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## **SPARKS GUARD BETTY LENNOX TO UNDERGO KNEE SURGERY**

**LOS ANGELES** – Los Angeles Sparks guard Betty Lennox will have knee surgery early next week, the team announced.

Lennox, who is averaging 4.9 points, 1.5 assists and 1.7 rebounds in 11.6 minutes per game, needs the surgery to repair a meniscus tear in her left knee.

The 2004 WNBA Finals MVP has been suffering from this injury for some time and has elected to have the surgery at this point in the season. Recovery for such a procedure is typically four to six weeks.

### **About the Los Angeles Sparks**

The Los Angeles Sparks are entering their 14th season in the Women's National Basketball Association. The Sparks are one of the three original teams still operating in the WNBA. In December 2006, the Sparks were purchased by a group of investors, led by Carla Christofferson and Kathy Goodman and they are one of seven WNBA teams owned and operated independent of NBA teams. The Sparks won back-to-back WNBA Championships in 2001 & 2002. The team's roster of star athletes includes 2008 WNBA MVP & Rookie of the Year Candace Parker, All-Star DeLisha Milton-Jones, four-time WNBA Champion Tina Thompson and 2005 WNBA Champion Ticha Penicheiro. The Sparks play their home games at STAPLES Center in the heart of downtown Los Angeles. For Sparks ticket information, call 1-877-44-SPARKS.