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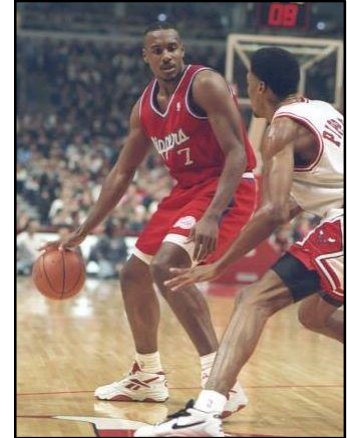
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**NBA VET LAMOND MURRAY JOINS LOS ANGELES LIGHTNING**

**Los Angeles, CA** – Mark Harwell, owner and General Manager of the Los Angeles Lightning, an expansion team in the International Basketball League, has announced the addition of Lamond Murray.

Murray, 6'7", was selected seventh overall in the 1994 NBA draft by the Los Angeles Clippers after a stellar career at the University of California. Murray, an 11 year NBA veteran, brings with him a career average of 11.3 points, 4.1 rebounds and 25.1 minutes per game. In addition to the Clippers, Murray also had stints with the Cleveland Cavaliers, Toronto Raptors, and New Jersey Nets.

Harwell comments - "I feel this is a great start for our organization to have an NBA first round draft choice as our first player signed. We are very excited to have Lamond on board, he is a great leader and I expect him to have a lot of influence on our younger players."



The International Basketball League, now in its fourth season, includes teams from China, Canada, and sixteen teams across the United States (See attached 'About the IBL' document for more information). "The IBL has a lot to offer the most talented players in the world, in that it's a great showcase, and is the only viable option for players this time of year who plan to play year around," said Harwell. "A great example of this is the IBL sent 102 players out of 216 on last years rosters over seas with contracts which shows the level of talent and opportunity for players around the world."

"Joining the LA Lightning is a great opportunity," said Murray. "I have expectations of an exciting and competitive season."

The Lightning will play their home games at the 1,500 seat Gilbert Sports Arena in Thousand Oaks, and will make their debut on April 18 with a home game against the Battle Creek Knights of Michigan. The Knights won the IBL title in 2005. Tickets for the Lightning's inaugural season are currently on sale.

Other exciting news for LA lightning includes the signing of Coach Ron Quarterman, who has also expressed his excitement regarding the addition of Murray. "Lamond is a great first player signing for the LA Lightning," said Quarterman. "He's a player that's highly skilled and brings a lot of experience to the team. I'm very excited about the season and look forward to building this team around him."

The Los Angeles Lightning is also still continuing their search for Miss Los Angeles Lightning 2008 and will be announcing the winner in the coming weeks. For more information, visit the team's web site at [www.lalighting.net](http://www.lalighting.net). General Admission tickets range from \$6-\$25 and courtside seats range from \$100-\$250 per game per seat.

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