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Connecticut Sun: Preview Capsule

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INDIANA FEVER at CONNECTICUT SUN

7 p.m., today

Mohegan Sun Arena, Mohegan

Records: Connecticut 3-0; Indiana 1-1.

Last game: Connecticut beat Sacramento, 87-64, on Saturday; Indiana lost to Indiana, 76-71, on Wednesday.

Next game: Connecticut hosts New York Friday; Indiana hosts Los Angeles Thursday.

TV/Radio/Internet: ESPN2/WNLC (98.7 FM)/www.connecticutsun.com

Series: The Sun lead the all-times series between the two teams, 22-11, and are 11-5 all-time against the Fever at home.

Injuries: Connecticut—Kamesha Hairston (out, recovering from surgery to repair torn meniscus). Indiana—Tamika Catchings (out, recovering from surgery to repair torn Achilles' tendon).

Scouting report: Still rehabbing after undergoing offseason surgery to repair a torn Achilles' tendon, Fever forward Tamika Catchings appears unlikely to play tonight, and there is still no set date for her return, according to report Monday in the Indianapolis Star. Asked if he expected to see the perennial All-Star on the court, Sun coach Mike Thibault said, "I doubt it. But you never know." ... Though still far too early to determine trends, the young season has shown that Indiana still projects to be among the league's best defensive teams. It's allowed a combined 129 points in two games (a league-leading 64.5 per game) and owns the league's top rebound percentage (79.3). "We're obviously trying to keep our identity with defense and rebounding," Katie Douglas said. "I think that can always be a constant for our identity and our team, and I think we're also looking to push the ball a little bit more and be a little more aggressive." ... Asjha Jones has scored in double figures in each of her last 13 games dating back to last season. The streak ties her for fifth all-time in team history. ... Douglas and Tan White have established themselves as the focal points of the Fever's offense. They're the only players averaging in double figures, and together, their 56 attempts make up more than 49 percent of the teams' total shots through two games. Indiana has also used more pick-and-rolls this season, which better suit both Douglas and White's abilities. ... The Sun have hit 13 and 10 3s in their last two games, respectively, marking only the second time in their history they've hit 10 or more in consecutive games. They also lead the league in points per game (88.0) and are tied for second in total assists (70).