tennessee, Charlestown's Abby Conklin played a role in three straight Lady Vol championships. Other players such as Stephanie White, Monica Maxwell, Ruth Riley and Katie Douglas played crucial roles in showcasing what Indiana's female athletes could do. In 1999, White and Douglas led Purdue to the state's first NCAA Women's National Championship.

So maybe it was no surprise that on June 7, 1999, the WNBA awarded Indiana an expansion franchise along with Seattle, Miami and Portland. David Letterman's mother, Dorothy Mengerling, Indy 500 driver Lyn St. James, baseball star Tony Gwynn, gospel singer Sandi Patty, Larry Bird and former U.S. Sen. Birch Bayh snatched up season tickets while the team's staff took shape.

Kelly Krauskopf, the WNBA's director of basketball operations, was hired as the team's chief operating officer. Nell Fortner, former Purdue women's basketball coach, was named head coach and general manager; however, a commitment to coaching the 2000 U.S. women's Olympic team in Sydney allowed for Anne Donovan, who had just been inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, to step in as interim coach for the inaugural season.

That December, the team took shape on the court, selecting Gordana Grubin with the first pick of the expansion draft. Trades brought Charlotte's Stephanie White and Washington's Monica Maxwell back home. Two days later, the team would unveil the Indiana Fever name and logo.

On June 1, 2000, the Indiana Fever began WNBA competition against the Miami Sol. The Fever won, 57-54, but two days later dropped their home opener to the Orlando Miracle. As it is for any new team in any league, the first season was a struggle and the Fever closed the campaign with a 9-23 record. As a result, they received the third pick in the 2001 draft.

On April 20, 2001, the Fever selected Tamika Catchings in the draft. The University of Tennessee standout was injured weeks earlier in the NCAA tournament, and it was questionable if she could play during the WNBA season. But her potential as a player was greater than any possible risks.

Catch

"My favorite memory is the first time I put on a Fever uniform," says Catchings, the Fever's All Star and Olympian forward. She flashes that smile, the one that radiates before and after games as she greets fans or when she is out in the Indianapolis community.

The moment the referee tosses up the ball, though, that smile fades and Catchings turns into a battle-hardened leader, banging under the basket with the league's powerhouse players for rebounds and points, shutting down marquee scorers like Diana Taurasi.

"I think she reminds me of watching LeBron James," teammate Tully Bevilacqua says. "Watching LeBron, he's diving for the ball, he's falling out of bounds to deflect the ball back to a teammate. Catch is similar to him in that every possession is 100 percent."

Catchings stepped onto the court in 2002, winning the WNBA Rookie of the Year award while helping the Fever make their first playoff appearance. Since then, management has mixed and matched players with Catchings, creating competitive combinations but never able to find a championship blend. But Catchings' excitement as the 2009 season approaches suggests the Fever formula has finally been perfected. Issues such as low-post defense and point guard depth have been addressed. And the addition of center Yolanda Griffith and guard Tamecka Dixon, both WNBA champions, are also key points. "Dixon and Griffith both bring that veteran leadership and know how to win," Catchings says.

While Catchings leads on the court, her presence extends out into the community as well. Since arriving, she has been active with various charities and organizations and has established her own Catch the Stars foundation, which offers fitness and mentoring programs to Indianapolis youths. In June, she will receive the Rev. Charles Williams Award for her work with young people. "I had the opportunity to sit down with him before he passed away," she says. "He's done so much for the community and I'm excited to get an award as important as that one."

Despite countless league and community awards recognizing her accomplishments, Catchings is still waiting for a WNBA championship. With the arrival of Katie Douglas last year, high expectations abounded for the team. But injuries wracked the Fever all season long. Catchings missed nine games herself and only started in 17, and the team limped to a 17-17 record and a first round playoff exit against eventual champions Detroit. "There's a chip on our shoulder," Catchings says as the 2009 season draws near. But she is already noticing positive differences from last year's team. "From one day of practice the chemistry is better. It's just a matter now of what we do in practice - having more days to practice, having three preseason games to gel as a team - I think we will be really good this year."

