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TORNADOES 2016 MVP TO RETURN IN 2018

The Bellamy's Launceston Tornadoes have announced their first player signing with 2016 MVP Ally Wilson returning for the 2018 SEABL season. Wilson will return to the Tornadoes after taking a year off SEABL to return home to spend time with family.

Wilson, 23, will return to the Tornadoes this season after another outstanding season with the Sydney Flames in the WNBL where she is averaging 12.7 points, 4.2 rebound and 2.9 assists per game. She also represented Australia at the World University Games in Almaty, Kazakhstan earlier last year.

Tornadoes Chair Janie Finlay said "We are so excited to have Ally return to the Tornadoes this season. She decided to head home last year after three great seasons with the Tornadoes between 2014 and 2016. And the Club supported her decision to do that because she hadn't been home for a number of years. She has continued to develop her game and she has been playing amazing for the Sydney Flames. Having Ally return to the Tornadoes is an testament to the environment and culture we have developed at the club over a number of years that players really love being part of what we have done here."

"We kept in touch with Ally for the past 12 months and when our season finished last year we started discussions about coming back again in 2018. She had such a tremendous year with the Tornadoes in 2016 winning the club MVP and runner-up in the league MVP voting. So we all can't wait to have Ally back playing with the Launceston Tornadoes". Finlay added.

Wilson, who is currently travelling to Townsville to play in the WNBL Semi-Finals with her Sydney Flames team, will relocate to Tasmania once the WNBL season concludes in preparation for a preseason under new Tornadoes Head Coach Derrick Washington.

Wilson commented on her signing with the Launceston Tornadoes saying "I am excited to be re-joining the Launceston Tornadoes for the 2018 season. I thoroughly enjoyed my 3 seasons in Launceston and it has become like a second home to me. I just can't wait to get down there and get started."

During her MVP season with the Launceston Tornadoes Wilson averaged 20 points, 6 rebounds and 2 assists per game. She was also named runner for the league MVP and named in the SEABL Starting 5.



The Launceston Tornadoes are excited for the 2018 season and expect to announce more signings in the near future.

The Club will be holding a try-out for local players on January 11 at Elphin Stadium.

The Tornadoes 2018 season gets underway in early April with the full schedule to be release in mid-January.

Information about all the Tornadoes home games and season memberships can be purchased through the Tornadoes website www.tornadoes.com.au .

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