



THE BOARD NEWSLETTER

2016 BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

The Santa Cruz Warriors were honored to be named “Business of the Year” at the Santa Cruz Area Chamber of Commerce’s Annual Community Recognition Gala at the Coconut Grove on Saturday. The Warriors were nominated by members of the business community and recognized for their achievement in operations excellence and significant contributions to the people and communities of Santa Cruz.



MEET THE NEWEST SANTA CRUZ WARRIORS



Last week, the Santa Cruz Warriors began their Training Camp in preparation for the 2016-17 season. Read our Draft Day recap below!

DRAFTED PLAYERS

The 2016 NBA D-League Draft yielded four players who will take part in the Warriors’ Training Camp, highlighted by 7-1 center Jaleel Roberts, who was selected 2nd overall by Santa Cruz. LaDontae Henton, a 6-6 small forward out of Providence, was drafted 10th overall by Santa Cruz. In the following rounds, the Sea Dubs picked Keith Steffek out of William Penn and Rasean Simpson out of Morgan State. Alex Hamilton, Oklahoma City’s 3rd overall selection of the 1st round was dealt to Santa Cruz after the completion of the draft. Amere May Jr. was also acquired through a draft night trade with the Canton Charge, who selected him with the 18th pick of the third round.

AFFILIATE PLAYERS

The Warriors acquired four players through the “affiliate rule,” which allocates players from the Golden State Warriors training camp directly to the franchise’s D-League team. Cam Jones will make his return to Santa Cruz as an affiliate player after two seasons away from the team. Jones was on the Santa Cruz Warriors roster from 2012-14 and is the franchise regular-season leader in points (1,584) and ranks second in steals (127). Scott Wood, Chris Obekpa, and Elgin Cook are also joining the Sea Dubs after spending training camp with Golden State.

RETURNING PLAYERS

Terrence Drisdorn, who was drafted by the Warriors in the 2015 NBA D-League Draft, will be returning for another season in Santa Cruz. Phil Pressey is on the Warriors training camp roster after his returning player rights were acquired by Santa Cruz from the Salt Lake City Stars in exchange for the returning player rights to Aaron Craft and Santa Cruz’s own 2017 original 2nd round draft pick. Pressey attended NBA training camp with Golden State, appearing in 5 preseason games.

LOCAL TRYOUTS

Ferrakohn Hall, Damontre Harris, Maurice Creek, and Dennis Clifford were acquired from the local tryout player pool.

*The Warriors’ roster currently stands at 13 players and will be finalized prior to Opening Night.

PRESEASON TRI-GAME RECAP

The Santa Cruz Warriors defeated the Salt Lake City Stars 52-38 and the Reno Bighorns 55-40 on Sunday in their lone preseason tri-game at Kaiser Permanente Arena. Elgin Cook paced the Warriors with a combined 21 points in the match-ups against the two teams. Scott Wood added a combined 17 points for Santa Cruz, helping pace the team to consecutive victories.



Last Thursday, the Sea Dubs in partnership with FoodWhat?! and Kaiser Permanente hosted a “Vitamin Water Warriors” station for over 200 Santa Cruz County students. The students were provided with infuser water bottles and bowls of fruit and vegetables to choose from to make their own custom, natural vitamin water. When students arrived at the station, they were taught the importance of drinking water and staying hydrated before engaging with the Chris Murphy, the President of the Warriors, and other front office staff.

Participation in this annual FoodWhat?! event is part of the Warriors’ “Get Fit” community program, a year-round community platform focusing on fitness, wellness, and nutrition education to build a healthier community. The Warriors aim to impact over 10,000 Central Coast youth in the next year, hosting events in Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties.



5 DAYS TO OPENING NIGHT!



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