

Caitlin Clark broke an Indiana Fever rookie record with half of the WNBA season still to go. The No. 1 overall pick in the WNBA draft notched her 129th assist in a game against the Phoenix Mercury on Sunday, June 30. She led her Iowa Hawkeyes to two straight NCAA championship games in 2023 and 2024, which they lost to the LSU Tigers and South Carolina Gamecocks, respectively. At the first of those two championships, a seeming rivalry was born between Clark and her superstar counterpart on the Tigers: Angel Reese. She's on pace to blow past the Fever's all-time single-season assists record – 201, set just last year by Erica Wheeler – before the season is out. Clark brought newfound attention to the WNBA after setting the NCAA record for points scored in basketball, men or women's. The helping hand came on a well-run pick-and-roll with center Aliyah Boston. After Boston set a screen for a rapidly advancing Clark, the rising star found Boston as she peeled away and ran toward the basket. The end result was an easy layup for Boston and Clark's new record. Clark's record is only within the Fever organization, and specifically for rookies, but she's playing well enough to avoid needing any qualifiers. Her average of 6.6 assists per game is good for 4th-best in the entire league.