



THE BOARD NEWSLETTER



Community Warriors

The Warriors are taking part in ten more Read to Achieve events this week, presented by Kaiser Permanente. This round of visits was kicked off by yesterday's collaboration between WBC Champion Andy Vences and Warriors players, Elgin Cook and Terrence Drisdorn, at Starlight Elementary School in Watsonville. Vences, a Watsonville native, is an undefeated Super Featherweight and WBC Continental Junior Lightweight Champion. At Starlight, Vences and the Warriors talked to students about the importance of reading and the roles that education have played in their own lives. They also spent time shooting hoops with the students after the assemblies and handed out prizes.

The Santa Cruz Warriors will host a 3rd Annual Pajama Night on Saturday, March 4th during the home game vs. the Reno Bighorns. Fans are encouraged to wear pajamas to the game as well as bring a new pair to donate to Project Pajamas. Project Pajamas was started in 2007 and aims to bring a sense of comfort to children in a time of crisis for those in homeless shelters, transitional housing, or other 'out of home' settings in Santa Cruz. On Friday, March 3rd, Warriors players and coaches will visit the Walnut Avenue Women's Center for a pajama party playdate with children, all of who will be wearing new pajamas donated from the organization.



NBA D-LEAGUE TO BECOME NBA G-LEAGUE

What to know:

- Beginning with the 2017-18 season, the NBA Development League will be renamed the NBA Gatorade League as part of a multiyear expanded partnership.
- This partnership marks the first time a U.S. professional sports league has named an entitlement partner.
- A new G-League logo will be featured across all game balls, team jerseys, on-court signage, and league digital assets.
- Through the Gatorade Sports Science Institute (GSSI), the sports fuel company will collaborate with the NBA G-League on programs to enhance player sports performance and recovery.
- The partners will also collaborate on custom, behind-the-scenes video content which will capture players on their respective journeys, highlighting a shared commitment to enhancing player performance through innovation.



THREE-POINT CHAMPION: ALL-STAR REWIND

Scott Wood won the 2017 NBA D-League Three-Point Contest during All-Star weekend in New Orleans with a score of 23 points in the final round! Here's what Scott said on his win: "I'm really blessed for this opportunity. Without the staff and players in Santa Cruz, I wouldn't be here. I appreciate all of the fans that supported me throughout the way, and I appreciate everything that Santa Cruz has done for me."



RECENT GAMES RECAP

Feb. 22 – The Warriors cruised to victory over the Reno Bighorns 116-96, holding a lead throughout the entirety of the game. Phil Pressey led the Dubs with a double-double, notching 21 points and 11 assists. James Southerland (14 points, 12 rebounds) and Dennis Clifford (14 points, 10 rebounds) also finished with double-doubles.

Feb. 24 – Santa Cruz fell to the Reno Bighorns 109-108 at Golden 1 Center. James Southerland led the Warriors with a double-double, recording 27 points and 11 rebounds. LaDontae Henton finished with 23 points, going 7-of-13 from beyond-the-arc.

Feb. 25 – The Dubs defeated the Windy City Bulls 118-113. Seven different players for Santa Cruz scored in double-figures in the first ever match-up between the two teams. The Warriors were paced by Alex Hamilton, who led all scorers with 26 points and 6 boards off the bench. Phil Pressey was one assist shy of a triple-double, finishing with 19 points, 17 rebounds, and 9 assists.

TRADE ALERT – The Warriors have acquired the Sioux Falls Skyforce's original 2017 NBA D-League 3rd Round Draft Pick and Returning Player Rights of Juvonte Reddic and Jordan Morgan from the Canton Charge, in exchange for Cameron Jones and Santa Cruz's 2017 NBA D-League 4th Round Pick.



UPCOMING GAMES

Saturday, March 4 is our third annual Pajama Night at Kaiser Permanente Arena! Wear your favorite pajamas to the game and bring another pair to donate to project pajamas! Each donated pair gets you a raffle ticket for prizes.

On Wednesday, March 8th, pick up an awesome Santa Cruz Warriors lunchbox courtesy of Erik's Deli! Make sure to arrive early as giveaway is limited to the first 1,500 fans.

NEXT GAME: 3rd Annual **PAJAMA NIGHT!**
 Saturday, March 4th | 7PM
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 Wear your favorite pajamas & bring a pair to donate to Project Pajamas!

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