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Monaco Basket Association: A promising return to women's professional basketball

Press release - Thursday, April 23, 2026 - As the season draws to a close for the Monaco Basket Association (MBA) first team, the Monegasque club reflects on a positive return to Ligue Féminine 2, the professional level of the French women's basketball league. The 11 players who proudly wore Monaco's colours on courts across France have successfully fulfilled their mission, giving the club's leadership strong confidence heading into next season.

The objective set out at the start-of-season press conference in September 2025 was clear. MBA Co-Presidents Eric Elena and Stéphane Valeri outlined a three-year ambition: to elevate Monaco's women's basketball team to the highest level of the French championship, with a key milestone for the 2025–2026 season being a successful first year in Ligue Féminine 2 (LF2).

With 16 wins from 26 games against strong French clubs, MBA's 11 players secured a 5th-place finish in the LF2 standings, out of 14 teams, just one point shy of the podium. The team's qualification for the LF2 Playoffs, the gateway to the top tier, also marked a significant achievement in this debut season, despite a quarter-final exit.

The MBA first team has firmly established its place among the professional ranks and offers promising prospects for the upcoming season, which will be presented in early September. For now, the focus shifts to the off-season for the players and to preparations for the 2026–2027 campaign for the club's leadership.

"I would like to sincerely thank the entire team, led by coach Petros Prekas and captain Lysa Millavet, for this 2025–2026 season, which marks our successful return to Ligue Féminine 2. Our first team is both a driving force and a role model for all MBA teams, from U7 to U18, who proudly uphold the values of women's sport and represent Monaco on the court. We look forward to next season," said Eric Elena, Co-President of MBA.

To support the club in its development and help build a leading women's basketball club in Monaco, Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer strengthened this season the partnership signed with MBA in 2024. At the end of the season, Stéphane Valeri, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer, added: *"I warmly congratulate the MBA first team on this excellent return to the French professional basketball league. With our objective achieved in this first season, our ambition is confirmed and will now translate into changes, including new signings to further strengthen the team next season."*

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