

IND @ SEA

Indiana Fever (IND) at Seattle Storm (SEA)

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Game Breakdown

- **Matchup:** Indiana Fever (19-11, #5 WNBA / #1 East) at Seattle Storm (6-26, #15 WNBA / #8 West) – Tuesday, July 28, 2026, 10:00 PM PT at Climate Pledge Arena.
- **Efficiency clash:** IND season ORtg 115.6 (1st best WNBA) vs SEA 101.6 (3rd worst WNBA) – a 14.0-point-per-100 gap.
- **Defensive edge flips:** SEA DRtg 108.2 (#9/15) is slightly tighter than IND 108.4 (#10/15) – the only efficiency column Seattle wins.
- **League-best offense:** IND paces the WNBA in ORtg 115.6, eFG% 56.0%, and TS% 61.0% (each 1st best WNBA).
- **Arc collision:** IND shoots 35.5% on above-break 3s (33.7% of FGA); SEA allows a league-low 27.3% on those looks – the widest attack-vs-allowed mismatch on the board.
- **Paint collision:** IND concedes a league-worst 43.8 opponent paint PPG; SEA scores 45.6% of points in the paint (6th WNBA, 2nd best West).
- **Season series:** IND leads 2-0, with both meetings decided late – a 28-19 and a 20-12 fourth quarter for the Fever.
- **Last meeting (2026-07-17):** IND won 110-107 at Indianapolis behind Caitlin Clark's 45 points and 10 assists; Kelsey Mitchell added 30 for the Fever.
- **Closing gap:** IND shoots 47.0% in the final five minutes; SEA slides to a league-low 37.2%.
- **Rookie core:** SEA starts two rookies – Awa Fam (29.6 MPG) and Flau'jae Johnson (28.5 MPG) – on a 1-9 L10 with nine straight losses.

Team Identity – IND

- **Working – Above-Break 3 Fire:** IND converts 35.5% on above-break 3s (33.7% of shot diet); SEA allows 27.3% on those looks.
- **Working – Second-Chance Value:** 11.9 second-chance PPG (5th best WNBA) off a 33.4% ORB% (4th best WNBA).
- **Working – Foul Math:** 33.8% FTA rate (5th best WNBA) – drive-first creation earns contact at a top-five clip.
- **Working – L5 Hot Hand:** Mitchell at 26.6 PPG (+3.3 vs season) on 67.2% TS; Tyasha Harris up +3.5 vs season.
- **Working – Paint Gravity:** Aliyah Boston at 17.3 PPG on 52.6% FG with a NET of 8.8.
- **Not Working – Rim Allowance:** 43.8 opponent paint PPG – the worst mark in the WNBA.
- **Not Working – No Live-Ball Pressure:** 6.6 steals (3rd worst WNBA) and 15.9% opponent TOV% (4th worst WNBA).
- **Not Working – Transition Leaks:** 10.3 opponent fast-break PPG (3rd worst WNBA).
- **Not Working – Clutch Volume Drag:** Mitchell's 31.9% clutch usage on 42.5% clutch TS (clutch NET -1.5).
- **Not Working – No Passing Web:** 62.6% assisted FG% (15th/15, 1st worst WNBA) – the scoring is self-created, not run through a passing web.
- **Standing:** #5 WNBA / #1 East at 19-11, with an L10 of 7-3 and the single loss the most recent result (road L 1).
- **Starting five sample:** Billings · Mitchell · Hull · Boston · Clark has logged 22 games together at 9.0 MPG with a 6.7 NET on 115.0 ORtg / 108.3 DRtg (56.0% eFG%).

