

Adam Silver Sends Strong Message About Caitlin Clark After WNBA Rookie Season. Caitlin Clark took the WNBA by storm in her rookie year with the Indiana Fever. Clark capped off her rookie season in September, but with the WNBA's rise in popularity, she's continued to receive immense fanfare in the offseason. The Fever star attended Monday's NBA game between the Indiana Pacers and the New Orleans Pelicans. The 22-year-old became one of the biggest stars in the league, quickly translating her talent from her collegiate days with the Iowa Hawkeyes to the professional landscape. The NBA commissioner mentioned that she's helped the game of basketball flourish, not only from a WNBA perspective but influencing the game as a whole. Clark finished her rookie season averaging 19.2 points, 5.7 rebounds and 8.4 assists per game. Indiana finished the year with a 20–20 record, gradually improving throughout the season after starting the year with a 1–8 record. The rookie was also a starter on the WNBA All–Star roster and a First Team All–WNBA member. During the Pacers' 114–110 win, Clark met with NBA commissioner Adam Silver courtside. She led the WNBA in assists per game and all rookies in points per game. Her incredible rookie statistics helped Clark win the 2024 Rookie of the Year award in near–unanimous fashion. Clark helped the Fever reach the WNBA postseason for the first since 2016.