Making the team

Indiana and Seattle started the 2003 season missing their expansion sisters, Portland and Miami, who folded after the 2002 season. The Fever added All Star and Olympian Natalie Williams and guard Kelly Miller to the lineup, but posted a losing record. After the season, Nell Fortner resigned from her positions with the team. Kelly Krauskopf became general manager.

"I still get chills thinking about walking out of the tunnel into the arena for the first time in 2000 and seeing the upper deck filled," Krauskopf says. "Before the game we honored Birch Bayh, who had purchased 5,500 season tickets allowing the team to reach the league's requirements. He was so important in getting us here with the Title IX legislation he helped create. I remember talking to him before the game and I said, 'Look what you've done,' and he had tears in his eyes."

Krauskopf is one of only three people - play-by-play announcer Chris Denari and former ball kid turned administrative assistant Ashley Floyd, being the others - who has been with the franchise

from the very start. In 1999, Krauskopf was invited to interview for a position with the Fever.

"My name came to Donnie Walsh as a good candidate to put the team together," she says. The Texas native made her first trip to Indiana and met with Walsh in his Market Square Arena office. "I could tell right away this was a well-run organization. They were going to treat the Fever the right way."

Krauskopf was hired and became the highest-ranking female in the Indiana professional sports landscape. She gained a reputation for intuitive moves, giving the Fever an increasingly positive future on the court. 2009 is no exception. "On paper we look pretty darn good," she says. "I feel we answered a lot of the questions from last season: point guard depth, the low post, scoring. But I'm smart enough to know everyone else got better, too."

At the end of ESPN's 2009 WNBA draft coverage, women's basketball legend and commentator Nancy Leiberman praised the Fever for their draft day and post season moves. The praise came off sounding like a warning to the rest of the league. Krauskopf is proud of the recognition the franchise receives for its transactions, but knows the changes need to translate into wins on the court and a positive environment in the locker room.

"Great teams are more than individual talent," she says. "You can have 11 great players but if they don't play as a team ... we've all seen teams stacked with talent implode. Your team has to be together."

This season, Krauskopf may see the Fever organization's hard work come to fruition. "We feel this is our baby," she says, thinking back to all the people past and present who have helped build the team. "A 10-year-old child we nurtured." Now, the Fever have the potential to begin their second decade with a championship, and Krauskopf hopes Indianapolis will support the team as much now as the city did in the beginning. "The city really stepped up and showed they wanted the franchise," she says. "Now the challenge is to make people understand we still need that support."

#### Tenacious Tully

With the arrival of Tully Bevilaqua, the 2005 campaign under head coach Brian Winters was one of the Fever's most successful. They went 21-13, recorded their first victory against the L.A. Sparks and made their first trip to the Eastern Conference finals. The Fever swept New York in the first round and was swept in turn by the Connecticut Sun. The loss would bring Natalie Williams' career to a close.

Bevilaqua's favorite Fever memory dates back to her arrival in Indianapolis. "My first year here was very memorable," the team's Aussie road warrior point guard says. "I had switched from the Seattle Storm after winning a championship with them. It's hard to leave a club after such a high. So I was a bit nervous coming here. But from day one the fans and my teammates made it feel like I had been playing here for years."

After traveling around the league for six seasons, Bevilaqua arrived in Indiana and blossomed into one of the league's deadliest defenders. Her tenacity towards opponents has the potential of drawing louder cheers than a Tamika Catchings three-pointer and she's become one of the most beloved players in franchise history.

But as the 2009 season begins, Bevilaqua's role with the team is one of the big questions heading into opening day. Will Bevilaqua remain the team's starting point guard, or will the Fever go with a youth movement and elevate Erika White or rookie Briann January?

Whatever the decision, Bevilaqua welcomes competition at the guard spot. "I'm excited we have a good rotation of guards and we can keep a revolving door going so we are maintaining constant up-tempo full court pressure for 40 minutes," she says. "For myself, it's all about playing in spurts, whether it's starting or coming off the bench. It's about whoever is out there at the time playing at 100 percent and we're not holding back any energy. I see myself as a veteran leader helping out the young players we brought in and a mentor to them as well and bringing it to the floor when I get out there."