Starters – IND

- **Caitlin Clark:** 21.0 PPG on a team-high 30.8% usage (2nd best WNBA), 7.9 APG, TS% jumped from 49.1% last season to 60.6% this year.
- **Clark vs SEA:** Dropped a season-high 45 points with 10 assists in the July 17 meeting at Indianapolis.
- **Clark clutch:** 11 clutch GP with 105.4 ORtg / 99.1 DRtg, NET 6.3, 24.6% USG, 59.9% TS.
- **Kelsey Mitchell:** 23.3 PPG on 26.2% usage, 50.2% FG, 43.8% 3 P, 63.5% TS – the WNBA's active 2+ 3 PM streak leader at 16 games.
- **Mitchell form:** L5 at 26.6 PPG (+3.3 vs season) on 67.2% TS and a 129.4 ORtg – the sharpest stretch of her season.
- **Mitchell milestones:** One make from 75 season REG threes (at 74) and 7 from 750 career REG points (at 743 REG).
- **Mitchell ATO role:** Primary first-look target out of Fever timeouts – 11-of-27 (27 attempts) on ATO first shots.
- **Aliyah Boston:** 17.3 PPG on 52.6% FG with a NET of 8.8 and 25.7% usage; L5 at 18.4 PPG (+1.1 vs season) on 65.5% TS.
- **Boston streak:** 8 straight games of 15+ points (#7/19 WNBA), and she's at 8-of-13 on ATO first shots for Indiana.
- **Lexie Hull:** 6.0 PPG in 20.1 MPG with a season NET of 8.7; clutch NET of 4.5 (12 clutch GP) on 103.4 ORtg / 98.9 DRtg.
- **Sophie Cunningham:** 9.3 PPG on a 68.6% TS% (3rd best WNBA) and 45.2% 3 P; L5 at 10.2 PPG on 66.7% TS with a NET 30.0.

"I know my role. I know what they need from me. My job is to make the right play and knock down the shot when it finds me. – Sophie Cunningham · The Indianapolis Star · July 16, 2026

- **Monique Billings:** 6.9 PPG, 5.3 RPG (leads the starting five) on a 114.7 ORtg (7th best WNBA); a 9th-year veteran out of UCLA.
- **Billings defense:** Holds opponents to 25.8% on corner threes – the best mark on the Fever's rotation.
- **Starting five pace:** Indiana's primary unit plays at a 98.9 pace, among the slowest in this matchup.

Bench – IND

- **Bench NET depth:** Three reserves carry positive season NET – Lexie Hull 8.7, Tyasha Harris 11.2, Makayla Timpson 10.5.
- **Best five-man unit:** Billings · Mitchell · Harris · Hull · Boston posts a 50.9 NET on 139.0 ORtg / 88.1 DRtg (65.3% eFG%) in 6.8 MPG.
- **Tyasha Harris:** 5.1 PPG, 2.4 APG (leads all Indiana reserves) on a season NET of 11.2 – the highest of any Fever reserve.
- **Harris form:** L5 at 8.6 PPG (+3.5 vs season) on 65.5% TS with an ORtg of 126.9 and NET 21.0.
- **Lexie Hull:** 5th-season wing in a starting-bench double role; 22 of her starts came with the 6.7-NET first five.
- **Makayla Timpson:** Sophomore center at 3.7 PPG and 4.0 RPG in 15.1 MPG on a 62.0% FG% – the highest FG% of any Indiana rotation piece.
- **Timpson form:** L5 at 5.2 PPG on 62.6% TS with an ORtg of 130.3 and NET 21.5 – the bench's best per-minute performer.
- **Timpson clutch:** 7 clutch GP with a +3.6 NET on 60.2% TS.
- **Cunningham clutch:** 12 clutch GP with an 87.2% TS% – the cleanup finisher when the ball kicks out of Clark's hands.
- **Bench pace:** The Timpson-led five jumps to a 106.8 pace – the fastest group the Fever field – with a 45.5 NET in 5.1 MPG.

Shot Diet & Zones

- **IND zone diet:** 34.6% of FGA in the restricted area (61.9% FG), 33.7% above-break 3s (35.5% FG), 9.8% midrange (35.8% FG).
- **SEA zone diet:** 24.3% of FGA in the restricted area (60.6% FG), another 24.3% in the non-RA paint (40.2% FG), 33.6% above-break 3s (34.9% FG).
- **IND 3-point volume:** 38.9% of FGA from three (5th best WNBA), anchored by the above-break 3 at 33.7% of all shots.
- **SEA midrange dead zone:** 12.7% of FGA from midrange at a 28.2% FG% against Indiana's 35.0% allowed.

