



THE BOARD NEWSLETTER



“Happiest of Holidays to your family from ours. It’s been an unbelievable 5 years here in Santa Cruz and we look forward to many, many more!” – Casey Hill



Community Warriors

The Santa Cruz Warriors launched the team’s Season of Giving community outreach initiative as part of the NBA Cares Season of Giving league-wide campaign to brighten the lives of Central Coast families and youth this holiday season. Events included a gift collection event in partnership with Toys for Tots and Hotel Paradox, “Adopt-a-Family,” and a Warriors-hosted event for foster youth in partnership with CASA of Santa Cruz County and New Families. As part of the team’s Season of Giving initiative, each Warriors player and coach will participate in at least one event.



Last week, the Sea Dubs tipped off our third year of Math Warriors presented by Kaiser Permanente! Players visited local elementary schools to engage with youth about the importance of math through the integration a “basketball math” curriculum. This allows students to see first-hand how math factors into professional sports.



RECENT GAMES RECAP

Dec. 6 – The Sea Dubs defeated the Delaware 87ers 116-102, ending with six different Warriors in double-digit figures. Phil Pressey led the Warriors with 21 points, 3 assists and 3 rebounds. Elgin Cook added 20 points and 5 rebounds, while Cam Jones notched 18 points and 5 assists.

Dec. 9 – Santa Cruz defeated the Austin Spurs 109-103 in a game where they never trailed their opponent. The Warriors were paced by Phil Pressey, who led all scorers with 31 points, 5 rebounds and 4 assists. Elgin Cook came off the bench to add 22 points and 5 rebounds, while Scott Wood contributed with 17 points.

Dec. 14 – The Warriors handed the Northern Arizona Suns their first loss at home this season, defeating them 107-93. Six different Warriors (three off the bench) scored in double-digit figures. Scott Wood led Santa Cruz with 22 points, going 5-of-7 from beyond-the-arc, along with 6 rebounds.

Dec. 16 – The Sea Dubs defeated the Northern Arizona Suns 113-89, solidifying a two-game shut-out against the Suns. Six Warriors scored in double-figures. LaDontae Henton led the Warriors with 18 points, going 4-of-5 from beyond-the-arc, in his Santa Cruz debut.



PLAYER PROFILES

CLEANTHONY EARLY

The Santa Cruz Warriors acquired forward Cleanthony Early. Early (6-8, 210-lb) was selected in the second round (34th overall) of the 2014 NBA Draft by the New York Knicks and appeared in 39 games his rookie season, averaging 5.4 points and 2.5 rebounds in 16.6 minutes per game. He averaged 1.8 points in 17 games during his second NBA season in 2015-16, a year shortened by a right knee injury. During the 2016 NBA Summer League with the New York Knicks, he averaged 10.4 points, 3.8 rebounds, and 2.0 assists in five games. He was later signed by the Knicks on Oct. 18, 2016 before being designated to Westchester.

JAMES SOUTHERLAND

James Southerland (6-8, 221-lb) went undrafted in the 2013 NBA Draft, and later joined the Philadelphia 76ers for the Orlando Summer League and the Golden State Warriors for the Las Vegas Summer League. During the 2013-14 season, he appeared in one regular season game with the Charlotte Bobcats before being acquired by the Los Angeles D-Fenders. Southerland averaged 14.7 points and 6.5 rebounds per game for the D-Fenders before receiving an NBA Call-Up to the New Orleans Pelicans, where he remained for the rest of the season. Southerland played overseas during the 2014-15 and 2015-16 seasons before joining the Washington Wizards for the 2016 NBA Summer League and returning to Europe to play for the German club s.Oliver Würzburg. Anthony is one of four players in history to appear in both a D-League and NBA game in the same day (Dec. 2, 2015).

LADONTAE HENTON

LaDontae Henton was drafted 10th overall by the Sea Dubs in the 2016 NBA D-League Draft. After going undrafted in the 2015 NBA Draft, Henton played for the Golden State Warriors’ NBA Summer League team, starting in all six appearances, averaging 8.3 points and 2.8 rebounds in 18.5 minutes. Henton had international stints with Teal Betis Energia of the Spanish ACB League and the Alaska Aces of the Philippine Basketball Association during the 2015-16 season. In his debut with the Warriors, Henton scored 18 points, going 4-of-5 from beyond the arc.

UPCOMING GAME

December 27th is Draymond Green Bobblehead night! Come support your Sea Dubs as we take on the **Sioux Falls Skyforce!** The first 1,500 fans in attendance will receive the special edition “Flex” bobblehead.



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