Bevilaqua feels the current team is "the best lineup we've had." She credits Fever management for putting them in the position to again compete for a championship by keeping up with the other top teams in the league when it comes to grabbing key free agents. "Definitely we feel very good about the group management has put together," she says. "The addition of Yolanda Griffith with her experience and her competitiveness is going to elevate everyone else. I've had a break to physically and mentally get ready and freshen up a bit. Now I'm rarin' to go."

#### Hometown hero

Lin Dunn replaced Winters as head coach last season. Dunn, a former Purdue women's basketball coach, had been with the Fever since leaving the Seattle Storm in 2002. Working with Krauskopf, she helped orchestrate one of the franchise's defining moments: bringing Katie Douglas back to Indianapolis.

Douglas can recall a tough battle between the Fever and her Connecticut Sun in the 2006 Eastern Conference finals. With under a minute to go and the Sun up by three, the Fever amped up their defense for one last stand. As the shot clock ran down, it looked like they would have one more opportunity to tie the game. But then Douglas got the ball. "I banked a three-pointer to seal the game," she remembers. "It was a pretty big moment and definitely a lucky shot."

On a cold February day last year, the Fever made a dramatic announcement. They had traded All Star forward Tamika Whitmore to the Sun in order to bring Douglas back to Indiana, where she had starred at Perry Meridian High School, helped Purdue win the 1999 NCAA championship and then led the Boilermakers to the 2001 championship game.

For Douglas, the 2008 season was not the homecoming she wanted. So many injuries and a month-long break for the Olympics left the team playing inconsistent basketball all season. But now Douglas and her teammates are feeling refreshed and healthy. "It's an interesting year with a break between the European season and the WNBA season," Douglas says.

Most WNBA players compete in international leagues during the winter. Since the WNBA's inception, the league's schedule has meant many players competing overseas miss training camp or arrive after the season begins. The league finally made changes, pushing the schedule back and allowing all players to arrive on time with a little rest between seasons. For Douglas, this is a welcomed change.

"Last year, I showed up the day before the first game and played the next day. To be able to unwind and get a little bit of vacation and then get up here and feel re-energized is different but a really good feeling."

Besides the needed rest, Douglas says the break helps a basketball team trying to find itself. "All the people are here. All the veterans are here," she says. "You would hope we could build a little team chemistry without trying to build that in a game. It's hard to find

out what every player's strengths and weaknesses are out on the court during a game."

Now, in her second season with the Fever, Douglas has her sights set on a championship. And despite playing with some strong Connecticut teams, this year's Indiana ballclub looks like one of the league's best ever lineups. "The Indiana Fever always set their goals extremely high and it's not just getting into the playoffs. It's winning the Eastern Conference and then getting a shot at the championship," she says. "We are going to prepare ourselves to be in a position to win a championship in the end."

The veterans and the rookie

On June 7, 2009, 10 years to the day after being awarded their WNBA franchise, the Fever will play their first home game of the season against the Minnesota Lynx. "As we approach the start of the 10th season, I am very excited about the talent level we have," head coach Lin Dunn says. "This is the most talented group we have ever had and training camp is going to be a very competitive situation with very good players fighting for spots."

The addition of Yolanda Griffith and Tamecka Dixon are key elements to this year's potential success. Both won WNBA championships and are multi-time All Stars while Griffith is a former league MVP. "Both are blue collar workers," Dunn says. "They are extremely competitive and play to win. Those types of attitudes are very beneficial to have on a team."

"This is a great team with a lot of potential," adds Griffith, who recently announced she would retire at season's end. "There are a lot of feisty people on the team, and it's a hard working team."

Along with bringing veterans in, Dunn is excited about eight quality guards competing for roster spots. "I like the way that sounds," she says. Among those is the Fever's first round draft pick, Briann January.

January is a two-time Pac-10 defensive player of the year from Arizona State with great court vision and a long-range shot. She led the Sun Devils to the Elite Eight before losing to eventual champions Connecticut in this year's NCAA tournament. "From the first day of camp I've learned this game is faster and more physical. There is a lot more going on than in the college game," she says. "I'm here to add whatever this team needs to reach the next level - whether it's a fresh pair of legs or pushing and taking care of the ball."

