



**Chicago Sky (1-0) vs.  
Minnesota Lynx (0-1)  
Pre Season Game 2  
Allstate Arena, Rosemont, IL  
Tip: Thursday, May 6  
at 11:30am CDT  
TV: None | Webcast: None**



**Chicago Sky Probable Starters**

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	PPG	RBG	APG	Last Game
3	Dominique Canty	G	5-9	166	7	0	4	3-6 FTS, 2-4 FGS, 7 PTS
11	Jia Perkins	G	5-8	155	11	2	2	5-8 FGS, 1-2 3FGS, 2 STLS
20	Shameka Christon	F	6-1	174	17	0	1	5-9 FGS, 2-3 3FGS, 5-5 FTS
53	Abi Olajuwon	C	6-4	236	8	5	0	3-7 FGS, 2-5 FTS, 1BLK
33	Cathrine Kraayeveld	F	6-3	183	4	2	2	2-7 FGS, 0-3 3FGS

**Chicago Sky vs. Minnesota**

**Chicago Sky Injuries**

**All-time Series Notes:** The Chicago Sky is 5-3 against the Minnesota Lynx and is 3-2 all-time in Chicago.

There are no injuries to report at this time.

In 2009, the Sky split with the Lynx. Each team was able to take a game on on their home court. Minnesota defeated Chicago 102-85 in each team's season opener on June 6. The Sky got even when the Lynx came to Chicago on August 15, by taming the Lynx 79-76.

**Chicago Sky Recent Transactions 2010**

The all-time results are as follows:

- Aug 15, 2009 .....@Sky 79, Lynx76
- June 6, 2009.....@ Lynx 102, Sky 85
- July 1, 2008 ..... Sky 73, @ Lynx 71
- May 29, 2008..... Lynx 75, @ Sky 69
- June 3, 2007..... @ Sky 78, Lynx 72
- May 25, 2007 ..... Sky 82, @ Lynx 77
- July 28, 2006.....@ Sky 79, Lynx 65
- July 19, 2006..... @ Lynx 90, Sky 82

- May 1: Kristi Toliver arrived to camp
- May 1: Kristi Cirone waived
- April 23: Kristi Cirone signed as free agent
- April 23: Sandora Irvin signed as free agent
- April 23: Sami Whitcomb signed as free agent
- April 23: Larissa Williams signed as free agent
- April 7: Epiphanny Prince drafted as fourth overall pick in WNBA Draft
- April 7: Abi Olajuwon drafted in third round of WNBA draft

**Tonight's Matchup:** This will be each team's second pre-season game of 2010.

**Last Meeting:** Tamera Young scored 18 points and Shameka Christon added 17 as the Sky defeated the Lynx in each team's 2010 pre-season debut.

## **Chicago Sky 2010 Roster**

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	College	Years
1	Tamera Young	F	6-2	170	James Madison	2
2	Larissa Williams	F	6-3	186	Tulsa	R
3	Dominique Canty	G	5-9	166	Alabama	11
5	Erin Thorn	G	5-9	144	Brigham Young	7
7	Kristi Toliver	G	5-7	130	Maryland	1
8	Mistie Bass	F	6-3	190	Duke	4
11	Jia Perkins	G	5-8	155	Texas Tech	5
20	Shameka Christon	F	6-1	174	Arkansas	6
21	Abi Olajuwon	C	6-4	236	Oklahoma	R
24	Sandora Irvin	F	6-3	185	Texas Christian	4
33	Cathrine Kraayeveld	F	6-3	183	Oregon	5
52	Sami Whitcomb	G	5-9	147	Washington	R

### Staff

**Head Coach:** Steven Key

**Associate Head Coach:** Stephanie White

**Head Athletic Trainer:** Michelle Kania

### Chicago Sky Pronunciation Guide

Tamera Young

Shameka Christon

Sandora Irvin

Cathrine Kraayeveld

Tam-rah

Shu-meekeh Christian

Sand-or-uh

Cray-veld

## **Minnesota Lynx**

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	College	Years
1	Jessica Adair	C	6-4		George Washington	R
33	Seimone Augustus	G/F	6-0	179	Louisiana State	4
34	Ashley Ellis-Milan	F/C	6-2		Minnesota	R
43	Vanessa Gidden	F	6-3		Hofstra	R
44	Gabriela Marginean	F	6-1		Drexel	R
20	Nuria Martinez	G	5-9	167	Spain	2
8	Rashanda McCants	F/G	6-1		North Carolina	1
12	Brittany McCoy	G	5-10		Minnesota	R
11	Candice Wiggins	G	5-11	154	Stanford	2
22	Monica Wright	G/F	5-11		Virginia	R
21	Nicky Anosike	C/F	6-4	211	Tennessee	2
32	Rebekkah Brunson	F	6-3	182	Georgetown	6
9	Quanitra Hollingsworth	C	6-5		Virginia Commonwealth	1
24	Charde Houston	F	6-0	189	Connecticut	2
99	Hamchetou Maiga-Ba	G	6-2	162	Old Dominion	8
13	Lindsay Whalen	G	5-9	150	Minnesota	6

