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**Wizards Pick 11<sup>th</sup> in 2009 NBA D-League Draft**

**BISMARCK, N.D., September 29, 2009** – The Dakota Wizards will select 11<sup>th</sup> out of the 16 teams in the 2009 NBA D-League Draft, it was announced today. The draft lottery took place at the D-League’s annual coaches conference in Dallas with both head coach Rory White and assistant Kevin Rice in attendance.

“I don’t mind the eleventh pick in this type of draft,” said Wizards Head Coach Rory White. “With the format the NBA D-League has, even with a later first round pick, we’ll pick early in the second round.”

The NBA D-League Draft order was determined by random drawing and utilizes a “serpentine” format, meaning the order will alternate in each of the ten rounds. For example, the Wizards, picking eleventh in the first round, will then select 21<sup>st</sup> in the second round. The NBA D-League Draft consists of ten rounds, and no trades are permitted during the draft. Only players signed to NBA D-League Standard Player contract are eligible for the NBA D-League Draft which will be held in early November.

The order of the first round will be as follows:

1. Albuquerque Thunderbirds
2. Erie BayHawks
3. Los Angeles D-Fenders
4. Bakersfield Jam
5. Utah Flash
6. Austin Toros
7. Reno Bighorns
8. Maine Red Claws
9. Iowa Energy
10. Fort Wayne Mad Ants
11. Dakota Wizards
12. Rio Grande Valley Vipers
13. Sioux Falls Skyforce
14. Springfield Armor
15. Idaho Stampede
16. Tulsa 66ers

The Wizards begin their 15<sup>th</sup> season in Bismarck on November 28<sup>th</sup> against the Maine Red Claws. Limited \$99 season tickets for the 2009-10 season still remain.