

Diana Taurasi injury could open 2024 Olympics path for Caitlin Clark. With the 2024 Olympics set to begin later this month, the status of one of Team USA's biggest star women's basketball players may be in jeopardy. The 42-year-old has maintained her steady production in 2024, averaging 16.6 points, 4.7 rebounds and 2.6 assists per game. It's unclear whether the injury will impact Taurasi's status for the Olympics, but should she be unable to head to Paris, that could open the door for Clark, who was not selected for the primary roster but named an alternate. A leg injury has sidelined six-time Olympian Diana Taurasi from the last three of the Phoenix Mercury's last four games, and she will miss Friday's clash against Caitlin Clark and the Indiana Fever. "It's all about getting comfortable with your surroundings. College basketball is much different than the WNBA than it is overseas." The American women's hoops icon had also been critical of Clark during the pre-draft process, saying that "reality is coming" for Clark and other 2024 rookies who were facing "grown women that have been playing professional basketball for a long time." Clark's snub was a polarizing one, including in the eyes of high-ranking Olympic officials. However, Taurasi employed a different tone following the Mercury's 88-82 loss to the Fever on June 30.