### Staff

**Head Coach:** Cheryl Reeve

**Assistant Coach:** Jim Peterson

**Athletic Trainers:** Chuck Barta,  
Keith Uzpen

## Chicago Sky 2010 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Score/Time	TV/ W/L
4/30	at MIN (Pre)	87-78	W
5/6	MIN (Pre)	11:30 am	
5/7	at IND (Pre)	11:00 am	
5/10	IND (Pre)	7:00 pm	
5/15	at CON	2:30 pm	CN100
5/16	at NY	3:00 pm	CN100
5/22	IND	7:00 pm	CN100
5/23	at IND	5:00 pm	CN100
5/27	SEA	7:00 pm	CN100
5/29	at MIN	2:30 pm	CN100
6/4	at ATL	6:00 pm	CN100
6/5	TUL	7:00 pm	CN100
6/8	NY	7:00 pm	CN100
6/11	WASH	7:30 pm	CN100
6/15	ATL	7:00 pm	CN100
6/19	at WASH	6:00 pm	CN100
6/22	at CON	6:30 pm	CN100
6/25	WASH	7:30 pm	CN100
6/27	IND	5:00 pm	CN100
7/1	CONN	7:00 pm	CN100
7/3	at ATL	6:00 pm	CN100
7/6	IND	6:00 pm	CN100
7/11	at NY	3:00 pm	
7/14	SA	11:30 am	CN100
7/16	LA	7:30 pm	CN100
7/18	at WASH	3:00 pm	
7/23	NY	7:30 pm	CN100
7/24	at SA	7:00 pm	CN100
7/27	at IND	6:00 pm	CN100
7/30	at SEA	9:00 pm	
8/1	at PHO	5:00 pm	CN100
8/4	at LA	9:30 pm	CN100
8/7	MIN	2:00 pm	ESPN2
8/10	PHO	7:00 pm	ESPN2
8/14	ATL	7:00 pm	CN100
8/17	at ATL	6:00 pm	CN100
8/20	CON	7:30 pm	CN100
8/21	at TUL	7:00 pm	

## Chicago Sky Recent Games

Next Three:

May 7 (pre)	at Indiana	11:00 am
May 10 (pre)	Indiana	7:00 pm
May 15	at CONN	3:30pm

Last One: The Chicago Sky opened up pre-season action on the road in Minnesota with an 87-78 win over the Lynx. **Tamera Young** scored 18 points and **Shameka Christon** scored 17. The Sky was without Sylvia Fowles, K.B. Sharp, Kristi Toliver, Eipiphanny Prince and Courtney Paris. Minnesota was without Quanitra Hollingsworth, Lindsay Whalen, Nicky Anosike, Charde Houston, Rebekkah Brunson and Hamchetou Maiga-Ba.

## WNBA Standings

East

Team	W	L	PCT	GB	CONF	H	RD	STK
CHI	1	0	1.000	0.0	0-0	0-0	1-0	W 1
ATL	0	0	0	0.5	0-0	0-0	0-0	-
CON	0	0	0	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	-
IND	0	0	0	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	-
NY	0	0	0	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	-
WASH	0	0	0	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	-

West

Team	W	L	PCT	GB	CONF	H	RD	STK
SEA	1	0	1.000	0.0	0-0	1-0	0-0	W 1
PHO	0	1	0	0.0	0-1	0-0	0-1	L 1
MIN	0	1	0	0.0	0-0	0-1	0-0	L 1
LA	0	0	0	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	-
SA	0	0	0	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	-
TUL	0	0	0	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	-

## Chicago Sky Home/Away Records

	Record	Home	Away	OT
Overall	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0
Eastern	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Western	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0

## Chicago Sky 2010 Player Averages

### REBOUNDS

Player	G	GS	MPG	FG%	3p%	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	APG	SPG	BPG	TO	PF	PPG
Tamera Young	1	0	18.0	.500	.667	.667	1.00	5.00	6.00	.0	2.00	.00	2.00	3.00	18.0
Shameka Christon	1	1	22.0	.556	.667	1.000	.00	.00	.00	1.0	2.00	.00	1.00	3.00	17.0
Mistie Bass	1	0	14.0	.000	.000	1.000	4.00	3.00	7.00	.0	.00	.00	.00	1.00	12.0
Jia Perkins	1	1	14.0	.625	.500	.000	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.0	2.00	.00	1.00	3.00	11.0
Abi Olajuwon	1	0	18.0	.429	.000	.400	1.00	4.00	5.00	.0	.00	1.00	.00	4.00	8.0
Sandora Irvin	1	1	16.0	.400	.000	.750	.00	5.00	5.00	1.0	3.00	3.00	1.00	1.00	7.0
Dominique Canty	1	1	18.0	.500	.000	.500	.00	.00	.00	4.0	1.00	.00	3.00	1.00	7.0
Cathrine Kraayeveld	1	1	19.0	.286	.000	.000	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.0	1.00	2.00	.00	2.00	4.0
Larrissa Williams	1	0	13.0	.500	.000	.000	1.00	.00	1.00	.0	.00	.00	3.00	3.00	2.0
Samantha Whitcomb	1	0	19.0	.000	.000	.500	.00	.00	.00	5.0	2.00	.00	2.00	4.00	1.0
Erin Thorn	1	0	17.0	.000	.000	.000	.00	2.00	2.00	1.0	.00	.00	2.00	2.00	.0
Kristi Cirone	1	0	11.0	.000	.000	.000	.00	.00	.00	3.0	.00	.00	1.00	1.00	.0
<b>Team Averages</b>	1	0	200.0	.388	.313	.750	9.0	21.0	30.0	19.0	13.0	6.0	17.0	28.0	87.0
<b>Opponents</b>	1	0	200.0	.400	.375	.697	11.0	27.0	38.0	14.0	9.0	4.0	22.0	33.0	78.0