All Things to Watch

- **The Streak Engine:** Kelsey Mitchell holds the WNBA's active lead for consecutive games with 2+ threes (16 games, 1st best WNBA) and the 2nd-longest active streak of 15+ points (20 games).
- **Clark's Gravity:** Clark dropped a season-high 45 points in the July 17 meeting and enters with a 6.3 clutch NET across 11 clutch games.
- **Malonga's Interior Wall:** Dominique Malonga holds opponents to 50.0% at the rim on her floor time – 11 points better than the Storm's team rate (61.1%).
- **Rim vs Rim:** IND converts 61.9% in the restricted area (34.6% of FGA) against SEA's 61.1% allowed – a near wash that tilts on Malonga staying in the paint.
- **The Glass Factor:** IND ranks 4th in the WNBA with a 33.4% ORB%, producing 11.9 second-chance PPG (5th best WNBA).
- **ATO Hierarchy:** Kelsey Mitchell is Indiana's primary target out of timeouts (11-of-27 on first shots); Awa Fam leads Seattle (6-of-16).
- **Timeout Clustering:** Both coaches back-load – 60% of Indiana's and 63.4% of Seattle's timeouts come in the final five minutes of quarters.
- **Pace Contrast:** SEA's starting five plays at a 103.7 pace, significantly faster than IND's primary unit (98.9).
- **Transition Leak:** IND allows 10.3 opponent fast-break PPG (3rd worst WNBA); SEA scores 11.1% of points on the break (6th WNBA).
- **Bench Shift:** Indiana's second unit, led by Makayla Timpson, pushes the Fever's pace to 106.8 while maintaining elite efficiency.

Team Identity – SEA

- **Working – Rim Anchor:** Malonga holds opponents to 50.0% in the restricted area on her floor time against a team rate of 61.1%.
- **Working – Rookie Surge:** Flau'jae Johnson is up to 18.4 PPG over the last five, a +4.7 jump versus her season average.
- **Working – Glass Run:** Malonga's 7-game streak of 8+ rebounds is 2nd best WNBA; she closed the July 17 meeting with 28 points and 14 rebounds.
- **Working – Transition Pop:** 11.1% of Seattle's points come on the fast break (6th WNBA) with 9.2 fast-break PPG (8th).
- **Working – Active Hands:** 7.7 steals (4th best WNBA) and 4.3 blocks (5th best WNBA) feed a bottom-tier half-court attack.
- **Not Working – Late-Game Guard Play:** Natisha Hiedeman owns the heaviest clutch usage at 26.8% while posting a -31.0 clutch NET on 30.9% TS%; Flau'jae Johnson sits at -30.6 in the same window.
- **Not Working – Fourth-Quarter Fade:** The Storm shoot 38.6% in Q4 and 37.2% in the final five minutes – the worst quarter-to-quarter drop on their sheet.
- **Not Working – Turnover Leak:** Seattle turns it over at an 18.7% TOV%, the 4th worst mark in the WNBA.
- **Not Working – Foul Advantage:** The 28.3% FTA rate (4th worst WNBA) means the Storm rarely manufacture cheap points.
- **Not Working – Defensive Transition:** Opponents hang 9.9 fast-break PPG (5th worst WNBA) on the league's otherwise cleanest perimeter defense.
- **Standing:** 6-26, #15 WNBA / #8 West, with a 1-9 L10 and nine straight losses – the league's longest current slide.
- **Starting five sample:** Hiedeman · Melbourne · Malonga · Johnson · Fam has logged 18 games at 10.7 MPG with a 5.6 NET on 104.3 ORtg / 98.8 DRtg (52.3% eFG%) at a 103.7 pace.

