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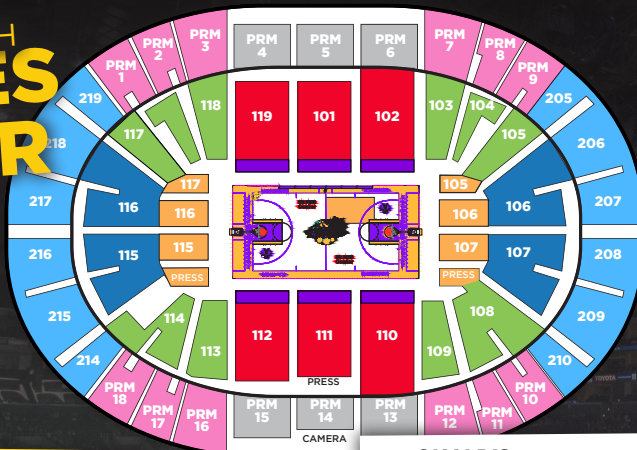
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Ballast Point, Golden Road, Goose Island, Firestone, Kona, Lagunitas, Stone

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Across from Section 101
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THE BUZZER BEATER

by Maria Boyle



Sydney Wiese set the STAPLES Center court on fire during Championship Week as the Sparks debuted what they had in store for the 2017 season. The 11th overall pick finished up her career at Oregon State with 373 three-pointers, 626 assists, and 1,824 points, and she has made an impressive transition onto the fast-paced WNBA court.

With three key players (Candace, Jantel, and Essence) still in Europe for the season opener, Wiese was thrown into the mix with veterans Ogwumike, Beard, and Gray. Although she received less than 13 minutes of playing time, she was able to net two of her three, three-point shots. Her 6 points went far, as the Sparks managed to scrape up a 10-point difference and come out ahead against the Storm.

After taking a week to become acclimated to the WNBA game pace, Wiese was a force to reckon with during the Championship Ring Ceremony game on May 19th. She came in hot with twenty-seven minutes of court time, and an astounding 22 points, 10 of which were made within the first three minutes of her being on-court. She flew up and down the court, shooting six of ten three-point attempts. Wiese out-scored all but one veteran, Ogwumike, showcasing her ability to adapt to the league's pace.

"I'm not surprised by Sydney's performance on Friday. Sydney had a great training camp and is a very hard worker. She has the formula correct – 'work hard = success.' I'm looking forward to Sydney having a long and successful career with the Sparks," said EVP/General Manager Penny Toler about the talented rookie.

Wiese has redefined what it means to be a rookie and the expectations that come along with it. She very well may be the sharp-shooting addition that the Sparks need to get a leg up on the race to the fourth Championship trophy. She has certainly proven quickly that she has the strength and fortitude to be a young leader on this team, and the Sparks are looking forward to the positive new energy she will feed this team.

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ROSTER



ALANA BEARD

Position: G-F
Height: 5-11
Age: 34 (5/14/82)
Duke



ESSENCE CARSON

Position: F-G
Height: 6-0
Age: 30 (7/28/86)
Rutgers



MAIMOUNA DIARRA

Position: C
Height: 6-6
Age: 26 (1/30/91)



CHELSEA GRAY

Position: G
Height: 5-11
Age: 24 (10/8/92)
Duke



IFY IBEKWE

Position: F
Height: 6-2
Age: 28 (10/8/89)
Arizona



TIFFANY JACKSON-JONES

Position: F
Height: 6-3
Age: 32 (4/26/85)
Texas



JANTEL LAVENDER

Position: C
Height: 6-4
Age: 28 (11/12/88)
Ohio State



NNEKA OGWUMIKE

Position: F
Height: 6-2
Age: 26 (7/2/90)
Stanford



CANDACE PARKER

Position: F-C
Height: 6-4
Age: 31 (4/19/86)
Tennessee



ODYSSEY SIMS

Position: G
Height: 5-8
Age: 24 (7/13/92)
Baylor



SYDNEY WIESE

Position: C
Height: 6-0
Age: 21 (6/16/95)
Oregon State



RIQUANA WILLIAMS

Position: G
Height: 5-7
Age: 26 (5/28/90)
Miami

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Assistant Coach - Bobbie Kelsey (College - Stanford)
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CHICAGO SKY

