

NYL @ DAL Recap

Monday, July 20, 2026 · Final NYL 99 – DAL 98

FINAL

- **Score** – NYL 99 – DAL 98 (OT) · Monday, July 20, 2026
- **Venue** – College Park Center – Arlington, TX
- **Overtime** – NYL 16 – DAL 15 in OT
- **Volatility** – Lead changes: 14; times tied: 13
- **Series** – Series W-L this season: NYL 1 – DAL 2
- **Result** – NYL wins NYL @ DAL 99-98

KEY PERFORMERS – DAL

- **Arike Ogunbowale** [pts + play making, 8 FB pts] – 29 PTS 5 REB 6 AST 1 STL 0 BLK 1 TO in 38 min | 9/24 FG, 3/5 3 P, 8/8 FT | TS 53% | +/- -5 | paint 6, FB 8, 2nd 0, POT 5
- **Azzi Fudd** – 15 PTS 1 REB 2 AST 0 STL 1 BLK 1 TO in 43 min | 6/13 FG, 3/6 3 P, 0/0 FT | TS 58% | +/- 1 | paint 0, FB 0, 2nd 0, POT 2
- **Maddy Siegrist** [elite efficiency] – 13 PTS 3 REB 0 AST 0 STL 0 BLK 0 TO in 11 min | 5/7 FG, 3/3 3 P, 0/0 FT | TS 93% | +/- 2 | paint 2, FB 0, 2nd 2, POT 0
- **Jessica Shepard** [double-double, pts + play making] – 13 PTS 16 REB 6 AST 0 STL 0 BLK 2 TO in 38 min | 4/7 FG, 0/0 3 P, 5/6 FT | TS 67% | +/- -5 | paint 6, FB 4, 2nd 2, POT 2
- **Awak Kuier** – 10 PTS 4 REB 2 AST 0 STL 4 BLK 0 TO in 25 min | 5/8 FG, 0/1 3 P, 0/1 FT | TS 59% | +/- -3 | paint 8, FB 2, 2nd 0, POT 0
- **Li Yueru** [elite efficiency] – 7 PTS 0 REB 1 AST 0 STL 0 BLK 1 TO in 16 min | 3/4 FG, 1/2 3 P, 0/2 FT | TS 72% | +/- 4 | paint 4, FB 0, 2nd 2, POT 0
- **Odyssey Sims** – 5 PTS 2 REB 1 AST 0 STL 0 BLK 1 TO in 21 min | 2/4 FG, 1/1 3 P, 0/0 FT | TS 62% | +/- 4 | paint 2, FB 2, 2nd 0, POT 0
- **Aziaha James** – 4 PTS 2 REB 1 AST 0 STL 2 BLK 1 TO in 8 min | 1/3 FG, 0/0 3 P, 2/2 FT | TS 52% | +/- 2 | paint 2, FB 0, 2nd 0, POT 0
- **Sug Sutton** [inefficient volume] – 2 PTS 1 REB 7 AST 0 STL 0 BLK 0 TO in 22 min | 1/5 FG, 0/3 3 P, 0/0 FT | TS 20% | +/- -7 | paint 2, FB 0, 2nd 0, POT 0
- **Quiet** – Alysha Clark (0 PTS 0 REB 1 AST 0 STL 0 BLK 0 TO in 4 min)

DEFENSE, HUSTLE & TURNING POINTS

- **Blocks** – DAL 6 (Awak Kuier 4, Aziaha James 2) vs NYL 3 (Breanna Stewart 2, Rebecca Allen 1)
- **Rim anchor** – Awak Kuier (DAL): 4 BLK
- **Steals** – DAL 1 (Arike Ogunbowale 1) vs NYL 3 (Marine Fauthoux 1, Pauline Astier 1, Rebecca Allen 1) – NYL won the takeaway battle
- **Turnover** – Jessica Shepard (DAL): 2 TO – offensive foul
- **Turnover** – Rebekah Gardner (NYL): 2 TO – offensive foul
- **Turnover** – Azzi Fudd (DAL): 1 TO
- **Closing sequence** – decisive final-minute swings
- **Swing** – Q4 2:00 [NYL 78-DAL 81]: Ogunbowale 27' 3 PT Step Back Jump Shot (21 PTS) (Sutton 5 AST)
- **Swing** – Q4 1:18 [NYL 78-DAL 81]: WINGS Turnover: Shot Clock (T#7)
- **Swing** – Q4 0:29 [NYL 80-DAL 81]: Jones 2' Putback Layup (14 PTS)
- **Swing** – Q4 0:17 [NYL 80-DAL 81]: Shepard offensive foul (foul #4)
- **Swing** – Q4 0:12 [NYL 80-DAL 81]: Kuier shooting foul (foul #6 – disqualification)
- **Swing** – Q4 0:06 [NYL 82-DAL 81]: MISS Ogunbowale 4' Driving Layup: Stewart BLOCK (2 BLK)