Starters – SEA

- **Natisha Hiedeman:** 15.6 PPG on 23.7% usage, the veteran volume guard; L5 efficiency cools to 47.2% TS% on 22.7% usage.
- **Hiedeman clutch:** 14 clutch GP with 95.7 ORtg / 126.7 DRtg, NET -31.0, 26.8% USG, 30.9% TS.
- **Dominique Malonga:** Second-year center with a team-high 16.3 PPG on a team-high 29.0% usage; 2025 All-Rookie Team selection (No. 2 pick, France).
- **Malonga defense:** Holds opponents to 50.0% in the restricted area on her floor time – 11 points better than the Storm's 61.1% team rate.
- **Malonga streak:** 7-game run of 8+ rebounds (2nd best WNBA); went 28 points and 14 rebounds in the July 17 meeting.
- **Flau'jae Johnson:** Rookie (No. 8 pick, LSU) at 13.7 PPG on 24.6% usage with a NET -0.3 – the best net on the Storm's creation card.
- **Johnson form:** L5 at 18.4 PPG (+4.7 vs season) on 24.5% usage – the Storm's hottest recent scorer.
- **Johnson milestone:** 2 points from 400 season REG points (at 398 REG).
- **Awa Fam:** Rookie (No. 3 pick, Spain) at 11.1 PPG on 35.3% 3 P and 47.2% FG in a team-high 29.6 MPG.
- **Fam role:** 44.5% of her FGA come from three – no Storm starter takes a larger share of triples; 85.2% AstFG% – she is fed, not self-creating.
- **Fam ATO:** Primary first-look target out of Storm timeouts at 6-of-16 (16 attempts).
- **Fam milestone:** 13 rebounds from 150 season REG (at 137 REG).
- **Jade Melbourne:** Australian guard completes the starting five alongside the two rookies and Hiedeman.
- **Starting five pace:** Seattle's unit plays at a 103.7 pace – the fastest group in this matchup, four-plus possessions quicker than Indiana's first group.

Bench – SEA

- **Lineup contrast:** The Dolson · Magbegor · Melbourne · Horston · Cooke group posted a -41.7 NET in 6.3 minutes (75.0 ORtg / 116.7 DRtg).
- **Positive sample:** The Magbegor · Melbourne · Horston · Johnson · Fam group posted a +108.3 NET in a 6.1-minute sample on 83.3% eFG%.
- **Zia Cooke:** Bench's highest usage at 25.8% (up from 19.2% in 2025) with a 98.7 ORtg and -8.2 NET; L5 TS% up to 53.4% from a 47.1% season rate.
- **Cooke clutch:** 8 clutch GP with a 75.0% TS% but a -30.0 NET on a 150.0 DRtg.
- **Ezi Magbegor:** 7th-year veteran and 2025 All-Defensive Team (tier 2) selection; 5.2 PPG on 53.5% TS; holds opponents to 50.0% in the restricted area on her floor time.
- **Magbegor form:** L5 at 3.5 PPG on a 40.5% TS% with usage down to 16.2%.
- **Katie Lou Samuelson:** Efficient stretch four at 4.5 PPG on 60.4% TS (best among bench rotation regulars) and 37.1% 3 P.
- **Samuelson form:** L5 at 6.4 PPG on a 77.4% TS% – up 17 points from her season mark – on just 11.2% usage.
- **Stefanie Dolson:** Owns the only above-water clutch NET on the team (+5.3 across 4 games) on a 9.1% USG% – but with a 113.6% TS%.
- **Closing leak:** Hiedeman's 26.8% clutch usage on 30.9% TS means the bench's shooters carry the load in a closing window the team has lost nine straight.

Defense & Rim

- **IND defensive identity:** DRtg 108.4 (10th), allowing 52.0% opponent eFG% (9th) but conceding a league-worst 43.8 opponent paint PPG.
- **IND rim numbers:** Allow 59.8% in the restricted area and 39.0% in the non-RA paint, both above league-typical resistance.
- **IND no disruption:** 6.6 steals per game (3rd worst WNBA) and 15.9% opponent TOV% (4th worst WNBA) – stops come from contests, not live-ball turnovers.
- **SEA defensive identity:** DRtg 108.2 (#9/15) with 43.2% opponent FG% (4th best WNBA), 31.3% opponent 3P% (2nd best WNBA), 49.1% opponent eFG% (3rd best WNBA).
- **SEA active hands:** 7.7 STL (4th best WNBA) and 4.3 BLK (5th best WNBA) – the Storm's best-kept defensive secret.
- **SEA paint held:** 38.1 opponent paint PPG (#6/15) – a unit that mostly contains the areas Indiana attacks hardest.

