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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE DAKOTA WIZARDS

MAJOR AND GREER NAMED TO ALL-STAR TEAM

Dakota Wizards guard Renaldo Major and forward Quemont Greer will lead the Eastern Division team in Las Vegas during the first ever NBA Development All-Star game on Saturday, February 17.

Major, who was signed to a 10-day contact by the Golden State Warriors on January 18, is averaging 18.1 points, 5.0 rebounds and 1.6 steals per game.

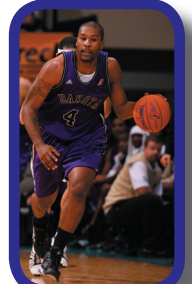
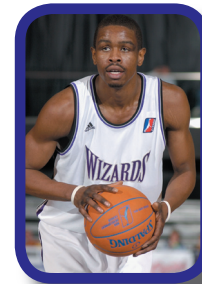
“This is a well-deserved honor for Renaldo”, said Wizards Head Coach Dave Joerger. “First a call-up and now this, to see his progression from when he was in junior college to now being a D-League All-Star, I couldn’t be happier for him.”

Greer, who was the D-League Performer of the Week two weeks in a row in January was selected as a replacement for Toros forward James White who was recalled to the San Antonio Spurs. The 6’7 forward is averaging 17.2 points, 6.3 rebounds and 1.9 assist per game.

“Q is a great player and he deserves this honor”, said Wizards Head Coach Dave Joerger. “He has worked very hard for these honors and it’s nice to see the hard work paying off for him.”

The All-Star game will be held on Center Court at NBA All-Star Jam Session presented by adidas at the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino. The game will tip off at 4 p.m. CT and will be televised live on NBA TV.

The two 10-man rosters were selected by a combination of fan balloting on D-LEAGUE.com and voting of the league’s 12 head coaches. Prior to the game, East head coach Sidney Moncrief (Fort Worth) and West head coach Joe Wolf (Colorado) will choose starting lineups for their respective teams.



EASTERN DIVISION ALL-STAR ROSTER

Pos.	Player (Team)	Ht.	Wt.	College
G	Will Conroy (Tulsa)	6-2	195	Washington
G	BJ Elder (Austin)	6-4	205	Georgia Tech
G	Renaldo Major (Dakota)	6-7	190	Fresno State
G	Clay Tucker (Arkansas)	6-3	195	Wisconsin-Milwaukee
F	Alan Anderson (Tulsa)	6-6	220	Michigan State
F	Stephen Graham (Sioux Falls)	6-6	215	Oklahoma State
F	Pops Mensah-Bonsu (Ft. Worth)	6-9	232	George Washington
F	Quemont Greer (Dakota)	6-7	240	DePaul
C	Luke Schenscher (Ft. Worth)	7-1	265	Georgia Tech
C	Loren Woods (Austin)	7-2	260	Arizona

Head Coach: Sidney Moncrief (Ft. Worth)

WESTERN DIVISION ALL-STAR ROSTER

Pos	Player (Team)	Ht.	Wt.	College/Country
G	Brian Chase (Los Angeles)	5-8	160	Virginia Tech
G	Pooh Jeter (Colorado)	5-11	175	Univ. of Portland
G	Randy Livingston (Idaho)	6-4	210	Louisiana State
G	Von Wafer (Colorado)	6-5	210	Florida State
F	Rick Rickert (Colorado)	6-11	235	Minnesota
F	Kevinn Pinkney (Bakersfield)	6-10	245	Nevada-Reno
F	Dijon Thompson (Albuquerque)	6-7	195	UCLA
F	Jawad Williams (Anaheim)	6-9	218	North Carolina
C	Elton Brown (Colorado)	6-9	250	Virginia
C	Peter John Ramos (Idaho)	7-3	287	Puerto Rico

Head Coach: Joe Wolf (Colorado)

D-LEAGUE ALL-STAR GAME WATCH PARTY

Stadium Sports Bar - January 17, 2007 at 4pm



WIZARDS WEEK IN REVIEW

WELL-BALANCED WIZARDS WIN BATTLE WITH ARSENAL

In a game that was close most of the way, the visiting Dakota Wizards pulled away in the final minutes to secure a 101-88 victory against the Arsenal Saturday night at the Anaheim Convention Center. The Wizards had a well-balanced attack, which included rookie Rod Benson, who scored 11 points and posted a career-high 21 rebounds and finished the game on a 24-11 run to pull square with Ft. Worth for the best record (18-9) in the D-League's Eastern Division.