Making new memories

With the pieces assembled, the players healthy and ready to compete, all that's left is seeing what happens on the court. It won't be an easy ride to a championship. As always, the Fever will battle Detroit and Connecticut for the right to represent the Eastern Conference in the WNBA finals.

The young Chicago Sky and the revamped Washington Mystics could interfere with their longstanding rivals' ambitions. And should the Fever reach the championship series, a determined Lisa Leslie, in her final year in the WNBA, may have her L.A. Sparks waiting. The Seattle Storm and Phoenix Mercury are always Western Conference wild cards, capable of taking the title.

Fever head coach Dunn has been around the organization since 2003, first as a scout then as an assistant coach. She has seen its highs and lows, and counts Indiana's comeback victory from a 22-point deficit against Connecticut in game three of their 2007 first round playoff series as her favorite Fever memory. But changes made during the off season and the promise the Fever hold on the court could eclipse that memory by season's end.

After 10 years of work, the team is right where they want to be and a championship is a realistic expectation. "Looking back, Ann and Nell did a great job laying the foundation for the team," Dunn says. "They made smart draft picks and brought in quality people. Brian Winters had the team competing at a high level. I've seen the team grow from not being able to get into the postseason to being 10 minutes away from a trip to the finals. The team has been fashioned to challenge for a championship and make an impact in the community."

And, if that championship trophy is raised, it will be the greatest Fever memory of all.

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### **Web exclusive: 10 years of the Fever**

#### **Players, employees, reflect on their time with the team**

By Josh Flynn

It takes a concerted effort from many to keep anything going for 10 years. The Indiana Fever is no exception. Players, coaches, employees and ball kids have all played a part in keeping the Fever going. Whether they are in town for one season or longer, the players have an effect on the community and Fever fans affect them. Along with a multitude of faces, 10 years brings a lot of memories - the first game, Tamika Catchings' arrival and the first playoff series, to name a few.

In celebration of the Indiana Fever's 10th season, former players, two current employees and one coach reflect on their time with the team and thank the fans who made the WNBA in Indiana possible.

#### **Chris Denari, play-by-play announcer (2000-current)**

Chris Denari was a familiar voice on the Indianapolis airwaves, calling Butler basketball games before becoming the Indiana Fever play-by-play announcer. When he got the call for an interview with the team, he was working full-time as director of marketing and communications at the Methodist Sports Medicine Center. "They said, 'We're really interested in you. You're local and people know who you are. We think you'd be a good fit,'" he recalls. Soon, not only was he doing radio coverage of the team but also television coverage. He now calls Pacers games on television as well.

In the 10 years he's been covering the team, Denari has seen the league grow from a few superstars and many one-dimensional players to full of well-rounded athletes. "It's incredible to see how the talent has grown in the league," he says. "I think back to that first season in 2000. The league was already 3 years old and you had Houston, L.A. and N.Y. with very good talent, and we had to take the bottom talent from teams in the expansion draft. In 2009, to look at the league and see how talented the players are - a lot of that because of the growth of women's college basketball - but the level of play in the WNBA is night and day compared to what it was when this franchise started. The players are more athletic. They can do more things. That has enabled the league to grow."

Denari has called many dramatic moments on the court, but one of his favorite moments with the Fever was a late night bus ride home from Cleveland in 2002. "We beat Cleveland on the final night of the regular season to clinch the first ever playoff spot," he says. "It was neat to be on the bus with the team enjoying something that had never happened before in franchise history and was a key step in the growth of the franchise."

#### **Anne Donovan, head coach (2000)**

In 2008, Anne Donovan led the United States to Olympic gold in women's basketball. In 2004, she led the Seattle Storm to a WNBA championship - the only female coach to win a title in league history. In 2001, she took the Charlotte Sting to the finals. But in

2000, Donovan entered the WNBA as the first head coach of the Indiana Fever.