- **Corner 3 leaks on SEA:** Seattle allows 40.0% on left-corner 3s and 37.2% on right-corner 3s – the two worst zone numbers on its board.
- **IND corner profile:** Just 3.0% of FGA from the left corner (30.0% FG) and 2.9% from the right corner (25.0% FG).
- **Above-break collision:** The single widest mismatch – IND's 35.5% ATB 3 FG% vs SEA's 27.3% allowed, an 8.2-point attack-vs-allowed swing.
- **Rim wash:** IND's 61.9% RA FG% vs SEA's 61.1% RA allowed – a near wash that tilts on Malonga staying in the paint.

Timeouts & ATO

- **IND timeout clustering:** 74 of 123 timeouts (60%) come with under 5:00 remaining; zero calls come before the 10:00 mark of any quarter.
- **IND timeout breakdown:** 63 team timeouts in Q4, 26 in Q3, 24 in Q2, and just 10 in Q1.
- **IND ATO hierarchy:** Kelsey Mitchell leads at 11-of-27 on first shots; Caitlin Clark and Aliyah Boston both at 8-of-13 (61.5% conversion).
- **SEA timeout clustering:** 71 of 112 timeouts (63.4%) come inside the final 5:00; none before the 10:00 mark in any frame all season.
- **SEA timeout breakdown:** 53 of 112 timeouts (47.3%) come in the fourth quarter; Q1 sits at just 17 (15.2%).
- **SEA ATO hierarchy:** Awa Fam leads at 6-of-16; Natisha Hiedeman (3-of-15) and Dominique Malonga (3-of-14) are the next most-targeted at 20.0% and 21.4% conversion.
- **Rookie trust:** Fam's 29.0% usage and ATO target share signal the staff is building around the rookie as the primary initiator.

Usage & On-floor Defense

- **IND usage leaders:** Clark at a team-high 30.8% (2nd best WNBA), Mitchell 26.2%, Boston 25.7%.
- **SEA usage leaders:** Malonga at a team-high 29.0%, Hiedeman 23.7%, Johnson 24.6%.
- **Mitchell on-floor defense:** Allows 58.7% opponent shooting in the restricted area and 39.1% on above-break 3s – the highest ATB number among Indiana's starters.
- **Cunningham on-floor defense:** Opponents shoot just 33.0% in the paint – the best mark on Indiana's rotation – but 62.5% at the rim.
- **IND bench usage:** Timpson at 9.0% L5 usage with a 62.0% FG% – low-touch, high-yield finishing.

Clutch

- **IND clutch hub:** Clark at 105.4 ORtg / 99.1 DRtg, NET 6.3, 24.6% USG, 59.9% TS across 11 clutch games.
- **IND volume engine:** Mitchell at 106.7 ORtg / 108.2 DRtg, NET -1.5, 31.9% USG, 42.5% TS across 13 clutch games.
- **IND cleanup finishers:** Cunningham at 87.2% TS and Timpson at 60.2% TS convert cleanly when the ball kicks out of Clark's hands.
- **SEA clutch collapse:** Hiedeman at -31.0 NET on 30.9% TS and Johnson at -30.6 NET on 46.6% TS – the league's sharpest late-game guard crater.
- **SEA only positive:** Stefanie Dolson owns a +5.3 clutch NET across 4 games on a 9.1% USG%.
- **Cooke clutch:** 75.0% TS across 8 clutch games but a -30.0 NET on a 150.0 DRtg.