## Chicago Sky 2010 Player Totals

Player	G	GS	MIN	FGM- A	3PM- A	FTM- A	OFF	DEF	TOT	AST	STL	BLK	TO	PF	PTS
Tamera Young	1	0	18	6-12	2-3	4-6	1	5	6	0	2	0	2	3	18
Shameka Christon	1	1	22	5-9	2-3	5-5	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	3	17
Mistie Bass	1	0	14	0-2	0-0	12-12	4	3	7	0	0	0	0	1	12
Jia Perkins	1	1	14	5-8	1-2	0-0	1	1	2	2	2	0	1	3	11
Abi Olajuwon	1	0	18	3-7	0-0	2-5	1	4	5	0	0	1	0	4	8
Sandora Irvin	1	1	16	2-5	0-0	3-4	0	5	5	1	3	3	1	1	7
Dominique Canty	1	1	18	2-4	0-0	3-6	0	0	0	4	1	0	3	1	7
Cathrine Kraayeveld	1	1	19	2-7	0-3	0-0	1	1	2	2	1	2	0	2	4
Larrissa Williams	1	0	13	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	3	2
Samantha Whitcomb	1	0	19	0-7	0-4	1-2	0	0	0	5	2	0	2	4	1
Erin Thorn	1	0	17	0-3	0-1	0-0	0	2	2	1	0	0	2	2	0
Kristi Cirone	1	0	11	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	1	0
<b>Team Totals</b>	1	0	200	26-67	5-16	30-40	9	21	30	19	13	6	17	28	87
<b>Opponents</b>	1	0	--	26-65	3-8	23-33	11	27	38	14	9	4	22	33	78

## Minnesota Lynx 2010 Player Averages

Player	REBOUNDS														
	G	GS	MPG	FG%	3p%	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	APG	SPG	BPG	TO	PF	PPG
<a href="#">Monica Wright</a>	1	1	31.0	.294	.250	.778	1.00	2.00	3.00	4.0	1.00	.00	4.00	3.00	18.0
<a href="#">Jessica Adair</a>	1	1	26.0	.417	.000	.800	5.00	1.00	6.00	1.0	3.00	3.00	2.00	6.00	14.0
<a href="#">Gabriela Marginean</a>	1	0	30.0	.429	.000	1.000	1.00	8.00	9.00	1.0	2.00	.00	1.00	5.00	12.0
<a href="#">Rashanda McCants</a>	1	1	16.0	.833	.000	1.000	.00	2.00	2.00	1.0	.00	.00	.00	1.00	11.0
<a href="#">Nuria Martinez</a>	1	1	29.0	.500	.667	.000	.00	7.00	7.00	3.0	2.00	.00	6.00	4.00	10.0
<a href="#">Brittany McCoy</a>	1	0	28.0	.500	.000	.500	.00	.00	.00	3.0	.00	1.00	3.00	4.00	5.0
<a href="#">Ashley Ellis-Milan</a>	1	1	23.0	.400	.000	.500	1.00	3.00	4.00	1.0	1.00	.00	5.00	5.00	5.0
<a href="#">Vanessa Gidden</a>	1	0	16.0	.125	.000	.500	3.00	4.00	7.00	.0	.00	.00	.00	5.00	3.0
<b>Team Averages</b>	1	0	200.0	.400	.375	.697	11.0	27.0	38.0	14.0	9.0	4.0	22.0	33.0	78.0
<b>Opponents</b>	1	0	200.0	.388	.313	.750	9.0	21.0	30.0	19.0	13.0	6.0	17.0	28.0	87.0

## Minnesota Lynx 2010 Player Totals

Player	REBOUNDS														
	G	GS	MIN	FGM-A	3PM-A	FTM-A	OFF	DEF	TOT	AST	STL	BLK	TO	PF	PTS
Monica Wright	1	1	31	5-17	1-4	7-9	1	2	3	4	1	0	4	3	18
Jessica Adair	1	1	26	5-12	0-0	4-5	5	1	6	1	3	3	2	6	14
Gabriela Marginean	1	0	30	3-7	0-1	6-6	1	8	9	1	2	0	1	5	12
Rashanda McCants	1	1	16	5-6	0-0	1-1	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	1	11
Nuria Martinez	1	1	29	4-8	2-3	0-2	0	7	7	3	2	0	6	4	10
Brittany McCoy	1	0	28	1-2	0-0	3-6	0	0	0	3	0	1	3	4	5
Ashley Ellis-Milan	1	1	23	2-5	0-0	1-2	1	3	4	1	1	0	5	5	5
Vanessa Gidden	1	0	16	1-8	0-0	1-2	3	4	7	0	0	0	0	5	3
<b>Team Totals</b>	1	0	200	26-65	3-8	23-33	11	27	38	14	9	4	22	33	78
<b>Opponents</b>	1	0	--	26-67	5-16	30-40	9	21	30	19	13	6	17	28	87

# **2010 Chicago Sky Notes**

## **A Familiar Face Returns**

Second-year guard Kristi Toliver has arrived in camp and will play against the Lynx on Thursday. Toliver has been in Europe playing for her Hungarian club team, MKB Euroleasing Sopron. With the arrival of Toliver in camp, the Chicago Sky waived guard Kristi Cirone.

## **Twice is Nice**

After a convincing 87-78 victory over the Lynx on Friday, the Sky look to move their record to 2-0 during the pre-season with a rematch with Minnesota. Tamera Young led the Sky with 18 points, and newcomer Shameka Christon scored 17 points in the victory.

## **Welcome Home**

Thursdays match-up will mark the first ever Chicago Sky game at the Allstate Arena. After spending the last four years at the UIC Pavillion, the Sky have made the move to Rosemont and will make Allstate Arena their new home. For most of the players, this will be their first time at Allstate Arena, so an adjustment to the stadium is expected.

## **Deep Down Low**

The Sky is deep in the post. With at five players in camp already vying for spots in the paint, its sure to be a good competition to see how earns their roster spot.