Donovan remembers that inaugural season as a time more about bringing the WNBA experience to Indiana than actually winning games. The team had compiled a group of players Donovan recalls as being eager to give it their all and show what they could do. "Management did a fantastic job with the team and there was a lot of community and fan support behind us," she says. "It was a great atmosphere."

What produced the greatest effect on Donovan during her one year as Fever coach - former Purdue coach Nell Fortner would take over the following season - was the devotion of the team's front office. "I learned how valuable good management is," she says. "Kelly Krauskopf and Donnie Walsh did such a great job putting things together. They believed in the product and ran the team efficiently. They showed what teamwork meant. Whether it's that small group of players or the overall franchise, teamwork is a piece of the pie that is invaluable and often goes overlooked."

As the 2009 WNBA season begins, Donovan will be in New York as an assistant coach to Pat Coyle with a Liberty team that has been rebuilt to match the success of their predecessors during the league's early years. She is excited to be in New York, close to her family in New Jersey, and working with people she respects.

But 10 years removed from Indiana, Donovan embraces her part in Fever history. "I have such fond memories of the Fever's first season," she says. "I tried really hard to get us into double digit wins but we got stuck on nine. But the city and organization embraced something really special."

#### **Ashley Floyd, ball kid turned administrative assistant (2000-current)**

"I've grown up with the team," says Ashley Floyd, who at 14 was a Fever ball kid. For the rest of high school, Floyd spent each summer with the Fever. "To be able to work around these people I'd idolized for so long while growing up playing basketball was truly amazing," she says. Floyd played basketball at Lawrence Central High School and recalls Tamika Catchings attending one of her games. "That was the coolest thing ever. 'Yeah, that's Tamika Catchings and I know her. She's sitting front row at my basketball game.'"

Floyd attended college at Purdue while moving through the ranks of the Fever organization. Now, 10 years later, she is an administrative assistant and Kevin Messenger, the director of media relations, calls her the glue that holds the franchise together. Floyd's duties include relaying communications from the league to Fever staff and players, setting up schedules for visits from league President Donna Orender and helping Kelly Krauskopf. A couple months before the season begins, she focuses on finding player housing, determining player car needs and getting players into town from their international locations.

During her time with the team, Floyd has met Lisa Leslie and stood star-struck at the sight of Cheryl Miller. But she remembers the Fever's 2008 outdoor game against the New York Liberty as her favorite moment. "That was the coolest thing in terms of atmosphere, and it was the most perfect weather you could ask for," she says. "I was in awe of Arthur Ashe Stadium. It was perfect. And we won."

#### **Nikki McCray, guard (2002-'03)**



Nikki McCray came to the Indiana Fever in 2002 having already won an Olympic gold medal with the Fever's coach, Nell Fortner. With that experience, she knew she was going into a good situation, and it made the transition from four years playing for the Washington Mystics that much easier.

Equally appealing was a chance to play with WNBA rookie and fellow Tennessee alum Tamika Catchings. "All Lady Vols have a special bond, and I knew Tamika from her time at Tennessee but I was so impressed by her when we finally had an opportunity to play together," McCray remembers. "She's a special player. Despite the age difference I learned things from her work ethic. She's a great ambassador for the WNBA."

McCray spent two seasons with the Fever before joining the Phoenix Mercury in 2004. She was an integral part of a growing franchise. "We were young but we started to put things together," she says. To this day the friendships she made during her time here stand strong, and she notes an annual team reunion at the NCAA women's basketball Final Four.

McCray is an assistant coach at South Carolina under head coach and WNBA and Olympic legend Dawn Staley, and fellow assistant Carla McGhee, both players who McCray looked up to. "It's great working in a situation with people you trust and love," she says.

McCray anticipates a great 2009 season for the Fever and remains thankful for the appreciation the team's fans showed her as both a player and an opponent. "After I left, they continued to give me a standing ovation when I returned, and I thank them for that," she says. "They have always been in my corner. I enjoyed every minute wearing the Fever uniform."

