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YAMHILL HIGHFLYERS ANNOUNCE ROSTER FOR 2010 SEASON

FRANCHISE ALSO ANNOUNCES NEW OFFICES IN MCMINNVILLE, HIRE NEW STAFF

Yamhill County, Oregon—The Yamhill HighFlyers, who are entering their first full season in the International Basketball League, are proud to announce their roster for the 2010 season. The roster features Division 1 level talent from top to bottom. The team currently has 11 players under contract and is finalizing agreements with 2 to 3 others. The franchise is also pleased to announce the opening of offices in McMinnville along with new team staff.

Team Background: The Yamhill HighFlyers played 9 games in 2009, 2 home and 7 road games, as part of their 'branding season'—a coming soon mode the IBL uses to help teams create a fan base and prepare for their first full season in the league. The HighFlyers won their first game in franchise history on May 28th, 2009 with a home victory against the Japan Tornadoes 140-121 in front of a strong home crowd. Chris Hunt and Jason Hartford were the stars of the 2009 season—both are set to return for 2010 and will be surrounded by an upgraded roster. The HighFlyers will play 23 games in 2010—10 home, 9 road, and 4 neutral site.

HighFlyers open up shop in McMinnville, hire staff: The HighFlyers franchise will be opening their first official offices early April in McMinnville, to be located at: 2090 NE Highway 99w Suite A, McMinnville, OR 97128. Fans will be able to stop by or call and purchase season tickets and ask any questions they may have about our first full season in the league. The franchise is also happy to announce the hiring of new staff which will help operate the team during the 2010 season. Courtney Purcell, who brings with her several years of game day operations experience with Portland Timbers Soccer, Portland Beavers Baseball, and Gateway Grizzlies Baseball, was recently hired as the HighFlyers' official Game Day Operations Manager. Aaron Fahsholz and Michael Harman will come on board as official interns for the franchise. And the team is currently finalizing interviews to hire two season ticket and sponsorship sales reps. HighFlyers General Manager Eric Bailey—"These staff hires and the opening of a new office in McMinnville show our commitment to our fans and to the people of Yamhill County that we plan on being a fixture in the community for years to come."

HighFlyers 2010 Roster and some highlights:

Head Coach Peter Sambu—14 years of college and professional experience, including most recently as the lead assistant coach for the Edmonton Energy.

- 1) Nate Bowie, 6'0" point guard, University of Central Arkansas
-Led the Division 1 Southland Conference in scoring his senior year; averaged over 25 points per game in the IBL last year and is an overseas veteran
- 2) York Sims, 6'3" guard, University of Central Arkansas
-Athletic guard who can shoot from outside as well as get above the rim
- 3) Cheyenne Moore, 6'6" shooting guard, Clemson University/George Washington University
-Prolific dunker who can attack the rim
- 4) Curtis Nash, 6'5" shooting guard, UNC Charlotte
-Outstanding, pure shooter; overseas veteran with valuable experience; once had workout with Memphis Grizzlies
- 5) Paul Miller, 6'3" guard, Lane College
-Solid defender and penetrator, plays smart and within the game
- 6) Jason Hartford, 6'9" small forward, Cornell University
-Led Cornell to the NCAA tourney, averaged 29 points in the IBL last year and is an overseas, accomplished veteran
- 7) Chris Hunt, 6'6" small forward, Occidental College
-Averaged 23 points and 12 rebounds for the HighFlyers last year, including 41 points in one game
- 8) Damian Browne, 6'5" power forward, Eastern Oregon University
-Dominating rebounder, athletic with solid build and plays with intensity, IBL veteran
- 9) Tae Jackson, 6'7" power forward, Lincoln (MO) University
-Solid 10 points/10 rebounds in the IBL last year; great defender who can play tough around the rim
- 10) Durrell Nevels, 6'9" center, University of Central Arkansas
-Was 5th in all of NCAA Division 1 in shot blocking his junior year; great defender and rebounder
- 11) Alex Veit, 6'9" center, University of Hawaii
-Can get above the rim with ease

G.M.Eric Bailey—"We are very pleased with the roster we have put together and expect to compete right from the start. This is a solid pro-level team, with Division 1 level talent from top to bottom. This season should be very exciting for our fans." Additional HighFlyers team info can be found online at www.highflyersbasketball.com or www.iblhoopsonline.com

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ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE

The International Basketball League (www.IBLhoopsonline.com) is a sixth year basketball league with teams from America, Canada, China and Japan. The following bullet points illustrate some of the important features of the IBL.

