

Women's basketball – Oakes back with Pride



Pride in action against Wildcats last season. Picture Nigel Duncan Media

Caledonia Pride, Scotland's only professional women's basketball team, have confirmed the re-signing of American centre Tricia Oakes.

She was Pride's leading rebounder last year and she will bolster an already strong roster.

Oakes impressed in her rookie Women's British Basketball League (WBBL) season averaging 11 rebounds and two blocks a game which earned her ranked second and first in the league respectively.

The player said: "We're hard at work in pre-season to build on last season and we aim to make a real splash in the WBBL.

Pride beat Platges De Mataro 62-61 in a pre-season clash in Spain, and coach Bart Sengers expects Oakes to be a key member of the squad which starts its WBBL campaign against last year's champions, Nottingham Wildcats, at Edinburgh University on Saturday October 7.