

Indiana Fever 65, Chicago Sky 57
Conseco Fieldhouse, Indianapolis, IN
June 4, 2011

- Tonight's win is the Fever's sixth in a row against the Sky and Indiana leads the all-time series with Chicago, 17-4.
- Six straight wins over Chicago represents Indiana's second longest streak ever against a WNBA opponent and it is the longest active streak for Indiana vs. any of the 11 other WNBA teams.
- The win is the Fever's ninth straight home win in the series. Chicago won its only game ever at Conseco Fieldhouse on August 13, 2006.
- The Fever's win ends its two-game losing streak in season home openers and it is now 8-4 all-time in its first home game of a season.
- Tangela Smith's four 3-pt FG tonight are one shy of her career-high,
- The Fever's 12 steals tonight featured four each from Briann January and Tammy Sutton-Brown.
- Sutton-Brown's four thefts tied her career-high, while January's were her most ever in a WNBA game.
- On a night on which the team shot 21-70 (.300), Katie Douglas was 7-14 from the floor, including 2-2 from beyond the 3-pt line.
- Outrebounded, 20-18, at halftime, the Fever outrebounded the Sky, 21-16, in the second half and 39-36 for the game.
- The Fever had six players with at least five rebounds, led by Tamika Catchings's nine and seven from Katie Douglas.
- The Fever had 12 offensive rebounds to Chicago's six and outscored the Sky, 19-8, in second chance points.
- The league-leader in preseason with an average of 3.0 bpg, Tammy Sutton-Brown blocked five shots tonight--one short of her career-best.
- In her first regular season appearance in the WNBA, Chicago's Courtney Vandersloot came off the bench to hand out a game-high seven assists and score seven points.
- Including four 3-pt FG, Epiphanny Prince scored a game-high 20 points.
- The Sky blocked six shots tonight, but had no one with more than one rejection.
- Indiana's 12 turnovers resulted in just six points off turnovers for Chicago, while the Fever scored 16 points on the Sky's 18 miscues.

Post Game Quotes

Quoting Fever Head Coach Lin Dunn

(general)

“Chicago was very competitive from the start and we knew they would be. We did a good job defensively. Tammy Sutton-Brown did a great job on Fowles (Sylvia). It’s good to win the boards. We were a little out of sync with our open shots. We did a good job executing offensively. Little disappointed in missing so many open shots. I bet Phoenix wishes they still had Tangela Smith.”

Quoting Fever’s Katie Douglas

(On the first game)

“We talked about getting off to a quick start. We wanted a high octane offensive team. We know there are peaks and valleys. We got away from what was working for us. Then we wanted to expose what they were doing.”

(On the new players)

“It was good to get all the players together for a week or two of practice. You are always going to be out of sync and out of whack. Chemistry can’t be bought. It has to happen daily in practice. We definitely have a lot of offensive and defensive schemes for the new players to get comfortable with.”

Quoting Fever’s Tangela Smith

(In general)

“I was excited and wanted to start off aggressive. We had a good team offense. I want to help and contribute and be able to knock down a shot.”

(On the number of teams she has played with)

“This is the third team I have been with and I’ve seen everything. I am hoping to come in and give some leadership. It was great to have the fans here tonight. We have a lot to work on, but we have a week to do that before our next game.”

Quoting Sky Head Coach Pokey Chatman

(general)

“I’m the kind of coach that’s going to look at the glass as always half full. I told the girls that to hold a team to 65 points and 29 percent shooting from the field is a good thing. We have to clean up the turnovers. We didn’t really put ourselves in position to be successful in the second half with the turnovers. We need to clean up the basketball things and get the ball inside more.”

(On the Fever’s early lead)

“You always have to credit the other team. They are tough. The question is do you call timeout or do you lick your wounds and find out if you can be tough and play through it? We have to be able to play through it.”

Quoting Sky’s Sylvia Fowles

(general)

“We started off very slow. We picked it up in the second half. We held them to 29 percent from the field and 16 or 17 points from the line. We have to get it together and connect the dots.”

Quoting Sky’s Epiphanny Prince

(general)

“We played sloppy. We have to do better. We have the best post player in the world and we did not use her. We need to rebound and we need to finish out.”