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**LOS ANGELES SPARKS HEAD TO LONG BEACH FOR PRESEASON GAME
AGAINST THE SAN ANTONIO SILVER STARS ON SATURDAY MAY 8TH**
Both Teams to Conduct Practices Open to the Community on May 7th

LOS ANGELES – The Los Angeles Sparks will play their second preseason game versus Western Conference rival, the San Antonio Silver Stars, at the famous Walter Pyramid on the California State University, Long Beach campus on Saturday, May 8th at 12:30pm. The Sparks and Silver Stars will host open practices and autograph sessions for fans on Friday, May 7th at The Pyramid.

Friday's practices are free and open to the public and will provide fans an opportunity to watch two of the top teams in the WNBA practice. Fans will also be able to meet the players and coaches and receive autographs from players on both teams. The Silver Stars will practice from 4:00pm - 6:00pm, followed immediately by a 30-minute autograph session, and the Sparks will practice from 6:30pm - 8:00pm and will also host an autograph session from 8:00pm - 8:30pm.

"The Long Beach community has always been very important to the Sparks," said VP/GM and Long Beach State alumna Penny Toler. "Many of our season ticket holders and fans reside in Long Beach, so the chance to host an open practice with both teams provides a great opportunity to bring our team to some of our most loyal fans, while continuing to build up our fan base in another great Southern California community."

On Saturday, May 8th, the game will tip-off at 12:30pm and will mark the first time the Sparks have played at The Pyramid since the 2004 season. The game will feature a full Sparks roster, including Candace Parker, Tina Thompson, DeLisha Milton-Jones and Long Beach State alumna Karina Figueroa, who was signed to a training camp contract after a stand-out career as a 49er. The Sparks will face a strong Silver Stars team, featuring Becky Hammon, Ruth Riley and a notable rookie from Stanford, Jayne Appel.

Tickets for the Sparks preseason game at The Walter Pyramid are now on sale. Courtside seats are available for \$60 and general admission seats are \$13 in advance and \$15 at the box office. Sparks season ticket holders can purchase courtside seats for \$45 or general admission tickets for \$10 in advance by calling a Sparks Account Executive. CSULB students, faculty and staff will receive an additional discount for the game with student tickets at \$5 and faculty/staff tickets at \$10.

For more information on the Sparks open practice and game in Long Beach, please call 877-44-SPARKS or visit www.LASparks.com.

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