## **Experience on the Perimeter**

WNBA All-Star Jia Perkins and newly re-signed Dominique Canty are headed into their fourth year together as the main components of the Sky back court. To say they're familiar with one another is an understatement. Erin Thorn is also a veteran presence on the Sky's perimeter. The experience the Sky have at the guard position should provide a solid basis in 2010.

## **Milestone Watch**

## **In the Community**

## 2010 Chicago Sky

### **Tamera Young # 1**

Position	Forward
Height	6'2"
Weight	170
WNBA Years	2
College	James Madison
Birthdate	October 30, 1986
Acquired	Acquired via trade from Atlanta in exchange for Arminnie Price on August 12, 2009

### **WNBA Career**

**2009:** Acquired from Atlanta in exchange for Arminnie Price on August 12 ... Started 6 of 10 games played with the Sky ... Averaged five points and three rebounds in 12.9 minutes per game with Chicago ... Scored a season-high 14 points in a 76-67 loss against Detroit on August 22. **2008:** Appeared in 33 games for the Dream, including 15 starts in her rookie season... Averaged 7.3 points, 4.2 rebounds and 1.2 assists per game... Scored a career-high 26 points against Detroit on June 29... Recorded a career-high 13 rebounds against San Antonio on June 18... Tied for second on team in rebounding (4.2 rpg)...Tied for single-game record for steals (5 vs. Washington on June 20).

**COLLEGE:** First player from James Madison to play in the WNBA... Holds CAA and school career scoring record (2,121)... Second on JMU and CAA career rebounding list (1,127) and only the second player in school history with more than 1,000 rebounds... School-record season points (693) and season scoring average (20.4)... School record career scoring average (16.7)... School-record career steals (275)... School-record career starts (125)... School-record 44 consecutive games in double figures... School-record 38 points in a single game... CAA Player of the Year (2007-08)... Associated Press All-America honorable mention as a senior... Leading scorer (20.4) and rebounder (10.4) in the CAA as a senior... Earned all-CAA first team honors three times... Named to the Richmond Times-Dispatch All-State First-Team three times... Named to the CAA All-Tournament and All-Defensive teams as a sophomore... Named to the CAA All-Rookie team as a freshman... Set the freshman record for steals.

**PERSONAL:** Daughter of Greg Young and Lynda Nichols-Brown and John Brown...Has a brother, A.J., and two sisters, Nikia and Valerie... Nickname is Tee... Hobbies include watching movies and shopping... Lists the Bible as her favorite book... Favorite actress is Sanaa Lathan and favorite actor is Denzel Washington... Wears her hair in pigtails during most games, a superstition that started in college... First player from James Madison to play in the WNBA... Majored in Kinesiology with a concentration in sports management and a minor in business at James Madison... Attended same high school (Laney High School) as Michael Jordan.

### **Dominique Canty # 3**

Position	Guard
Height	5'9"
Weight	162
WNBA Years	11
College	University of Alabama '99
Birthdate	March 2, 1977
Birthplace	Chicago, IL
Acquired	Signed by Chicago Sky as a free agent in February 2007

### **WNBA Career**

**2009:** In her 11th WNBA season, Canty started all 34 regular season games, and averaged 6.9 points, 3.2 assists and 1.9 rebounds in 22.8 minutes per game ... her 109 assists was best on the Sky and 13th best in the WNBA ... Canty shot 36.4 percent from three point range, the best mark of her career ... Against Connecticut on August 1 Canty recorded her 300th career steal to become one of 11 players in WNBA history to reach 800 career rebounds, 800 career assists and 300 career steals ... On August 15 Canty recorded a season-high eight assists in the same game. **2008:** Canty completed her 10th year in the WNBA starting in 28 games, averaging 8.1 points, 2.5 rebounds with 4.1 assists per game... Of her 71 rebounds, 47 came from the defensive end... Canty scored 226 points with 83 free-throws, including nine consecutive from June 1- June 6...She led the team with 115 assists in 737 minutes played... Ranked 6th in the league in assists per turnover (2.13)...Ranked 9th in the league in assists per 40 minutes (6.2)...Ranked 9th in the league in assists per game (4.1)...Ranked 14th in league in total assists (115)... **2007:** Canty started 27 games out of 30 played...averaged 7.4 pts, 2.8 rebounds & 2.6 assists per game...obtained 64 rebounds with 47 of them being defensive boards...Ranked 5th in the league in assists per turnover (2.16) **2005:** Played in 33 games with a career-high 32 starts for the Comets ... averaged 8.2 points, 3.3 rebounds and 3.1 ... missed one game (August 7 at Sacramento) with a right knee 13 times ... started at forward in place of Sheryl Swoopes (stomach virus) and scored a season-high 17 points vs. Los Angeles on August 27. **2003:** Averaged 5.4 points, 3.1 rebounds and 1.8 assists in 32 games for Houston **2002:** Played in 28 games with 12 starts for Detroit ... averaged 5.7 points, 3.0 assists and 2.5 rebounds

**PERSONAL:** Born Dominique Danyell Canty...Parents are Sammy and Beatrice Canty ...Youngest of five children in her family, two brothers and two sisters ...Nicknamed "Nique" ...Used to guard former University of Illinois point guard Kiwane Garris in backyard pick-up games growing up ... her favorite food is pizza... her game day ritual is drinking coffee before she takes the court.. She was a 1995 Street & Smith All-American and a four-time All-State player, and was inducted into the IHSA Girls Basketball Hall of Fame in 2004 ...Has been playing basketball since she was eight ...Credits her sister, Forlesia, the first in her family to graduate from college and a law school student, for pushing her academically ...Majored in criminal justice with a minor in social work ...Spent the 2001-02 WNBA offseason as assistant coach for the Chicago State University women's basketball team ...Interned with the Dallas Mavericks public relations department during 2000-01 offseason after interning with the Detroit Pistons and Shock public relations department during 1999-2000 offseason...

