

WNBA upgrades hard hit on Caitlin Clark, fines Angel Reese for media violation. The first WNBA matchup between rookies Caitlin Clark and Angel Reese was memorable for both, but not for the best of reasons. Fever head coach Christie Sides called the play "unacceptable," a sentiment echoed by the team's GM, Lin Dunn, who said the practice of opponents targeting Clark "needs to stop!" I wasn't expecting that," said Clark after the Fever's 71-70 win. Referees initially called the collision a common foul, but on Sunday the league office reviewed the play and upgraded the foul to a Flagrant 1 on Carter. Clark was the recipient of a hard foul late in the third quarter, when Chicago Sky guard Chennedy Carter blindsided Clark and shoulder-checked her from behind on an inbound play. "But it's just, 'Respond, calm down and let your play do the talking.' It is what it is."