

## Las Vegas Aces Remain at Table

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The Las Vegas Aces are still battling to make the playoffs.

The WNBA team, currently with a 12-14 record, is in ninth place in the standings. Eight teams will qualify for the postseason. The Aces were slated to meet the Washington Mystics Friday, August 3, but the game was cancelled.

Las Vegas will be at the Mohegan Sun Arena to face the Connecticut Sun (15-12) August 5. The Aces are in Atlanta August 7 to play the Dream (17-10).

The Seattle Storm (21-7) is in first place in the WNBA and has already clinched a spot in the playoffs. Atlanta is in second.

Coached by former NBA center Bill Laimbeer - best known for his days with the Detroit Pistons - the Aces have gone 7-3 in their last 10 games. They're 6-7 both at home and on the road.

Laimbeer, who led the Detroit Shock to three WNBA titles, has also coached the New York Liberty. With Laimbeer at the helm, New York went 22-12 last season. Before coming to Las Vegas, he was 229-171 in the WNBA.

A'ja Wilson, out of South Carolina, leads the Aces in scoring, averaging 20.3 points a game. The center averages 8.5 rebounds and 1.7 blocks.

Guard Kayla McBride, who played collegiately at Notre Dame, is averaging 19.3 points, four rebounds and 3.2 assists in 24 games.

Tamera Young, in 26 games, averages 10 points, 5.1 boards and 2.7 assists. A forward, Young played at James Madison.

Kelsey Plum, a guard out of Washington, is averaging 3.5 assists and 7.8 points. She plays 23.8 minutes per contest, fourth on the team behind McBride, Wilson and Young.

Nia Coffey is averaging 6.1 points in 10 starts. The 6-foot-1 forward was drafted fifth overall by San Antonio in 2017.

As a team, Las Vegas averages 83.4 points and 37.5 rebounds each game. Opponents average 85.3 points and 35.5 rebounds.