Cool Stats & Storylines

- **Rare Facts – Season high lines live in this pairing:** Clark's 45 vs SEA on 2026-07-17 is Indiana's season high ≥30; Malonga's 37 vs DAL on 2026-06-22 is SEA's season high ≥30.
- **IND season high:** 123 points on 2026-07-22 vs CON (123-88) – a 35-point margin, the largest of their season.
- **SEA worst loss:** 23-point defeat at Phoenix on 2026-07-02 (90-67).
- **Scoring-depth gap:** Indiana has 20 player-games of 25+ pts and 8 of 30+ this season; Seattle has 9 and 2.
- **Gamecock reunion:** Aliyah Boston, Tyasha Harris, and rookie Raven Johnson (IND) face Zia Cooke (SEA) – four former South Carolina Gamecocks on one floor.
- **Draft-class collision:** 2026 top-10 picks Awa Fam (No. 3, Spain), Flau'jae Johnson (No. 8, LSU), and Raven Johnson (No. 10, South Carolina) share a box score with 2025 sophomores Malonga (No. 2, France) and Timpson (No. 19, Florida State).
- **International flavor:** Jade Melbourne and Ezi Magbegor – both from Australia, both Melbourne-raised – give Seattle two Aussie frontcourt options.
- **Last meeting scorers (2026-07-17):** Clark 45-2-10, Mitchell 30-1, Malonga 28-14-2, Fam 16-9-4, Johnson 16-6-6, Billings 16-5-3 – six players scored 16 or more.
- **Season series texture:** Both meetings hinged on the final frame – the Fever won the July 17 fourth quarter 28-19 and the May 17 fourth 20-12.

Staff & Front Office

- **Stephanie White (IND HC):** 19-11 this season – her second straight winning campaign in Indianapolis after a 24-20 finish in 2025; career WNBA record 135-87 with a 17-17 playoff mark.
- **White track record:** Every full season she has finished as a head coach (2023–2025) closed above .500 – following back-to-back Connecticut runs (28-12 in 2024, 27-13 in 2023).
- **White's late-clock habit:** 60% of timeouts under five minutes; Mitchell 11-of-27 on ATO first looks – the closing structure is wired through her volume guard.
- **Sonia Raman (SEA HC):** First season, 6-26 through the team's first 29 games – a 6-26 career WNBA mark.
- **Raman's rookie-led rotation:** Awa Fam (29.0% usage) and Flau'jae Johnson (24.6%) carry significant creation; second-year center Malonga posts a team-high 16.3 PPG.
- **Raman's ATO design:** Funnels through rookie Awa Fam (6-of-16, 37.5%) – the only Storm option converting above 25% among top targets.
- **Coaching contrast:** White at 135-87 career and a winning season in each of her last two stops vs Raman at 6-26 in her first season.

Availability

- **IND – Temi Fagbenle (C):** OUT (Right Thumb) – Has missed 10 consecutive games; her absence leaves a gap in the interior depth for a Fever unit allowing a league-worst 43.8 opponent paint PPG.
- **SEA – Jordan Horston (G/F):** PROBABLE (Left Ankle) – Logged 18 minutes in the July 26 loss; her defensive versatility is key for a unit that ranks 2nd best WNBA in opponent 3P% (31.3%).
- **SEA – Skylar Diggins-Smith (G):** OUT (Personal) – Remains away from the team; Seattle continues to lean on veteran Natisha Hiedeman (15.6 PPG) and rookie Flau'jae Johnson (24.6% usage) in the backcourt.
- **SEA – Dominique Malonga (C):** AVAILABLE – The second-year All-Star center, who missed games earlier this season due to a concussion, enters tonight on a 7-game streak of 8+ rebounds (2nd best WNBA).

