

Clark misses out on USA basketball Olympic call. USA Basketball has opted for experience in selecting the 12 women to represent the country at this summer's Olympics in Paris. USA Basketball women's national team committee chair Jennifer Rizzotti said the selection process had been "challenging and competitive". The 12-strong roster heading to Paris boasts a combined 15 Olympic gold medals, 18 women's World Cup titles and 55 WNBA All-Star appearances. Despite being heavy favourites as they chase an eighth successive Olympic gold medal, some have suggested the USA have missed a trick by not including rookie Clark. The 22-year-old enjoyed a trailblazing college career with Iowa and her performances in the WNBA have helped boost the profile of women's sport while smashing attendance and viewing records. USA Today columnist Christine Brennan said it is a "huge missed opportunity" by selectors. "How could you be that idiotic and not make that call, when throughout history, Team USA has been, in part, about marketing? It's dumb, period." Diana Taurasi is set to make her sixth appearance at the Games, while nine other members of the squad have already won an Olympic gold medal.