- **The IBL is international:** Shanxi China and Edmonton Canada competed in the IBL 2008 season and in the 2009 IBL season, a team from Japan (the Nippon Tornados) and a second Canadian team—the Titans from British Columbia (Canada) competed in the IBL. In addition to teams from Asia and Canada playing in the IBL, the Central Oregon Hotshots and the Elkhart (Indiana) Express played five games apiece in China.
- **An entertaining game**—by allowing only one timeout per quarter, and reducing dead time with an immediate inbounds, International Basketball League games are always fast and entertaining and the contest only lasts 2 hours.
- **Dates of play:** The IBL season occurs from late April through the first week of July. The IBL season starts after the overseas leagues have been completed and as well—this IBL season occurs after the NBDL season has been completed. The IBL season finishes days before the NBA summer leagues and overseas tryouts occur; the timing of the IBL season has led to great players wanting to play in the league—players who need to continue their development or maintain their development. These players go on to overseas jobs after the IBL season.
- **Player development:** The IBL is a development league due to the timing of the IBL season (described above); in fact, after the 2007 IBL season, **102** IBL players went on to play overseas basketball. This 2007 IBL season was the year that established the IBL as the league to play in—to get or maintain an overseas basketball job.
- **Former NBA players that have played in the IBL:** 21 former NBA players have appeared in the IBL including former NBA All Stars Tim Hardaway, Dennis Rodman and Shawn Kemp. 2 former NBA all stars have coached in the IBL—Terry Mills (season) and Slick Watts (All Star game). A team in L.A. featured 6 ex-NBA players.
- **Highest attendance:** An impressive attendance was garnered at an IBL game played in 2006 in Portland Oregon at the Rose Garden where 4,400 fans watched the Portland Chinooks beat the Vancouver Volcanoes (video available on the IBL web site, click on Vancouver Volcanoes); a year later, that attendance record was eclipsed when 6,000 fans saw the Elkhart Express (IN) beat the Grand Rapids Flight (video found on IBL web site, main page video player)
- **Key feature of the IBL for an owner:** the IBL was designed around the concept of creating extremely low travel costs for the owners—organizing teams in regional clusters has enabled the IBL to offer owners an unprecedented **‘one flight guarantee’**. The ‘one flight guarantee’ has led to team and league stability, relative to the industry. IBL teams can play a variety of opponents from all over the country, indeed, from all over the world (sellable product) but the owners only have to budget for—one flight per year (affordable product). This efficiency is not only for the North American teams but this (one flight guarantee) also applies to international teams, who can play a complete 20 game schedule with just their single flight to the United States (the Asian team is based out of either Seattle or Portland).
- **About IBL founder Mikal Duilio:** Mikal Duilio has operated sports leagues and events for 24 years. As a teenager from 1985 to 1992—Duilio founded and directed the Indianola Jamball League (Iowa). In 1992, Duilio obtained a Masters Degree from Iowa State University and moved to Portland, Oregon where he founded and directed PortlandBasketball.Com in 1993—for 16 years and running—PortlandBasketball.Com has been and is- the world’s largest basketball league with 6,500 amateur basketball games per year. Duilio founded PugetSoundBasketball.Com in Seattle in 2004, but sold the business within a year. In November of 2003, Mikal Duilio founded the International Basketball League concept with test games in the Pacific NW; the first official IBL game occurred in April of 2005—on that opening night—former NBA All Star Tim Hardaway scored 45 points (for a team in Waterloo, Iowa) in a 129 to 131 overtime loss. The International Basketball League is heading into its sixth year—starting in April of 2010.

For more info, photos & videos about the IBL or about IBL teams, visit www.iblhoopsonline.com

Pictured: Byron Russell, Tim Hardaway & Dennis Rodman—3 of the 21 former NBA players to have played in the IBL