Matchups To Hunt

- **Caitlin Clark vs. Seattle's Above-Break Coverage:** Clark dropped a season-high 45 points on Seattle on July 17; while Seattle allows a league-low 27.3% on above-break 3s, Clark's 30.8% usage (2nd best WNBA) and high-volume arc attack (34.9% 3P%) represent the ultimate test for the Storm's stingy perimeter.
- **Seattle Paint Attack vs. IND Interior Leak:** Seattle scores 45.6% of its points in the paint (2nd best West); they must target Monique Billings (61.1% rim FG% allowed) and Aliyah Boston (57.9% rim FG% allowed) to exploit Indiana's league-worst 43.8 opponent paint PPG.
- **Kelsey Mitchell vs. Seattle's Corner Leak:** Mitchell is on a 16-game streak of 2+ threes (1st best WNBA); while Seattle is elite above the break, they allow 40.0% on left-corner 3s and 37.2% on right-corner 3s – the two softest spots in their scheme.
- **Dominique Malonga vs. Aliyah Boston:** A battle of interior anchors; Malonga holds opponents to 50.0% at the rim (11 points better than the Storm's 61.1% team rate), while Boston allows 57.9% while on the floor.

- **Malonga anchor:** Her 50.0% restricted-area allowed vs the team's 61.1% – the sharpest single-defender number on the roster.
- **SEA arc guards:** Awa Fam (22.4% ATB 3 allowed), Flau'jae Johnson (26.8%), and Natisha Hiedeman (28.9%) each hold above-break 3s under 29% on their floor time.
- **IND corner stoppers:** Monique Billings holds corners to 25.8%; Sophie Cunningham allows 29.7% on corner threes.
- **Boston at the rim:** Allows 57.9% opponent FG% at the rim while on the floor, with 41.5% in the non-RA paint.

Quarters & Late Flow

- **Q1 efficiency:** Indiana shoots a team-best 49.7% in the opening frame (263/529).
- **IND quarter-by-quarter FG%:** Q1 49.7%, Q2 45.1%, Q3 49.4%, Q4 46.2%, Late Q4 47.0%.
- **SEA quarter-by-quarter FG%:** Q1 44.7%, Q2 45.5%, Q3 44.3%, Q4 38.6% (season low), Late Q4 37.2% (league-low in the final five minutes).
- **Clutch gap:** Clark has a 6.3 clutch NET; Hiedeman (-31.0) and Johnson (-30.6) crater for Seattle.
- **Clutch TS standout:** Sophie Cunningham posts an 87.2% clutch TS%; Mitchell's 42.5% is the Fever's volume-drag counterweight.

Recent Form

- **IND L10:** 7-3, with the single loss the most recent result (road L 1 entering Seattle).
- **SEA L10:** 1-9, riding a nine-game losing streak – the league's longest current slide.
- **IND Mitchell L5:** 26.6 PPG (+3.3 vs season) on a 129.4 ORtg and 67.2% TS%; L10 at 27.4 PPG on an ORtg of 126.1.
- **IND Harris L5:** 8.6 PPG (+3.5 vs season) on 65.5% TS with a NET 21.0 – the biggest L5 scoring jump on the Fever's bench.
- **IND Cunningham L5:** 10.2 PPG on 66.7% TS with an ORtg of 133.1 and a NET 30.0 – the hottest individual stretch on either roster.
- **SEA Johnson L5:** 18.4 PPG (+4.7 vs season) on 24.5% usage.
- **SEA Fam month-to-month:** 13.1 PPG on 67.7% TS in June dropped to 9.9 PPG on 52.6% TS in July.
- **SEA Magbegor L5:** 3.5 PPG on a 40.5% TS% – a collapse from her 53.5% season mark.

Notable Streaks

- **Mitchell 2+ 3 PM:** 16 straight games – 1st best WNBA (21 active peers), both live entering tonight.
- **Mitchell 15+ PTS:** 20 straight games – 2nd best WNBA (19 active peers).
- **Boston 15+ PTS:** 8 straight games (#7/19 WNBA).
- **Clark 5+ AST:** 5 straight games (#5/12 WNBA).
- **Malonga 8+ REB:** 7 straight games (2nd best WNBA).
- **Fam 8+ REB:** 3 straight games (5th-longest active streak among qualified WNBA players).

On This Day

- **2020-07-28 (Seattle):** The Storm defeated the Minnesota Lynx 90-66 at home, led by 18 points from Damiris Dantas.
- **2017-07-28 (Seattle):** Seattle secured a 109-93 victory over the Dallas Wings at home, behind a 27-point performance from Jewell Loyd.
- **2015-07-28 (Indiana):** The Fever earned a narrow 75-73 road win against the Connecticut Sun, with Shavonte Zellous leading the way with 19 points.