NUM	PLAYER	POS	HEIGHT	FROM
34	Imani Boyette	C	6-7	University of Texas
51	Jessica Breland	F	6-3	North Carolina
2	Kahleah Copper	G	6-1	Rutgers
31	Stefanie Dolson	C-F	6-5	Connecticut
25	Makayla Epps	G	5-10	Kentucky
24	Keisha Hampton	F	6-1	DePaul
11	Amber Harris	F	6-5	Xavier
32	Cheyenne Parker	F	6-4	Middle Tennessee St.
23	Cappie Pondexter	G	5-9	Rutgers
22	Courtney Vandersloot	G	5-8	Gonzaga
1	Tamera Young	F	6-2	James Madison

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Amber Stocks

Assistant Coaches
Carlene Mitchell
Carla D. Morrow

Team Development Coach &
Advanced Scout
Kelly Schumacher-Raimon

GAME MATCHUP

The Sparks have started strong at home with their veterans and 2017 additions, and it's been refreshing to see the mix of veterans and new players working so well together.

Chicago has been stretched pretty thin with the absences of Delle Donne and Pokey Chatman. However, Pondexter is proving to be a leader on the court. The beginning of the season has given Chicago the chance to try out new player combinations, based on the new skillset they've received.

It will be interesting to see how well the newly-structured Sky will fare against the strong on-court presence of the Sparks, especially seeing as the Sparks' dynamic hasn't changed as significantly as the Sky's.

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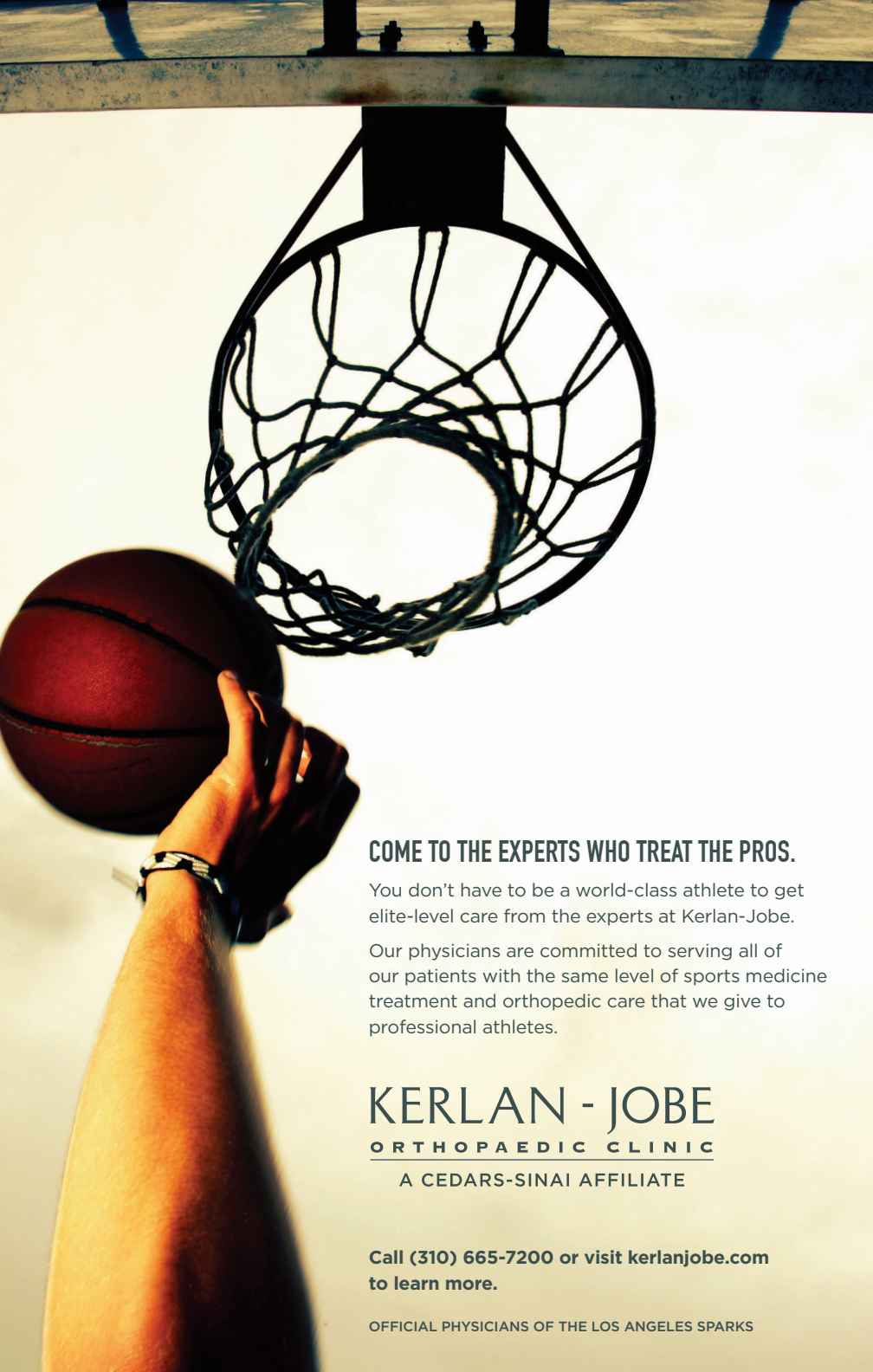
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by Andrea Molseve

