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## 2009 DAKOTA WIZARDS DRAFT RECAP

*Sixteen Players Selected Will Report to Training Camp Next Weekend*

**Bismarck, N.D. (November 5, 2009)** – The Dakota Wizards selected Curtis Withers, a 6-foot-8, 230-pound forward from UNC-Charlotte, with the eleventh overall selection in the 2009 NBA Development League Draft.

Withers was named First Team All-Atlantic 10 his senior year, First Team All-Conference USA his sophomore and junior seasons along with being a C-USA All-Freshman selection. He averaged 14.9 points and 8.9 rebounds in 117 games played in college. Withers has played in Turkey, France and Israel over the past three seasons.

Following is the list of players selected by the Wizards in the 2009 NBA D-League Draft:

<u>Rd</u>	<u>Pick</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos</u>	<u>Ht</u>	<u>Wt</u>	<u>From</u>
1	11	Curtis Withers	F	6-8	220	Charlotte
2	22	Doug Thomas	F	6-9	240	Iowa
3	43	Marcus Dove	F	6-9	225	Oklahoma State
4	54	D'Lancy Carter*	C	6-10	257	St. Bonaventure
5	75	Jason Straight	G	6-2	190	Wyoming
6	86	Darren Cooper	G	6-3	195	Portland
7	107	Rashaad Powell	G/F	6-6	210	Idaho
8	118	Jimmy Binnie	F	6-7	225	Dayton

\* – Rookie

The eight players selected by the Wizards will join training camp invitees Maurice Baker, Renaldo Major, Romel Beck, David Bell, Carlos English, Manny Quezada, Cameron Stanley and Derick Payne in Bismarck next weekend for the start of training camp on Sunday, Nov. 15. Coaches will submit an opening day roster of 10 players on Wednesday, Nov. 25 as the 2009-10 NBA D-League regular season tips off on Friday, Nov. 27 with six games.

\$99 season tickets are on sale for the 2009-10 season. Discounts and benefits are also available for groups of 10 or more. The home opener is set for Saturday, Nov. 28 against the expansion Maine Red Claws. For more information please call 258-BALL.