



Pee Dee Vipers make roster changes

Vipers' Blasczyk signs to Portugal; Vipers sign former LA Laker

Florence, SC – January 21, 2014 – [The Pee Dee Vipers](#) have signed former LA Laker Ronnie Aguilar to replace James Blasczyk. Blasczyk signed with the Portuguese Basketball League this past Sunday and will finish the season overseas.

Aguilar is a 7'2 center and power forward who attended Colorado St. and played with NBA star, Jason Smith. Aguilar then transferred to California State University - Dominguez Hills to avoid sitting out a year. He was signed by the NBA's LA Lakers in 2012 after a stellar season on the NBDL Bakersfield Jam. After being released from the Lakers in late 2012, Aguilar played in the Centro American Olympics for El Salvador National team and led them to their first medal in the history of the nation.

The Vipers have also brought on an additional point guard to complement Gabriel Harris. Travis Lampley has signed with the Vipers; the Vipers released Omar Strong on Monday to free space for Lampley. Lampley is a 5'11 All-American from the University of St. Thomas having scored 1,245 points in his career and racking up 320 total assists his senior year – first in the Nation.

Quick Bio Information

Ronnie Aguilar:

- Center/power forward at 7'2 with wingspan of 7'6
- Colleges: California State University - Dominguez Hills
- Pro:
 - 2011-2012: NBDL Bakersfield Jam, 2.2 PPG. 4.2 Reb.pg. In 7 minutes per game
 - 2012: Southern California Summer Pro League, 18.8 PPG., 14 reb.pg., FGP: 58.2%
 - 2012: Signed by the NBA - Los Angeles Lakers becoming the first Salvadoran and Honduran American player to play in the NBA. Waived on 10/20/12.
 - 2013- Played in Centro American Olympics For El Salvador National team and led them to their first Medal in the History of the Nation 3/17/13 (15.5 PPG, 14Reb.PG, 4Ass.PG, 3 Blocks.pg).

Travis Lampley:

- Point guard at 5'11
- College: University of St. Thomas
- Achievements: 2013 3rd Team All-American – 2012 Honorable Mention All-American
- Career Highlights:
 - 114 games played
 - 1,245 total points scored
 - 774 total assists
 - 222 total steals
 - 1,226 total minutes played – average of 36 minutes per game

New Home Schedule

Feb 1 (7PM) – Indianapolis Diesels



Feb 8 (7PM) – Buffalo 716ers
Feb 27 (6:30PM) – Erie Hurricane
March 2 (4PM) – Bloomington Flex
March 8 (7PM) – Lynchburg Titans
March 21 (7PM) – Rochester RazorSharks

Quotes

From Vipers General Manager, Sharone Wright:

On Blasczyk: “James played well for us and knowing him for a while, I knew it would be great for him to become a Viper in order to sharpen his skills more before heading to Europe. He is an outstanding person from a great background. I wish him all the best.”

On Aguilar: “Ronnie Aguilar brings a unique blend of power, length and post presence that we needed from day one of training camp. With Ronnie coming, the Vipers will have that post presence that I think we truly need. He instantly will enhance our rebounding totals and post scoring.”

On Lampley: “Travis Lampley is a player that coach Brown really loves. He is a lot like our own point guard, Gabriel Harris. Together I think the Vipers won’t miss a beat with our 1-2 punch lineups that are doing quite well. He is a penetrator and knows how to work the floor.”

“I think the new players will mesh well with our already lethal lineup. Fans will fall in love with them both. We really look forward to our drive for the championship.”

From former Vipers Center, James Blasczyk:

“I came to South Carolina to play professional basketball in a developmental league. I played well enough in this league to get a call up to a better league in Portugal to finish out the season and continue chasing the dream. I am very honored and happy with where I am going, but yet very sad I am leaving this amazing community in Florence which I’ve grown to love and my teammates whom are some of the best I’ve been around in my career.”

About the Pee Dee Vipers

The Pee Dee Vipers’ vision is to provide the region of Florence and surrounding areas with quality, professional basketball entertainment combined with a commitment to strengthen community identity by implementing volunteer programs, basketball camps and local partnerships that focus on developing and fostering emotional and physical success of families and underprivileged youth.

The Pee Dee Vipers will be a pillar and exemplar of professional and charitable work in the community of Florence and surrounding region. The organization has set forth programs including partnerships with schools, American Cancer Society, Harvest Hope Food Bank, coach and player volunteer hours, basketball camps, and AAU team partnerships in South Carolina.