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Sparks Post Player Candace Parker Expected to Return to Action Tuesday vs. Atlanta

Former WNBA MVP has been sidelined since suffering June 26 knee injury

LOS ANGELES – Post player [Candace Parker](#) is expected to see her first game action since late June when the Los Angeles Sparks host the Atlanta Dream at STAPLES Center on Tuesday, Aug. 16 at 7:30 p.m. PT.

Parker has been sidelined since June 26, when she suffered a torn lateral meniscus in her right knee during the third quarter of a game vs. the New York Liberty in Newark, N.J. She missed 15 games during that span.

“We’re beyond excited that Candace is coming back for the stretch run of our season,” Sparks Head Coach Joe Bryant said. “She’s worked her tail off to rehab her knee. It’s a testament to Candace’s determination and professionalism.”

Prior to her injury, Parker averaged 17.7 points, 9.7 rebounds and 2.9 assists through seven games this season, recording four double-doubles. In 2008, the Naperville, Ill., native became the first player in league history to capture both MVP and Rookie of the Year honors.

Tickets for Tuesday’s showdown with Atlanta – as well as all remaining Sparks home contests – are available online at LASparks.com, by phone at 877-44-SPARKS (772757), at the STAPLES Center box office and at all [Ticketmaster](#) outlets. Season tickets, as well as flexible mini-plan options, are also available.

Tuesday’s game can also be seen live in Southern California on PRIME TICKET and nationally on NBA TV.

ABOUT THE LOS ANGELES SPARKS

The Los Angeles Sparks, an original Women’s National Basketball team, enter their 15th season in 2011. The Sparks are one of six WNBA franchises that fall under the league’s independent ownership model. Winner of back-to-back WNBA championships in 2001 and 2002, Los Angeles’ roster of star athletes include 2008 WNBA MVP and Rookie of the Year Candace Parker, four-time WNBA champion and all-time leading scorer Tina Thompson, and two-time WNBA champion DeLisha Milton-Jones. The Sparks play their home games at STAPLES Center in the heart of downtown Los Angeles. For ticket information, call 877-44-SPARKS (772757) or visit LASparks.com.