GAME STORY & MOMENTUM

- **Opening Firepower** – New York established early dominance by outscoring Dallas 25-22 in Q1, shooting a blistering 17/28 FG (60.7%).
- **Dallas Keeps Pace** – The Wings answered the Liberty's hot start by shooting 51.7% in the opening frame, including four three-pointers.
- **Locked at Half** – A dead-even 25-25 second quarter sent the Liberty into the locker room with a narrow 50-47 lead.
- **The Third Quarter Collapse** – The game swung violently in Q3 as Dallas outscored New York 21-9 to take total control of the momentum.
- **Liberty Ice Cold** – New York's offense vanished in Q3, managing just 16.7% shooting (3/18 FG) and missing all five three-point attempts.
- **Wings Surge** – During the decisive Q3 run, Dallas shot 3/7 from deep to turn their half time deficit into a lead.
- **Fourth Quarter Fightback** – Facing a late deficit, New York outscored Dallas 24-15 in Q4 to force over time tied 83-83.
- **Ogunbowale's Clutch Triple** – At Q4 2:00, Ogunbowale drained a 27-foot step-back jumper to put Dallas ahead 81-78.
- **The Momentum Shift** – After a Jonquel Jones putback at Q4 0:29, Jessica Shepard was whistled for an offensive foul at Q4 0:17, giving NYL the final possession.
- **Free Throw Execution** – Breanna Stewart drew a foul from Awak Kuier at Q4 0:12 and sank both free throws to push New York ahead 82-81.
- **Defensive Stand** – Stewart's block at Q4 0:06 and a split pair of free throws from Rebecca Allen forced the game into the extra session.
- **Overtime Edge** – In a game featuring 14 lead changes and 13 ties, New York survived with a 16-15 over time period to win 99-98.

STORYLINES & TALKING POINTS

- **Second-Chance Survival:** New York overcame a significant shooting gap by winning the second-chance points battle 30-6, powered by 17 offensive rebounds.
- **Efficiency Paradox:** Dallas posted a superior 54.6% team eFG% compared to New York's 47.0%, yet lost due to the Liberty's volume and rebounding.
- **The FT Margin:** The Liberty capitalized on their trips to the stripe, hitting 20/23 FT (87.0%) while Dallas managed only 15/19 (78.9%).
- **Paint Dominance:** New York attacked the interior relentlessly, outscoring Dallas 44-32 in points in the paint.
- **Stewie's MVP Statement:** Breanna Stewart finished just 2 assists shy of a triple-double (33 PTS, 13 REB, 8 AST) in a 42-minute marathon.
- **High-Volume Ionescu:** Sabrina Ionescu hoisted 25 shots, the most of any player, including 10 attempts from beyond the arc.
- **Paint Protector Down:** The Wings lost a key defensive anchor when Awak Kuier fouled out at Q4 0:12 after recording 4 blocks.
- **Veteran Presence:** Breanna Stewart is currently in her 10th WNBA season, anchoring the #8 seed Liberty.
- **Wings Offensive Catalyst:** Arike Ogunbowale is playing her 8th WNBA season, continuing to drive the #6 seed Dallas offense.
- **Perimeter Snipers:** Azzi Fudd (3/6 3 P) and Maddy Siegrist (3/3 3 P) combined to go 6/9 from deep for Dallas.
- **Transition Attack:** Dallas successfully pushed the tempo, doubling New York in fast-break points (16 to 7).
- **Interior Force:** Jonquel Jones provided 10 of New York's 30 second-chance points, finishing with a 14-point, 10-rebound double-double.
- **Ball Security Masterclass:** Both teams displayed elite discipline, combining for just 13 total turnovers in a high-intensity over time game.
- **Shepard's Facilitating:** Forward Jessica Shepard led the Wings on the glass (16 REB) and tied for the team lead in assists (6).