**Erin Thorn #5**

Position	Guard
Height	5'10"
Weight	150
WNBA Years	7
College	Brigham Young
Birthdate	May 19, 1981
Acquired	Signed via free agency on January 7, 2009

**WNBA CAREER**

**2009:** Played in a career-high 34 games ... Averaged 6.2 points and 1.6 rebounds in 17 minutes per game ... Shot 40.2 percent from three-point range ... Shot 90.9 percent from the free-throw line ... Eighth in the league in three-point percentage. **2008:** Played in 32 games for the New York Liberty averaging 3.2 points, 0.6 rebounds and 1.1 assists per game...Thorn played in six games in the 2008 WNBA Playoffs averaging 4.0 points, 0.3 rebounds and 1.0 assists per game before being eliminated in the conference finals...Thorn scored a season high 10 points against Atlanta on June 11th and also had a career high 11 three point attempts in the same game. **2007:** Thorn played in and started 29 games for the Liberty and was named WNBA Eastern Conference Player of the Week on May 29th after scoring a career-high 28 points including seven three pointers on Opening Day against Chicago...Finished the regular season as one of the WNBA's top 20 leaders in assists per game (2.5), field goal percentage (.424), minutes per game (30.4), and three-point field goal percentage (.390). **2006:** Played in 27 games and averaged 6.1 points and 1.4 rebounds per game...She ranked #1 in the WNBA for three-point field goal percentage (.431). **2005:** Played in 21 games averaging 2.7 points, 0.7 rebounds and 0.6 assists per game...Shot .345 from behind the arc. **2004:** Played in 17 games and started one while averaging 2.2 points...Scored a season high eight points against Seattle on June 26th. **2003:** In her rookie season, played in 23 games averaging 1.9 points and 7.9 minutes per game.

**COLLEGE:** While at BYU, Thorn tallied a total of 2,061 points putting her in fourth place in all-time scoring in BYU women's basketball history...Named to MWC All-Tournament Team... MWC All-Conference First Team in her senior season.

**PERSONAL:** Born in Orem, Utah ... Has nine siblings ... Spent two off-seasons (2004-2006) as an assistant coach at her alma mater, Brigham Young University ... Majored in Fitness and Wellness Management ... Wore jersey No. 11 from junior high school through college ... Notes

**Kristi Toliver #7**

Position	Guard
Height	5'7"
Weight	130
WNBA Years	1
College	Maryland
Birthdate	January 27th 1987
Acquired	Drafted by the Sky with the third pick in the 2009 WNBA Draft

**WNBA Career**

**2009:** Toliver played in 27 games off the bench in her rookie season ... Averaged 7.6 points, 1.4 rebounds and 1.9 assists in 14.3 minutes per game ... Scored a total of 205 points ... Led all WNBA rookies and was second overall in the WNBA having shot 44.4 percent from three-point range ... Gave out 1.89 assists per game which ranked 6th among WNBA rookies ... Scored a career-best 25 points in a 96-77 win against New York on August 28 ... Had a career-high 7 assists and 22 points in an 86-81 win at Seattle on July 12.

**COLLEGE:** During her stand-out career at Maryland, Toliver was honored as a Preseason Wade Trophy Candidate and a Midseason Naismith Award Candidate...She was also named to the AP All-American 2nd Team, the Sports Illustrated All-American 2nd Team, and First Team All-ACC...She was awarded the Nancy Lieberman Award twice being the first 'Terp to do so, and was named the WNIT Most Valuable Player...As Maryland's Fifth All-American she broke the ACC's 30-year-old single-season assist record in 2008, a mark which had stood for 28 years...25th player in school history to 1,000 points, raking 11th with 1,433 points...She holds the school's record for career free throw percentage with .870 and three point field goals made with 209.

**PERSONAL:** Majored in the College of Letters & Sciences ... hobbies include playing the trumpet ... was named Jazz Improvisation player of the year ... member of the Symphonic Band and was Student Government secretary at Harrisonburg High ... daughter of Peggy Toliver and George Toliver ... George is an NBA referee ... has an older sister, Carli (23), who lettered at Lehigh in basketball from 2001-05.

## **Mistie Bass #8**

Position	Forward
Height	6'3"
Weight	184
WNBA Years	4
College	Duke
Birthdate	December 2, 1983
Acquired	Signed via free agency on August 30, 2009

### **WNBA CAREER**

**2009:** Signed by the Sky on August 20 ... Started five of the eight games played ... Averaged 6.1 points and 3.4 rebounds in 15.8 minutes per game ... Shot .513 from the field ... Scored a season high 15 points in an 86-79 win over Indiana on September 10. **2008 (Houston):** Played in 32 games...Mistie averaged 3.8 points, 2.4 rebounds, and 0.6 assists per game...She set career highs in points (17), field goals made (8), and field goals attempted (12) on September 7th against the Phoenix Mercury. **2007:** Played in 19 games... averaged 1.2 points, 1.5 rebounds, and 0.3 assists per game...Attempted her first and only three point field goal on August 19th at Los Angeles. **2006:** Played in 27 games and starting in six games in her first WNBA season...She averaged 2.9 points, 2.4 rebounds, and 0.6 assists per game...She had a career high 12 points on July 9th against Detroit and a career high 12 rebounds on July 16th at Indiana.

