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WIZARDS ACQUIRE JAMES “BOO” JACKSON

BISMARCK, ND, January 11, 2010 – The Dakota Wizards announced today that they have acquired forward James “Boo” Jackson in a trade with the Bakersfield Jam. In exchange for Jackson, the Jam received guard Blake Ahearn, whom Dakota acquired earlier in the day.

Jackson, a product of Eastern Michigan, has averaged 11.4 points and 5.8 rebounds this season in 18 games for the Los Angeles D-Fenders and Jam. He has scored in double figures in 11 games, recording a 21-point, 12-rebound double-double on Dec. 18, 2009 when the Jam fell to the Idaho Stampede in Bakersfield. Jackson recorded a season-high 22 points as a member of the D-Fenders in a Dec. 4, 2009 loss to the Reno Bighorns at the STAPLES Center in Los Angeles.

To make room on the roster, Dakota released forward Jimmy Binnie.

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The NBA Development League, founded in 2001, is the NBA’s official minor league whose teams have direct affiliations to NBA franchises. For the 2009-10 season, the league will feature 16 teams – including the debut of the Maine Red Claws and the Springfield Armor. A proven developer of talent, 20 percent of players in the NBA at the conclusion of the 2008-09 season boasted NBA D-League experience, while the league continues to develop coaches, referees, and front office staff for the NBA and its teams. In fostering the league’s connection to the community, its teams, players and staff promote health and wellness, support local needs and interests, and assist in educational development through NBA D-League Cares programs. The NBA D-League also advances the game of basketball as the research and development arm of the NBA. Throughout the season fans can watch all NBA D-League games on NBA Futurecast, the free live Web-streaming initiative found at nba.com/futurecast.

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