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SPARKS FORWARD CANDACE PARKER TO MISS REMAINDER OF 2010 SEASON

Parker to Undergo Shoulder Surgery

LOS ANGELES – Los Angeles Sparks forward Candace Parker will miss the remainder of the 2010 season, it was announced today by Sparks Vice President/General Manager Penny Toler. Parker dislocated her shoulder in the first half of the Sparks game against the Minnesota Lynx on Sunday, June 13.

"Losing Candace is definitely a huge loss for us and the league in general," said VP/GM Penny Toler. "We still have a great team that is led by two Olympians and loaded with talent. Our goal, as always, is still to win."

Parker's surgery will be scheduled in the coming weeks.

For the season, she was averaging 20.6 ppg, 10.1 rpg and 2.2 bpg in 33.5 minutes per game.

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.