#### **Olympia Scott, center (2001-'02, 2006)**

Olympia Scott has completed two tours of duties with the Fever, arriving first in 2001 and playing two seasons and then returning for one year in 2006. "It was great to be traded to a team that needed my immediate impact on the court as well as off," she says. "The fans responded well to my style of play, and I felt like I was part of the heart of this team."

Scott's time in Indiana was fulfilling, and she remembers the Fever as one of her favorite WNBA teams. "The organization is first rate and they did a great job fostering the interaction between the players and the community," she says. "I played with players that were not only great, they also exuded a joy and love of the game that made our locker room a lot of fun. I think I may have laughed the most in the Fever locker room in my 10 WNBA seasons." Scott also has fond memories of Indianapolis, recalling she met her fiancé in the city, collaborated on songs with local artists and producers, and hosted basketball camps.

For Scott, the key moment in her time with the team was finally getting to play with Tamika Catchings in 2002. "She was the player we were all waiting for," she says. "It was interesting to see how easily she adjusted to the next level and how great an impact she made on the league."

While Scott is currently out of the WNBA, she still keeps busy with basketball, competing in Turkey, where her team went to the league finals. She plans on spending the summer cheering for her fiancé, who plays arena football. She is also the president and CEO of an online parenting education company called Super Parenting LLC. But she won't forget the Fever or the fans that supported her and the team. "Thank you for helping bring the Fever to fruition," she says. "It started as a dream and became a mainstay in the

community. Your presence and energy in the stands are greatly appreciated."

#### **Coquese Washington, guard (2002-03)**

Coquese Washington was no stranger to Indiana basketball when she was traded to the Fever in 2002 with 11 games remaining in the season. A Notre Dame alum, she played a role in helping the Fighting Irish reach the NCAA tournament for the first time in 1992. It was an experience she would repeat with the Fever. When Washington arrived, she found a team with low morale hovering around the bottom of the Eastern Conference. "The teams I played with prior to the Fever - the New York Liberty and the Houston Comets - were used to winning," she says. "I tried to bring that same energy to the Fever. We had talent and there was no reason we couldn't win. So I tried to instill a winning ethic when we practiced and when we played."

Washington's efforts paid off. Under her leadership, the team put together a string of victories and found themselves in a first round playoff series against the conference's No. 1 seed, New York. "I have so many great memories with the Fever but that first playoff game is my favorite," Washington says. "We played them at home for game one and it was packed. It was one of those games where everything just went right. I don't remember the score, but we skunked them. It was a great reward for the season ticket holders and the fans." While the Fever would eventually lose the series two games to one, Washington helped set the foundation for winning basketball in Indiana and calls the victory one of her most fantastic memories as a player.

These days, Washington has a different perspective on the court as the head coach of the Penn State Nittany Lions. "I love Penn State," Washington says of being situated in a community of eager women's basketball supporters. "What I'm doing here is similar to what I helped do in Indiana, and that's rebuilding a team into an elite national program."

While her playing days are over, Washington is able to look back and call her time with the Fever one of her fondest memories and most rewarding experiences. "It felt great to make an impact on the team and help turn the fortunes of an entire franchise around," she says. "I thank the fans for all their support. Keep supporting the Fever so we can stick around."

#### **Stephanie White, guard (2000-2004)**

Perhaps the biggest move for the Indiana Fever during its first year was bringing Stephanie White back home. White began her basketball career at Seeger High School in West Lebanon, graduating as the state's all-time leading scorer and earning Miss Basketball honors. She attended Purdue, helping the Boilermakers win the 1999 national championship, and won the Wade Trophy, honoring her as the national player of the year in women's basketball.

White was drafted by the Charlotte Sting before joining the Fever for her second year in the league. "With Indiana being a basketball state, it was given a WNBA team should be here," she says. "Being a part of the inaugural season was exciting. The first time I stepped on the floor in Conseco Fieldhouse was amazing. I knew I was doing something special. So is watching the team grow up as it has knowing I was a part of it."

White now finds herself on the opposite side of a similar situation as an assistant coach of the young Chicago Sky. Just four years

into its existence, White is with a franchise trying to build itself up from the bottom like the Fever did 10 years ago.

