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Timberwolves Acquire Forward Alando Tucker & 2010 Second-Round Pick from Phoenix for Guard Jason Hart

Minneapolis/St. Paul – The Minnesota Timberwolves today announced that the team has acquired forward Alando Tucker, a 2010 second-round draft pick and cash considerations from the Phoenix Suns for guard Jason Hart.

"I want to thank Jason Hart for being a consummate professional with us," said David Kahn, Timberwolves President of Basketball Operations. "This was a very hard trade to make precisely because Jason has been so helpful to our team both on and off the court. We wish him well.

"We are eager to have Alando join us this week. Everything we know about him is that he is a hard working young man who has not had the opportunity for significant playing time.

"Finally, this was an opportunity for us to acquire a second-round pick in next year's draft which is another asset for our team."

Tucker, a 6-6 forward from Wisconsin, is averaging 3.9 points (.433 FG%, .762 FT%) and 6.5 minutes per game in 11 contests for Phoenix this season. The third-year pro has career averages of 4.3 points (.422 FG%, .783 FT%) and 8.5 minutes per game in 47 games. Drafted 29th overall in the first round of the 2007 NBA Draft by Phoenix, Tucker finished his collegiate career as Wisconsin's all-time leading scorer (2,217 points). As a senior, Tucker averaged 19.9 ppg, 5.4 rpg and 2.0 apg in 36 games on his way to earning the 2007 Big Ten Player of the Year Award and First-Team All American honors by the Associated Press.

Hart, a 6-3 guard from Syracuse, appeared in one game for the Wolves this season, playing a total of five minutes. Signed by Minnesota on Sept. 28, Hart has appeared in 337 NBA games in nine seasons.

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