

Caitlin Clark humiliates Diana Taurasi and 'forces' her to eat her words. Diana Taurasi and the Phoenix Mercury experienced a humbling defeat as they were swept in their season series by Caitlin Clark's Indiana Fever. Following Iowa's deep run in the NCAA women's basketball tournament, Taurasi had commented to ESPN's Scott Van Pelt that the incoming class, including Clark, Kamilla Cardoso, Angel Reese, and Cameron Brink, would face significant challenges in the professional league. Sceptical about the rookies Clark's rapid impact in the WNBA contrasts sharply with Taurasi's earlier predictions of a tough transition for rookies like her. This result is particularly striking, given that Taurasi had earlier cautioned against underestimating the challenges awaiting rookies like Clark in the WNBA. Clark's stellar performance included 29 points, 10 assists and five rebounds. On the other side, Taurasi seemed to be struggling to regain her form after recently returning from the Paris Games. Adding to her frustrations, she was hit with a technical foul early in the game after a dispute with officials over a call against Brittney Griner. With minimal time to readjust, she ended the game with 16 points, four rebounds, three assists, and three turnovers. The team had posted a video of a young fan holding a sign saying, "Who is Caitlin? I'm here for Taurasi," along with clips of Taurasi making impressive three-pointers.