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Sparks Announce Official 2011 Opening Day Roster

Star-Studded Roster Includes Six Returners and Five Newcomers

Los Angeles – On Thursday the Los Angeles Sparks announced their official opening day roster for the 2011 season, their 15th WNBA campaign.

The final 11-player roster includes six returners from 2010 and five newcomers. Highlighting the returners are 2008 WNBA MVP and Rookie of the Year Candace Parker, four-time WNBA champion and all-time leading scorer Tina Thompson, two-time WNBA champion DeLisha Milton-Jones and the league’s all-time assist leader Ticha Penicheiro. A complete roster is below and attached.

The Sparks waived center Courtney Paris on Thursday to finalize their roster.

Los Angeles opens the 2011 season on Friday, hosting the Minnesota Lynx at 8 p.m. PT at STAPLES Center. Fans can purchase single game tickets starting at just \$10 online at LASparks.com, by phone at 877-44-SPARKS (772757), at the STAPLES Center box office and at all Ticketmaster outlets. The game will also be televised live in Southern California on PRIME TICKET and nationally via NBA TV.

2011 Los Angeles Sparks Opening Day Roster

#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	College/From	Exp.	Hometown
16	Ebony Hoffman	F	6-2	215	8/27/82	USC	7	Harbor City, CA
42	Jantel Lavender	C	6-4	220	11/12/88	Ohio State	R	Cleveland, OH
1	Natasha Lacy	G	5-10	165	7/8/85	Texas-El Paso	1	El Paso, TX
8	DeLisha Milton-Jones	F	6-1	185	9/11/74	Florida	12	Hinesville, GA
6	Jenna O’Hea	G/F	6-1	174	6/6/87	Australia	R	Melbourne, Australia
3	Candace Parker	F/C	6-4	175	4/19/86	Tennessee	3	Naperville, IL
21	Ticha Penicheiro	G	5-11	146	9/18/74	Old Dominion	13	Figueira da Foz, Portugal
30	LaToya Pringle	F	6-3	170	9/11/86	North Carolina	2	Fayetteville, NC
45	Noelle Quinn	G	6-0	175	1/3/85	UCLA	4	Los Angeles, CA
32	Tina Thompson	F	6-2	178	2/10/75	USC	14	Los Angeles, CA
20	Kristi Toliver	G	5-7	130	1/27/87	Maryland	2	Harrisonberg, VA

HEAD COACH
 Jennifer Gillom (College – Mississippi)

ASSISTANT COACHES
 Sandy Brondello (Australia)
 Joe Bryant (College – LaSalle)

ATHLETIC TRAINER
 Courtney Watson (College – California)