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The Official Newsletter of the Dakota Wizards

DAKOTA WIZARDS DRAFT PARTY STADIUM SPORTS BAR WILL BE WIZARDS DRAFT HEADQUARTERS

The NBA Development League Champion Dakota Wizards announced that their NBA Development League Draft Headquarters will be at Stadium Sports Bar (1247 W Divide Ave) on November 1, 2007. The D-League Draft begins at 7:30 p.m., but specials and other giveaways start at 7 p.m. Sponsors, season tickets holders, and Wizards fans are invited to join the Wizards coaches and front office staff at Stadium Sports Bar as Head Coach Duane Ticknor and staff select the Dakota Wizards roster.

"I'm really looking forward to the draft" said Wizards head coach Duane Ticknor "This is why we coach, there is a lot of planning that goes into the season and it's nice to finally get started forming the team".

The Wizards pick second in their second ever D-League draft, which will consist of 10 rounds and be conducted via conference call from D-League headquarters located at the NBA TV studios in New York. If you cannot make it to the draft party, the draft will be covered live via NBA TV with coverage beginning at 7:30 p.m. with a pre-draft show. Fans can also follow the draft by logging on to www.d-league.com

The selection process will operate with each team having one pick in each of the 10 rounds. Teams will have up to two minutes to make a selection in each round. No trades will be permitted during the draft and only players signed to a NBA Development League Standard Player Contract are eligible to be selected.

The Colorado 14ers secured the first overall selection through a lottery conducted at the annual coaches meeting in Dallas in October. The Dakota Wizards will have the second overall pick. Since the draft is serpentine, or "snaked", the order will be reversed in each of the 10 rounds. For example, after picking second, Wizards next selection will be 27th overall.



Thursday, November 1 @ 7:00 p.m.

MAURICE BAKER

Has signed on to play his fourth year with the Dakota Wizards. Moe will be looking to add to his current Wizards record for most assists (666). Baker is also among the top five career leaders in minutes played, points, and steals. Baker will be looking to get his third call-up from the Wizards as his previous two came in 2005 with the Portland Trailblazers and Los Angeles Clippers. "He's somebody who is not afraid to take big shots, and he's a winner." Coach Ticknor says. "He's won everywhere he's been."



PRESEASON SCHEDULE

Dickinson High School will be the host site for the Dakota Wizards only preseason game. On Friday, November 16th at 6:30 P.M. Mountain Time The Wizards will match up with rival Sioux Falls Skyforce. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the door in Dickinson. All proceeds will benefit the Dickinson Public Schools Foundation.

MORE RETURNING PLAYERS

Rod Benson - Played this preseason with the New Jersey Nets. Last year with the Wizards, he averaged 10 points, 8 rebounds and a block in 36 games, with one start.

Dontell Jefferson - This preseason, he was with the Memphis Grizzlies. In his rookie year with the Wizards, he averaged 9 points and 4 assists in 49 games.

Kevin Lyde - Was the last released player by the Utah Jazz during the NBA preseason. Lyde averaged 1.3 pts and 3.3 rebounds in 3 games with the Jazz.