**COLLEGE:** Became the fifth Duke player to register over 1,400 points and 800 rebounds in a career ... started her final 105 straight games for the Blue Devils ... led Duke to ACC Championships in 2003 and 2004, while collecting ACC Regular Season titles in 2003, 2004 and 2005 ... member of 2003 and 2006 NCAA Final Four squads ... led Duke to 30 or more victories in each of her four years with the Blue Devils ... the Blue Devils advanced to the Elite Eight in 2004 and 2005 of the NCAA Tournament ... became the 19th player in Blue Devil history to register 1,000 career points on March 26, 2005, versus Georgia in the NCAA Tournament.

**PERSONAL:** Born Mistie McCray Bass on December 2, 1983 , in Janesville, Wisconsin ... daughter of Pam Bass and Ernest Evans, music legend "Chubby Checker" ... has one sister, Sheena Harmon ... degree in women studies along with marketing and management certifi-

## **Jia Perkins # 11**

Position	Guard
Height	5'8"
Weight	155
WNBA Years	6
College	Texas Tech '04
Birthdate	February 23, 1982
Birthplace	Texas
Acquired	Selected by the Sky in 2005 expansion draft.

### **WNBA Career**

**2009:** Started all 34 games ... Averaged 13.2 points, 3.4 rebounds and 2.15 steals in 27.4 minutes per game ... Second on the Sky with 931 minutes played ... Second on the Sky with 450 total points ... Fifth in the WNBA with 2.15 steals per game ... Made first WNBA All-Star appearance ... Scored 16 points in the All-Star game as a reserve. **2008:** Started all 34 games for the Sky in the 2008 season. She averaged 17 points per game and was ranked #7 in total points scored in the season (577)... Smashed the previous WNBA record of consecutive free throws by hitting 39 consecutive free throws; staying perfect from the line from 6/3 to 7/1...She is ranked in the top 10 in the WNBA in 12 categories including 9th in points per game (17.0), 6th in steals per game (1.88), and 5th in free throw percentage (.891). **2007:** Averaged 11.7 pts, 2.3 assists and 3.3 rebounds per game...Finalist for WNBA Sixth Woman of the Year award. **2006:** Nearly doubled her 2005 scoring average from 5 to 9.4, finishing second on the team in points per game...Led the team in assists per game, dishing out 3.2 per night...Averaged 3.6 rebounds per game. **2005:** Averaged 5.0 ppg, 1.5 rpg, 1.1 apg, and 15.5 mpg in her first full season as a professional **2004:** Selected by Charlotte Sting 35th overall in 2004 WNBA draft ... Missed most of the season due to the birth of her daughter on June 4...Joined the team on August 16 during the Olympic break... Spent her 2004-05 off-season playing in the NWBL for the Dallas Fury. **COLLEGE:** Averaged 15.4 points, 4.7 rebounds and 3.3 assists in 115 games at Texas Tech ... Scored in double figures in 96 out of 115 games ...Named the team's MVP, averaging 13.6 points per game and scoring in double digits 24 times... Named AP All-American Honorable Mention and Kodak All-America Honorable Mention for the 2002-03 season ... Became only the fourth person in Texas Tech history to score more than 40 points in a single game when she recorded 41 points against Creighton during her junior year... As a junior was named to the All-Big 12 First Team and was named to the Big 12 All-Tournament Team ...In school history, ranks fourth in scoring (1,768 career points), second in steals (305), and seventh in assists (376). **PERSONAL:** Full name is Jia Dorene Perkins...Has one older brother, Jasmin ... Graduated from Texas Tech University with a degree in business...Traveled far from her Texas home to play off-season basketball, in Israel and Greece...Has a 4- year old daughter named Aalirah, who comes along on Jia's journeys... Father, Johnny Perkins, played professional football for the New York Giants... Favorite movie is "Love & Basketball"...Favorite athlete is Allen Iverson,Her faith is an important part of her life and she names the Bible her favorite book...

## **Shameka Christon # 20**

Position	Forward
Height	6'1"
Weight	170
WNBA Years	8
College	Arkansas '04
Birthdate	February 15, 1982
Birthplace	Hot Springs, Arkansas
Acquired	via trade from New York in exchange for Candice Dupree on March 30, 2010

### **WNBA Career**

**2009:** Appeared in 32 games, with 31 starts, missing two games due to injury and illness ... Scored 10-plus points 15 times and scored 20-plus points a team-high 11 times ... Led the team in scoring a team-high 17 times, rebounds eight times and assists four times ... Earned Eastern Conference Player of the Week honor from the WNBA on July 20, for the second time of her career ... Became the fourth player in franchise history to score 2,000 career points on July 19 versus Atlanta and netted a career-high 32 points in the process ... Named to All-Star squad for the first time of her career ... Ranked No. 9 in the WNBA in points per game, No. 13 in three-point field goal percentage and No. 13 in free-throw percentage ... **2008:** Started in the 31 games she appeared ... Led the team in scoring (15.7 ppg) for the third consecutive season and was ranked amongst WNBA's top 10 scoring leaders for the summer..Earned first career Eastern Conference Player of the Week honor from the WNBA on July 7 while averaging 24.0 ppg and 3.0 rpg ... **PLAYOFFS:** Appeared in all six games, averaging 32.4 mpg and 13.7 ppg ... Grabbed 11 boards in Game 1 victory over Shock in Eastern Conference Finals. **2007:** ... Finished the summer in eight statistical categories of the WNBA's top 20 leaders, including scoring average (11.2 ppg), rebounds (4.5 rpg) and free throws (.795) ... **PLAYOFFS:** Averaged a team-high 14.7 ppg in the three-game series, and tied a franchise best 15 rebounds in Game One versus the Shock on August 24, 2007. **2004-2006:** Finished No. 7 among WNBA rookies in points per game (5.8 ppg) Ranked No. 6 in the WNBA for three-point attempts, No 7 in blocked shots and No. 9 for three-point shots made

