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DAKOTA WIZARDS CLINCH 2009-10 PLAYOFF BERTH

BISMARCK, ND, March 30, 2010 – The Dakota Wizards clinched a berth in the 2009-10 NBA Development League Playoffs following their win over the league-leading Iowa Energy on Sunday afternoon in Des Moines. This will mark the 13th time the Wizards have advanced to the postseason in their 15-year history, including appearances in each of their four seasons in the NBA Development League.

The NBA Development League playoffs will consist of three rounds, with each being a best-of-three series. Both Eastern and Western Conference winners will make the postseason, followed by the six teams with the best regular season records, regardless of division.

Both of the division winners and the wildcard entrant with the best regular season record will get to choose their first round opponents from those teams seeded five through eight. The division winner seeded the highest will choose first, followed by the second-seeded division winner and the highest-seeded wildcard team. The two teams remaining after this process will meet in the first round. In each round, the lower-seeded team will host the first game, while the higher-seeded team will host the second and, if necessary, third and deciding games.

The 2009-10 NBA Development League will finish regular season play on April 4th. Fans can find updated playoff seedings and matchups at www.nba.com/dleague. The Wizards wrap up their regular season on the road with a pair of games at Rio Grande Valley starting on Friday night.

For more information or to purchase tickets for the 2009-10 NBA Development League playoffs, please contact the Wizards offices at (701) 258-2255

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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