

## **Indianapolis Star**

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#### **Fever lose preseason opener**

The Indiana Fever lost their preseason opener to the Chicago Sky 81-71 Saturday night in Milwaukee.

The Fever were led by their three available returnees from last season, as Kasha Terry had 12 points and six rebounds, Alison Bales 11 points and nine rebounds and Tan White nine points. Free agents and rookies comprised the rest of the 10-player roster.

"We always want to try to win, but our goal is to get comfortable with each other and our system and find out who's strong in certain situations," Fever coach Lin Dunn said in a news release from the team.

The Fever led by three after one quarter but were outscored 38-11 in the second quarter as the Sky took its largest lead of the game, 52-28, into the break. Chicago made 23 free throws and shot 50 percent from the field in the first half while Indiana battled foul trouble.

A basket by Bales trimmed the deficit to 77-71 with 40 seconds remaining.

Sylvia Fowles, the No. 2 pick in this year's WNBA draft, had 16 points, 11 rebounds and four blocks for the Sky. Chicago had seven veterans on its 13-player roster.

"This is a team that had at one time four of its five starters out there," Dunn said of Chicago. ". . . I was pleased (the Fever) didn't give up and kept fighting."

Pike High School product Nina Stone finished with four points, two rebounds and a blocked shot for the Sky.

The Fever host the Minnesota Lynx at Conseco Fieldhouse on Wednesday and play at Seattle on May 10 in their remaining preseason games. The season opener is May 17 vs. the Washington Mystics at Conseco Fieldhouse.