**INTERNATIONAL:** Added to the U.S. women's national team roster on March 3, 2010 ... Helped the national team in capturing the Ekaterinburg International Invitational title in Russia in October of 2009 ... Averaged 17.3 mpg, 9.3 ppg and 1.3 rpg in the three game tournament with one start, while shooting a team-high .615-percent from the three-point line ... Played for Lotos Gdynia in the fall of 2009, averaging 16.4 ppg and 3.0 rpg in Polish League action ... Competed in Russia for Nadezhda prior to the 2009 season, averaging 17.1 ppg and 4.1 rpg in 14 Russian league games ... Played for Hondarribia in Spain prior to the 2008 season, averaging 18.2 ppg and 5.4 rpg ... Previously played in Spain for the Rivas Futura earning 4.3 rpg ... Played for Elizur Ramla in Israel in 2005 and 2006, winning the 2005 Women's DI League Championship

**COLLEGE:** Graduated holding the Arkansas team record for most points scored in SEC play for one season (224) and a No. 2 ranking on the' all-time scoring list (1,951) ... Named AP All-America Third Team, SEC Player of the Year and All-SEC First Team in 2004

**PERSONAL:** Shameka Delynn Christon was born in Hot Springs, AK ... Social work major at Arkansas ... Favorite film is The Color Purple ... Wears the No. 20 because it stands for "2nd to n0ne," as a constant reminder to strive to be better than 2nd place ... Listening to her iPod is her pre-game ritual ... Loves to cook ... Considers shopping and shoes her guiltiest pleasure ... Favorite singer is Beyonce ... Started playing basketball at the age of 14

## **Sandora Irvin # 24**

Position	Forward
Height	6'3"
Weight	185
WNBA Years	4
College	Texas Christian
Birthdate	February 23, 1982
Acquired	Signed free agent contract with Sky in April 2010

### **WBNA Career**

**Notes:** Selected in the first round (third overall) by Phoenix in the 2005 WNBA Draft... Traded to San Antonio in exchange for a second round 2008 draft pick on Feb. 21, 2007... Holds the NCAA all-time shot blocks record with 480 career blocks. **2007:** Appeared in 23 games for the Silver Stars, grabbing a career-best 14 rebounds at Minnesota on Aug. 19 to go with a season-best 10 points for her first double-double... Had four points and four rebounds at Sacramento on Aug. 15... Grabbed six rebounds at Chicago on July 22... Had at least one block in seven games, including three games with multiple blocks. **2006:** Appeared in seven regular season games for the Mercury, averaging 1.0 points and 1.1 rebounds per game... Scored five points, grabbed two rebounds and swatted three blocks against Seattle on May 25... Picked up three blocks again on June 13 at Los Angeles. **2005:** Averaged 3.7 points, 2.8 rebounds, 0.50 blocks, 0.42 steals and 10.2 minutes per game through 12 games played... Played a career-high 25 minutes against San Antonio, tallying 12 points, six rebounds and four blocked shots... Scored 13 points against Minnesota on August 21.

**College:** Averaged 19.9 points and 11.9 points per game as a senior... Tallied 150 blocked shots, two shy of tying the NCAA's single-season record... Holds the NCAA career mark for blocked shots (480), shattering the previous standard of 428 set in 1991... Ranked 13th in the nation in points per game and second in rebounds per game as a senior... Named to the AP All-America first team and selected as a Kodak All-American... Also earned USBWA All-American and Conference USA Player of the Year honors... Named Conference USA Defensive Player of the Year for the third consecutive season... Ended junior season with 15 consecutive double-doubles... Averaged a double-double for the year as a junior with 16.8 points and 12.2 rebounds per game... Set TCU single-season records for points (504), rebounds (366) and field goals made (195) as a junior.

**Personal:** Full name is Sandora Lavett Irvin... Daughter of Daughn Irvin and Angela Hollis... Majored in marketing... Is the niece of former Dallas Cowboys star wide receiver Michael Irvin.

## **Cathrine Kraayeveld # 33**

Position	Forward
Height	6'4"
Weight	185
WNBA Years	7
College	Oregon '05
Birthdate	September 30, 1981
Birthplace	Bellevue, Washington
Acquired	Via trade from New York in exchange for Candice Dupree on March 30, 2010

### **WNBA Career**

**2009:** Appeared in 34 games, with 26 starts ... Scored in double figures 12 times and collected five or more rebounds 15 times ... Led the team in rebounds seven times, scoring twice and assists once ... Ranked No. 5 in the WNBA in three-point field goal percentage (.417). **2008:** Was the only Liberty player to appear and start in all 34 regular season games ... Led the team in rebounding (6.1 rpg) 17 times, pulling down five or more boards 23 times ... Scored in double figures 19 times. **2007:** Appeared in and started in 34 games ... Finished the season ranked in seven statistical categories of the top 20 league leaders, including minutes per game (28.4), field goal percentage (.433) and rebounds (4.5) ... Was one of the top 10 three-point shooters in the WNBA with a 41.1-percentage ... Averaged a career-best 10.8 ppg. **2005-2006:** Played in 17 games in the 2005 season, averaging 4.1 ppg and 1.6 rpg on .418 shooting from the floor and .933 from the free throw line ... Scored at least five or more points seven times ... Played all 34 games of the 2006 season, averaging 8.8 ppg and 3.6 rpg ... Ranked 13th in the WNBA in double-doubles with three ... In five games, led the team in points and eight games in rebounds ... Accumulated 10-plus points in nine games and earned more than 20 in three matches ...

