



THE BOARD NEWSLETTER

PLAYOFF UPDATE

Our Western Conference Semifinal best-of-three series with the Oklahoma City Blue is tied 1-1, and the series-deciding Game 3 will be tonight at 5:00pm PST. The Sea Dubs beat the Blue 121-120 in Game 1 at home to hold the series edge 1-0. With a chance to take the series, the Dubs traveled to Oklahoma City where they fell 131-117, tying the series 1-1.



DAMIAN JONES AND CASEY HILL WIN MONTHLY HONORS

Santa Cruz Warriors center Damian Jones was named the NBA D-League Performer of the Month and Santa Cruz Warriors head coach Casey Hill was named NBA D-League Coach of the Month for games played in March!

Casey Hill led Santa Cruz to an 11-2 mark in March, finishing the season on a six-game winning streak to earn a playoff berth. Under Hill, the Warriors averaged 121.9 points per game during March, the third, the third-best mark in the D-League. Santa Cruz also led the league in rebounding with 48.5 boards per game. In his fourth season as Warriors head coach, Hill has amassed a 114-86 (.570) regular-season record while guiding his team to three playoff appearances and the 2015 NBA D-League Championship.

Damian Jones appeared in 12 of the 13 Warriors' games while on assignment from the Golden State Warriors in March, averaging 17.6 points and 7.8 rebounds in 30.4 minutes while shooting 65.4% from the field. He scored in double-figures in all 12 games, including a season-high 25 points in a 127-117 win over the Los Angeles D-Fenders on March 31. During March, he recorded three double-doubles and grabbed 12 rebounds three times.



COMMUNITY WARRIORS

The Santa Cruz Warriors coaches and players rounded out their campaign of Read to Achieve for this season, presented by Kaiser Permanente. Eight different schools throughout Santa Cruz County were visited in the final round of appearances, where captains participated in rallies to honor the top readers from each campus. Those top readers were invited to the Warriors' final regular-season home game on March 31st against the D-Fenders. The top reader from each school was invited to the Warriors' first round of playoffs as the grand prize. Congratulations to this year's top readers and a big thank you to Kaiser Permanente for making Read to Achieve possible!



RECENT GAMES RECAP

Mar. 27 – The Warriors defeated the Salt Lake City Stars 128-123, clinching the fourth playoff berth in five seasons! Jabari Brown, who had just been named “NBA D-League Performer of the Week” came off the bench to lead all scorers with 29 points. Damian Jones, on assignment from Golden State, contributed 20 points and 6 boards.

Mar. 31 – Santa Cruz defeated the Los Angeles D-Fenders 127-117 with six Warriors' finishing in double-digit scoring. Damian Jones, on assignment from Golden State, led all scorers with 25 points, 7 rebounds, and 5 blocks. Jabari Brown added 21 points and 5 rebounds while Cleanthony Early notched 19 points and 7 boards.

Apr. 5 – The Sea Dubs defeated the Oklahoma City Blue 121-120 in Game 1 of the Western Conference Semifinals to take a 1-0 lead in the best-of-three series. Jabari Brown led all scorers with 36 points off the bench for the Warriors. Chris Obekpa tallied a double-double with 12 points and 10 rebounds to go with an NBA D-League postseason record-tying 8 blocks.

Apr. 8 – Santa Cruz fell to the Oklahoma City Blue 131-117 in Game 2 of the Western Conference Semifinals, tying the best-of-three series 1-1 and setting up a decisive Game 3 tonight! The Warriors were led by Jabari Brown, who scored 25 points off the bench on 9-of-11 shooting from the field to go along with 4 assists. Alex Hamilton contributed 16 points, while LaDontae Henton added 15 points in his first start since February 12.



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