Milestones

- **Mitchell:** 1 three from 75 season REG makes (at 74) and 7 points from 750 career REG (at 743 REG).
- **IND:** 1 win from a 20-win season (at 19-11).
- **Johnson (SEA):** 2 points from 400 season REG (at 398 REG).
- **Myisha Hines-Allen (IND):** 4 steals from 200 career REG (at 196 REG) and 23 points from 2000 career REG (at 1977 REG).
- **Hiedeman (SEA):** 4 rebounds from 500 career REG (at 496 REG).
- **Cunningham (IND):** 5 threes from 50 season REG makes (at 45).
- **Harris (IND):** 7 assists from 500 career REG (at 493 REG).
- **Billings (IND):** 10 steals from 200 career REG (at 190 REG) and 17 rebounds from 1,500 career REG (at 1,483 REG).
- **Fam (SEA):** 13 rebounds from 150 season REG (at 137 REG).

Officiating Crew

- **Ryan Sassano:** 5 years of WNBA experience, debuting in 2022.
- **Angel Kent:** 5 years of WNBA experience, debuting in 2022.
- **Josh Reed:** 1 year of WNBA experience, debuting in 2026 – a first-year official making his first trip through the league as a full-time referee.

Betting Lines & Props

- **Game line:** IND -8.5 road favorite at -110 on the spread; moneyline at IND -435 / SEA +327.
- **Total:** 186.5, an Over/Under split at even -110 on both sides.
- **Clark scoring prop:** 20.5 points at -105 with a 52% season Over rate – she dropped 45 on Seattle nine days ago.
- **Clark assists prop:** 7.5 at -108 with a 52% season Over rate.
- **Clark 3 PM prop:** 2.5 at -108 with a 39% season Over rate.
- **Boston points prop:** 15.5 at -120 with a 58% season Over rate – the most reliable over on the board.
- **Boston rebounds prop:** 8.5 at -125 with a 50% season Over rate.
- **Boston assists prop:** 3.5 at -165 with a 33% season Over rate – the widest gap between hit rate and price on the board.
- **Fam points prop:** 11.5 at -130 with a 48% season Over rate.
- **Fam rebounds prop:** 6.5 at -115 with a 30% season Over rate – the notable negative lean against her season profile.

Shot Profile

- **IND – Above-Break Gravity:** Above-break 3s account for 33.7% of the Fever's shot diet (35.5% FG%); this is the game's primary pivot point against Seattle's league-low 27.3% allowed in that zone.
- **SEA – Restricted Area Reliance:** 24.3% of Seattle's FGA are in the restricted area (60.6% FG%); they face an Indiana defense allowing 59.8% at the rim and 43.8 paint PPG (1st worst WNBA).
- **IND – Unassisted Creation:** Indiana ranks 1st worst WNBA in assisted FG% (62.6%); the shot profile is defined by individual ISO and pick-and-roll creation from Clark and Mitchell rather than ball movement.
- **SEA – Midrange Dead Zone:** 12.7% of Storm FGA come from midrange at a dismal 28.2% FG%; every long two taken is a win for an Indiana team that prefers to defend the arc and rebound (4th best WNBA ORB%).
- **The Corner Gap:** Seattle allows a combined 38.6% from the corners; Indiana only takes 5.9% of their total shots from there, suggesting the Fever may need to alter their diet to find the Storm's structural weakness.

- **Tyasha Harris vs. Seattle’s Second Unit:** Harris is averaging 8.6 PPG over her last five (+3.5 vs season) on 65.5% TS%; she hunts a Seattle bench that has struggled for defensive consistency, as seen in the -41.7 NET posted by their most-used reserve-heavy group.
- **Seattle Transition vs. Indiana’s FB Defense:** Seattle ranks 6th in the WNBA with 11.1% of points coming on fast breaks; they must hunt early looks against an Indiana defense that allows 10.3 opponent fast-break PPG (3rd worst WNBA).