**INTERNATIONAL:** Competed in Prague for ZVVZ USK Praha this past off-season, averaging 10.1 ppg and 5.2 rpg in league play ... Prior to the 2009 WNBA season, competed in Slovakia for Broker Kosice, averaging 14.0 ppg and 6.6 rpg in 11 matches of Slovakian league play ... Averaged 14.6 ppg and 7.1 rpg in Euroleague play for Broker Kosice ... Played for Dexia Namur in Belgium during two previous off-seasons from the WNBA ... In her second season (2007-2008), scored 14.4 ppg and 6.3 rpg ... Averaged 10.5 ppg in her first season (2006-2007).

**COLLEGE:** Named All-Pac 10 First Team and Kodak All-American All-Region with a 14.7 ppg and 8.3 rpg average in 2005 ... In 2003-04 season, received medical red-shirt after tearing ACL in her right knee ... Averaged 17.2 ppg, 8.6 rpg and 3.1 bpg in five games before going down ... All-Pac 10 Honorable Mention and Pac 10 Academic All-District Second Team in 2003 despite missing 13 games due a staph infection in right knee ... WNIT Most Valuable Player in 2002

**PERSONAL:** Cathrine Helene Kraayeveld was born in Bellevue, WA to Dave and Cindy Kraayeveld ... Sister to Jason and Jeff ... Father played for the NFL's Seattle Seahawks in 1978 ... Human and Family Services major at Oregon ... Guiltiest pleasures are sweets and chocolate ... Favorite singer is Celine Dion ... If given the chance to have one super power, she would like the ability to fly.

## Larissa Williams #2

Position	Forward
Height	6-2
Weight	183
WNBA Years	R
College	Tulsa '10
Birthdate	July 8, 1988
Birthplace	Little Rock, Arkansas
Acquired	Signed free agent contract with the Sky in April 2010

**College:** A three-year letterwinner . . . has started 76 of 90 games played . . . has career averages of 11.5 points, 7.9 rebounds and 1.5 blocks per game . . . has 30 career double-doubles . . . has 53 double-figure scoring games and 36 double-figure rebounding games in her career . . . has led Tulsa in scoring 34 times, rebounding 51 times and in blocks 39 times.

**Personal:** Her favorite actress is Beyonce . . . her dream as a child was to be a teacher . . . her favorite game as a child was tag . . . her favorite show is Keeping Up with the Kardashians . . . her favorite movie is Set it Off . . . a psychology major . . . born July 8, 1988 . . . one of four children of Larry and Evelyn Williams . . . her brother, Larry, is a member of the men's basketball team at the University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff . . . named to the TU Athletic Director's Honor Roll and was selected as a C-USA All-Academic Honoree as a freshman.

## Abi Olajuwon # 32

Position	Center
Height	6-4
Weight	228
WNBA Years	R
College	Oklahoma '10
Birthdate	July 6, 1988
Birthplace	Houston, Tx
Acquired	Selected by the Sky in the 3rd round of the 2010 WNBA Draft

**COLLEGE:** 2009-10 Started all 38 games at center, averaging 10.6 points and 7.3 rebounds ... Dropped more than 30 pounds in the offseason to improve physical fitness for senior year ... Led team with 50.6 percent field goal shooting ... Averaged 13.2 points, 8.2 rebounds, 65 percent shooting from the field and 71 percent free-throw shooting during team's Final Four run in NCAA Championship games ... 2008-09 : Played in 27 games as a reserve center, averaging 6.0 minutes, 1.4 points and 2.2 rebounds ... Shot 31.7 percent from the field and was 11-of-20 (.550) from the free throw line .. 2007-08: Played in 19 games, averaging 6.3 minutes ... Averaged two points, 3.2 rebounds and 40 percent field goal shooting ... Made 8-of-9 (.889) free throw attempts ... Topped all OU players in rebounds per minute played ... 2006-07 : Saw limited action in 17 games as reserve ... Averaged 2.2 points while playing an average of 3.9 minutes ... Scored 27 points, cleared 25 rebounds and shot 48.4 percent from the field ... Shot 58.3 percent (7-12) at the free throw line.

**PERSONAL:** Daughter of Lita Richardson and NBA legend Hakeem Olajuwon ... Born in Houston ... Graduated in May 2010 with a degree in broadcast journalism.

## **Sami Whitcomb # 52**

Position	Forward
Height	5-10
Weight	150
WNBA Years	R
College	Washington'10
Birthdate	July 20, 1988
Birthplace	Ventura, California
Acquired	Signed free agent contract with the Sky in April, 2010.

**College:** Four-year letterwinner...2010 All-Pac-10 selection...averaged a career-best 13.0 points per game...set a personal high with 175 rebounds...led team in scoring, rebounding and assists during her senior season...named Pac-10 Player of the Week on Dec. 28, 2009, the second time Whitcomb has been selected for that award...finished career ranked 15th all-time in UW scoring history with 1,205 points...ranks fourth in team history in 3-point field goals made (176)...2009 All-Pac-10 Honorable Mention selection...two-time Pac-10 All-Defensive Team honorable mention...team MVP as a junior, averaging 12.8 points per game and a Pac-10 leading 2.3 steals per game...averaged at least 11 points the last two seasons...also ranks among UW's all-time season leaders for three-pointers made with 62 as a sophomore (tied for sixth) and 54 as a junior (ninth)...has 55 career double-figure scoring games...co-captain as a junior...two-time Pac-10 All-Academic honoree including a second-team nod in 2008-09.

**Personal:** Samantha Allison Whitcomb...born in Ventura, Calif....daughter of Jan and Sander Whitcomb...has an older brother, Jason...great uncle Roy Schmidt played in the NFL with the Falcons, Packers and Redskins in the 1960's and 1970's...hobbies include music, movies, reading and roller coasters...tutored for Project Understanding...was member of high school Chess Club.