"Whenever you can go on the road and win an ugly game, it's good," said Dakota head coach David Joerger. "Benson played great for us. The Arsenal has been playing great basketball as of late, and we were lucky to get out of here with a win."

Benson grabbed 12 offensive rebounds as the Wizards controlled the paint, outscoring Anaheim 62-30.

All-star selection Renaldo Major and Curtis Stenson each had 20 points, with Kevin Lyde adding 17 of his own. Quemont Greer also came up big with 12 points, 14 boards, and four assists.



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Saturday, February 10

	<u>Points</u>	<u>Rebounds</u>	<u>Assists</u>
Wizards	Major - 20 Stinson - 20	Benson - 21	Greer - 4
Arsenal	S. Smith - 17	Edwards - 13	Dorsey - 8

The Arsenal (15-17) was led by Steven Smith with 17 points. Majic Dorsey just missed a triple-double with 16 points, nine rebounds, and eight assists. Jawad Williams went for 14 and nine rebounds, while Tyler Smith and Andre Owens hit 13 and 11, respectively.

JAM SNAP SKID WITH 97-86 VICTORY OVER WIZARDS

The Bakersfield Jam were able to kick off their home stand in a big way Sunday night with a 97 – 86 victory over the Dakota Wizards in Bakersfield before a crowd of 1,789. With this victory, the Jam snapped a 9 game losing streak. Bakersfield was led by Scooter McFadgon who finished the game with 23 points.

Through the entire first half the momentum was continually shifting. However, with Scooter McFadgon's game tying half court shot to beat the buzzer at the half, the tied turned in favor of Bakersfield. The Jam were able to have a very strong third quarter, and went into the fourth with an 8 point lead. Bakersfield was able to keep the momentum going as it picked up the victory.

"I was really happy we were able to give our fans something to cheer about tonight," said Jam coach Jim Harrick. "Our new guys got acclimated a little bit more, and it showed." "O'Bryant was dominating on the boards, and showed why he was the number 9 pick in the 2006 draft."

Sunday's victory improved the Jam to a record of 8 – 22. Patrick O'Bryant came up huge for the Jam as he put up 13 points while pulling down 19 rebounds. Kevinn Pinkney, Bakersfield's All-Star selection, added 19 points.

The Wizards were led by Kevin Lyde's 18 points and 9 rebounds. Quemont Greer added 13 points and 13 rebounds as well.



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97

Sunday, February 11

	<u>Points</u>	<u>Rebounds</u>	<u>Assists</u>
Wizards	Lyde - 18	Greer - 13	McCray - 4 Baker - 4
Jam	McFadgon - 23	O'Bryant - 19	McFadgon - 5

BAKERSFIELD RALLIES FOR VICTORY

The Bakersfield Jam started its first home win streak of the season as they took down the Dakota Wizards in Bakersfield Tuesday night with a 90 – 86 victory before a crowd of 1,825. This was the second time in three days the Jam beat the Wizards.

Early on, it appeared that Dakota was destined to win the game. They started the game playing great, attaining a lead of as much as 13 points and shutting down every Jam attempt at a comeback. However, Bakersfield was able to turn the tide in the fourth quarter, holding the Wizards to only 9 points while posting 23, en route to the 4 point victory.

"This was one of our best games," said Jam coach Jim Harrick. "We played with a ton of energy in the fourth quarter, and we had a great game defensively. This is a much different and more competitive team than we had earlier this year, and it showed tonight."

Tuesday's victory improved Bakersfield's record to 9 – 22. Patrick O'Bryant came up huge for the Jam once again as he put up 10 points while pulling down 13 rebounds. Mateen Cleaves added 11 points and 8 assists.



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Tuesday, February 13

	<u>Points</u>	<u>Rebounds</u>	<u>Assists</u>
Wizards	Greer - 23	Greer - 8 Major - 8	Baker - 5
Jam	Slay - 21	O'Bryant - 13	Cleaves - 8

The Wizards, now 18-11, were led by Quemont Greer who tallied 23 points and 8 rebounds. James Maye added 15 points and 5 rebounds as well.