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Wolves Assign Nathan Jawai to Sioux Falls Skyforce of the NBA Development League

Minneapolis/St. Paul – The Minnesota Timberwolves today announced the club has assigned second-year forward Nathan Jawai to the Sioux Falls Skyforce of the NBA Development League. Jawai has appeared in 36 games for the Wolves this season, averaging 3.3 points and 2.7 rebounds in 10.8 minutes per game.

"This will provide an opportunity for Nate to play 30 minutes per game on back-to-back nights and be the focal point of an offense," said David Kahn, Timberwolves' President of Basketball Operations. "It will help us and Nate evaluate where he is with his conditioning and long-term potential in the NBA. We expect to have Nate rejoin us after the weekend."

The Wolves obtained Jawai from the Dallas Mavericks on Oct. 20, 2009 in exchange for a conditional second-round draft pick in 2012. The native of Australia played in six games for the Toronto Raptors in 2008-09.

Per NBA rules, a first- or second-year player can be assigned to the team's D-League affiliate a maximum of three times in a season. Sioux Falls, the D-League affiliate for Minnesota and Miami, is led by head coach Tony Fritz and is in fourth place in the Eastern Conference with a 17-15 record. Sioux Falls has back-to-back home games this weekend, both against the Dakota Wizards, followed by seven consecutive games on the road.

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