KEY PERFORMERS – NYL

- **Breanna Stewart** [double-double, pts + play making, 16 paint pts] – 33 PTS 13 REB 8 AST 0 STL 2 BLK 1 TO in 42 min | 10/19 FG, 2/4 3 P, 11/12 FT | TS 68% | +/- 5 | paint 16, FB 0, 2nd 8, POT 4
- **Sabrina Ionescu** [inefficient volume] – 21 PTS 4 REB 2 AST 0 STL 1 BLK 1 TO in 36 min | 8/25 FG, 2/10 3 P, 3/3 FT | TS 40% | +/- 7 | paint 8, FB 3, 2nd 3, POT 0
- **Jonquel Jones** [double-double, 10 paint pts] – 14 PTS 10 REB 2 AST 0 STL 1 BLK 0 TO in 33 min | 6/13 FG, 1/3 3 P, 1/2 FT | TS 50% | +/- -4 | paint 10, FB 0, 2nd 10, POT 1
- **Marine Fauthoux** [elite efficiency, double-double] – 10 PTS 10 REB 2 AST 1 STL 0 BLK 1 TO in 27 min | 2/5 FG, 2/5 3 P, 4/4 FT | TS 74% | +/- 7 | paint 0, FB 0, 2nd 2, POT 0
- **Pauline Astier** [inefficient volume] – 7 PTS 2 REB 1 AST 1 STL 0 BLK 1 TO in 25 min | 3/10 FG, 1/3 3 P, 0/0 FT | TS 35% | +/- -7 | paint 4, FB 0, 2nd 0, POT 2
- **Rebecca Allen** [inefficient volume] – 6 PTS 3 REB 1 AST 1 STL 1 BLK 0 TO in 32 min | 2/7 FG, 1/6 3 P, 1/2 FT | TS 38% | +/- 0 | paint 0, FB 0, 2nd 5, POT 0
- **Rebekah Gardner** [elite efficiency] – 6 PTS 4 REB 0 AST 0 STL 1 BLK 2 TO in 15 min | 3/3 FG, 0/0 3 P, 0/0 FT | TS 100% | +/- -4 | paint 4, FB 4, 2nd 2, POT 0
- **Quiet** – Han Xu (2 PTS 2 REB 1 AST 0 STL 0 BLK 0 TO in 11 min); Raquel Carrera (0 PTS 0 REB 0 AST 0 STL 0 BLK 0 TO in 3 min)

QUARTER FLOW

- **Q1** – NYL 25-22 DAL | game 25-22 | NYL 17/28 FG (60.7%), 4/7 3 P | DAL 15/29 FG (51.7%), 4/8 3 P
- **Q2** – NYL 25-25 DAL | game 50-47 | NYL 7/17 FG (41.2%), 2/8 3 P | DAL 10/17 FG (58.8%), 3/5 3 P
- **Q3** – NYL 9-21 DAL | game 59-68 | NYL 3/18 FG (16.7%), 0/5 3 P | DAL 7/18 FG (38.9%), 3/7 3 P
- **Q4** – NYL 24-15 DAL | game 83-83 | NYL 7/19 FG (36.8%), 3/11 3 P | DAL 4/12 FG (33.3%), 1/1 3 P
- **OT** – NYL 16-15 DAL | game 99-98
- **Final** – NYL 99 – DAL 98; Lead changes: 14; times tied: 13

SHOT DIET & LOCATIONS

- **Shot quality edge** – DAL posted 54.6% eFG% vs 47.0% for NYL (+7.6 pp)
- **Three-point split** – DAL drained 11/21 (52%) from deep vs NYL's 9/31 (29%)
- **NYL Three** – 9/31 (29.0%), avg 25.1 ft
- **NYL At rim** – 13/26 (50.0%), avg 2.8 ft
- **DAL Three** – 11/21 (52.4%), avg 24.7 ft
- **DAL At rim** – 12/20 (60.0%), avg 2.9 ft

