

# *Santa Barbara* COURT OF CHAMPIONS

*Class of 2019*



*Sonny Allen*

Sonny Allen was the Head Coach of the Santa Barbara Islanders, a CBA Pro Minor League team, the Los Angeles Lakers affiliate. The 1989-90 expansion organization still holds records of most wins for a first year (38), 11-0 start of the season, 10 player call ups to NBA teams, 123.7 points per game and most team points scored (8606).

Sonny stated, “A great group of players were put together, we did what we were supposed to do, develop them for the NBA and Derrick Gervin comes to mind; he scored more than 40 points eight straight games and the next thing you know, he’s called up to the New Jersey Nets for the remainder of the season.” He added, “I also remember Michael Douglas, Kenny Loggins and Jonathon Winters sitting courtside at the games. That’s something you don’t see very often at the pro minor league level, plus I enjoyed my time there, working with Don Ford while experiencing the beautiful community of Santa Barbara.”



*Sonny Allen (top left) and the Santa Barbara Islanders basketball team*