

## Sims Makes Pro Debut With Bighorns

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Donald Sims, Appalachian State University's all-time leading scorer with 2,185 points, made his professional basketball debut with the Reno Bighorns of the

National Basketball Association Development League Friday night.

Sims played more than 18 minutes (18:30) against Bakersfield, CA., in a 122-97 loss. He was 2-9 from the floor (0-2 from the three-point line) for four points. He also had a rebound, five assists and four turnovers.

Sims played nearly 22 minutes (21:43) on Saturday against Bakersfield and scored seven points. He was 2-9 from the floor, but 0-3 from the three-point line. He's 0-5 on three-point attempts in his first two games. He was also 3-4 from the foul line. He had two rebounds, two assists and three steals with no turnovers in a 118-111 loss.

For the year, Sims, in his first two professional games, is averaging 5.5 points-per-game with 3.5 assists-per-game. He's shooting 31% from the floor and 75% from the foul line. Sims made 86% of his free throws last season at ASU. He made a career-best 95% of his free throws in 2009-10. He also led the nation in three-pointers and in free-throw percentage, and was 24th in the country in scoring (20.4) during his junior year in 2009-10. He was named the Southern Conference Player of the Year that season as well.

The Bighorns (0-2) are in Los Angeles for games Monday and Tuesday nights against the D-Fenders.

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