

Fever's Christie Sides Fired After Caitlin Clark Breakout Season, WNBA Playoff Berth. The Indiana Fever announced Sunday they're moving on from head coach Christie Sides. She averaged 19.2 points, 5.7 rebounds and 8.4 assists, setting a slew of league and franchise records. Thanks to the combined presence of Boston and Clark, the Fever arguably have the most attractive vacancy in a crowded coaching carousel. "While decisions like these are never easy, it is also imperative that we remain bold and assertive in the pursuit of our goals, which includes maximizing our talent and bringing another WNBA championship back to Indiana. Coach Sides was an incredible representative of the Fever and our community, and we wish her nothing but success in the future." Sides guided the Fever to a 20–20 record and their first playoff appearance since 2016 this season. "We are incredibly thankful to Coach Sides for embracing the challenge of leading us through an integral transition period over the last two seasons, while also positioning us well for future growth," president of basketball operations Kelly Krauskopf said. However, the process by which she was courted and eventually hired might renew concerns that the front office still can't get out of its own way, even with a new general manager (Amber Cox) installed. That Sides was fired at all on the heels of making the postseason speaks to how much the perception of the Fever has changed.