PLAYER SPOTLIGHTS

- **Breanna Stewart** – Dominated the game with 33 PTS, 13 REB, 8 AST, and 2 BLK while posting a 68% TS% and a +5 rating in 42 minutes.
- **Breanna Stewart** – Delivered a game-saving defensive stop at Q4 0:06 by blocking Arike Ogunbowale's 4-foot driving layup to protect a one-point lead.
- **Breanna Stewart** – In her 10th WNBA season, she matched her 2026 season highs in rebounds (13) and assists (8) while recording her second-highest scoring output of the year.
- **Arike Ogunbowale** – Led the Wings with 29 PTS, 6 AST, and 5 REB on 9/24 FG (3/5 3 P) and a perfect 8/8 from the free-throw line (53% TS%).
- **Arike Ogunbowale** – Hit a clutch 27-foot step-back three-pointer at Q4 2:00 to give Dallas an 81-78 lead late in regulation.
- **Arike Ogunbowale** – Now in her 8th season, her 29-point performance tonight matched her career high against the New York Liberty.
- **Sabrina Ionescu** – Contributed 21 PTS, 4 REB, and 2 AST despite a high-volume 8/25 shooting night (40% TS%), finishing with a team-high +7 rating.
- **Sabrina Ionescu** – Sparked a late first-quarter surge with a deep 24-foot pull-up three-pointer at Q1 1:49 to briefly reclaim the lead at 95-93.
- **Sabrina Ionescu** – Exceeded her 15.5 PPG season average in her 7th WNBA season, though she struggled from deep at 2/10 3 P.

HISTORICAL CONTEXT & RARITIES

- **Season Series Finale** – Monday, July 20, 2026, marked the third and final meeting of the regular season between these clubs.
- **Dallas Claims Series** – Despite the Liberty's one-point victory tonight, Dallas won the season series 2-1 following wins on May 24 and July 7.
- **All-Time Edge** – The New York Liberty now hold a 19-15 advantage over the Dallas Wings in 34 historical regular-season matchups.
- **Ogunbowale's Benchmark** – Arike Ogunbowale's 29 points tonight matched her career high specifically against the Liberty franchise.
- **Stewart vs. Dallas** – Breanna Stewart's 33 points fell short of her career high against Dallas (40 points, set on September 5, 2023).
- **Ionescu's History** – Sabrina Ionescu's 21 points remained under her personal best against the Wings (33 points, set on July 29, 2020).
- **Bench Rarity** – Marine Fauthoux secured a rare bench double-double with 10 PTS and 10 REB in 27 minutes of play.
- **Perfect Bench Efficiency** – Maddy Siegrist provided an outlier efficiency performance for Dallas, shooting 3/3 from deep for a 93% TS%.

What DECIDED IT

- **Offensive Rebounding** – New York's 17 offensive boards led to a massive 30-6 advantage in second-chance points, effectively neutralizing Dallas's shooting efficiency.
- **Third Quarter Drought** – The game was nearly decided in Q3 when New York shot just 3/18 (16.7%), allowing Dallas to build a significant lead.
- **Free Throw Accuracy** – The Liberty shot 87.0% from the line (20/23), with Breanna Stewart (11/12) and Marine Fauthoux (4/4) providing near-perfect execution.
- **Turnover Timing** – A critical offensive foul by Jessica Shepard at Q4 0:17 ended a Dallas possession and allowed New York to take the final lead of regulation.
- **Rim Protection** – Despite Awak Kuier's 4 blocks for Dallas, Stewart's block at Q4 0:06 was the game's most pivotal defensive stop.
- **Volume vs. Efficiency** – Dallas's elite 54.6% eFG% was negated by New York taking 8 more field goal attempts and 4 more free throw attempts.
- **Clutch Free Throws** – Stewart's ability to draw a foul and hit two high-pressure free throws at Q4 0:12 flipped the score to 82-81 in the final seconds of regulation.