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WHAT AN AMAZING CHAMPIONSHIP CELEBRATION WEEK OUT IN OUR COMMUNITY!

- Our Championship trophy, Front Office, and beloved Sparky hit the road May 15th-19th for a sparks-studded tour of Los Angeles. Thank you to Spectrum, UPS, Select PT, DanceLine LA, Lawry's, Tom's Urban, Luxe City Center, and The Laugh Factory for welcoming us with open arms! It was so fun to visit with you.
- 5-4-3-2-1 – ready, break! There's nothing like seeing Sparky hustle out on the Rams football field, relax in the Galaxy stands, and size up Championship rings at the Laker's training facility. Does LA have the best sports team community or what!?!
- Sparky and the Sparks Crew made a special stop at Dolores Huerta Elementary School to spend time with 70 super kids. Children roared as Sparky raised the roof with a few flips and the dance crew with their kicks. What a wonderful way to end the school year!
- Our #WeAreGirls scholarship essay contest closed out with over 100+ submissions. Stay tuned for the announcement of the two winners. It's going to be a tough decision!
- Drive2Hoop is back in action thanks to the amazing people at EquiTrust. Meet our newest #mathletes - we talked dollars and cents with the children of Charles Barrett Elementary School in Watts.
- And lastly, so many of our nonprofit partners came out to Staples Center on May 19th to witness our Championship ring ceremony and win. We thank you for your exceptional work on behalf the Los Angeles community. See you all at the next game!

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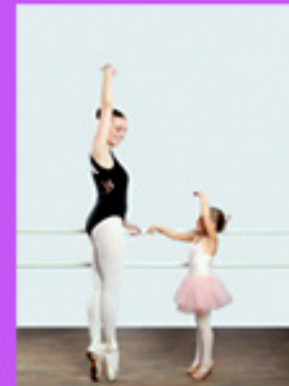
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SATURDAY, MAY 13	2PM	SEATTLE STORM	CHAMPIONSHIP BANNER UNVEILING
FRIDAY, MAY 19	7:30PM	WASHINGTON MYSTICS	CHAMPIONSHIP RING CEREMONY
TUESDAY, JUNE 6	7:30PM	CHICAGO SKY	PRIDE NIGHT
TUESDAY, JUNE 13	7PM	DALLAS WINGS	
THURSDAY, JUNE 15	7:30PM	SAN ANTONIO STARS	
SUNDAY, JUNE 18	2PM	PHOENIX MERCURY	SERVICE NIGHT
SUNDAY, JULY 2	2PM	WASHINGTON MYSTICS	
THURSDAY, JULY 13	7:30PM	CONNECTICUT SUN	
MONDAY, JULY 17	7:30PM	INDIANA FEVER	
THURSDAY, JULY 20	12:30PM	CHICAGO SKY	
TUESDAY, JULY 25	7:30PM	SEATTLE STORM	
SUNDAY, JULY 30	2PM	DALLAS WINGS	LATINA LEADERS OF LA
FRIDAY, AUGUST 4	7:30PM	NEW YORK LIBERTY	GOSPEL NIGHT
FRIDAY, AUGUST 18	5:30PM	CHICAGO SKY	
TUESDAY, AUGUST 22	7:30PM	SAN ANTONIO STARS	BREAST AND HEALTH AWARENESS
SUNDAY, AUGUST 27	4PM	MINNESOTA LYNX	#WEAREWOMEN
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