But as White reflects on her time with the Fever, she is thankful for fans that support her and women's basketball. "Indiana has some of the most passionate fans anywhere, and I hope they continue to support the Fever and the league. The WNBA is great because we can show young fans anything is possible if they continue to work hard and maybe someday they will be out there playing. And I hope fans continue to support that."

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#### **Fever still chasing championship**

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indiana Fever have typically fallen just short of their goal of winning a WNBA championship, but that hasn't changed their approach.

This season, core players Tamika Catchings, Katie Douglas, Tammy Sutton-Brown, Ebony Hoffman, Tan White and Tully Bevilaqua return. The team added veteran post player Yolanda Griffith and point guard Erica White from the defunct Houston Comets, and drafted point guard Briann January in the offseason.

Those moves were enough to give coach Lin Dunn her usual confidence level heading into the season.

"This is by far the most talented training camp, most talented team we've had with the Indiana Fever," Dunn said Monday at the team's media day.

Catchings said the Fever believe they can win the title if they develop good team chemistry.

"I feel with this team and the players that we have here, we're in that position," Catchings said.

Indiana drafted two other players - forward Christina Wirth from Vanderbilt and center Danielle Campbell from Purdue. They are among the 15 players trying to make the squad.

After finishing 21-13 each of the previous three years and making the Eastern Conference Finals twice, Indiana hoped at least to make its first Finals appearance last season. Instead, the Fever went 17-17 in the regular season and lost to Detroit 2-1 in the first round of the playoffs.

The Fever played the first eight games last season without Catchings, who was still recovering from a torn Achilles' tendon. When she returned, the team had to adjust again. Then, the monthlong break during the Olympics stalled the team's flow, and toward the end of the season, Douglas suffered a knee injury.

Now, everyone's healthy, and the team will have an entire training camp to develop as a unit.

"It was definitely an up-and-down season, with people coming in, people coming out and stuff like that," Douglas said. "But hopefully, you learn from those experiences, you build from those experiences. With everyone here now, we're looking to build chemistry, to get to know one another like a normal training camp. I think this next few weeks will be really important and pivotal for us."

In the past, veteran players often have filtered in from their foreign teams and missed much of camp, but the league moved the season back this year, and now, foreign leagues' scheduling doesn't overlap with the start of the WNBA season.

Dunn said it will be difficult to make the team because of the high talent level in camp and the fact that the league has dropped rosters from 13 to 11 players per team.

"There are going to be some unbelievable battles for roster spots, and then once you earn that roster spot, there's going to be some battles for that playing time," she said.

Douglas was the team leader with 15.6 points per game last season, her first with the Fever after she was traded from Connecticut.

Catchings said she is 100 percent healthy for the first time since the 2006 season. Now that she's back, she returns to her role as the team's primary offensive option.

Bevilaqua, the team's starter at point guard the past four years, is 36 years old, and the Fever know she won't stay with the team for much longer. Dunn hopes Bevilaqua's successor already is in training camp so the veteran floor general can spend more time mentoring January and Erica White than playing.

"If Tully's not being pushed for that starting position, we didn't do our job," Dunn said.

The Fever believe such competition will help the team return to elite status.

"We have a lot to prove to ourselves, to everybody in the league," Douglas said. "There's such a high standard here. We're not afraid to voice our goals and to let people know what we're seeking and trying to get after. Everybody has a distaste for losing. We have the winning ingredients to be successful here."



## 2009 INDIANA FEVER

**SEATED (L TO R):** TULLY BEVILAQUA, SHAY MURPHY, OPERATIONS MANAGER ALLISON HAWKINS, ASSISTANT COACH JIM LEWIS, HEAD COACH LIN DUNN, ASSISTANT COACH GARY KLOPPENBURG, ATHLETIC TRAINER CRAIG STULL, BRIANN JANUARY, TAMECKA DIXON.

**STANDING (L TO R):** TAMIKA CATCHINGS, CHRISTINA WIRTH, TAMMY SUTTON-BROWN, JESSICA DAVENPORT, JESSICA MOORE, EBONY HOFFMAN, KATIE DOUGLAS, STRENGTH COACH BRANDON JOHNSON.