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Timberwolves Select Arizona's Derrick Williams with the Second Overall Pick in the 2011 NBA Draft

Minneapolis/St. Paul – The Minnesota Timberwolves tonight selected Derrick Williams with the second overall pick in the 2011 NBA Draft. Williams, a 6-8 forward from Arizona, averaged 19.5 points and 8.3 rebounds per game for the Wildcats during the 2010-11 season en route to earning Pac-10 Player of the Year honors.

"Derrick is a talented player and a fine young man who had an incredible season for Arizona this past year," said David Kahn, Timberwolves President of Basketball Operations. "His improvement the past few seasons has been tremendous and we believe he has even more room to grow. His athleticism, shooting touch and ability to get to the free-throw line will be valuable assets for our team. We look forward to him joining our young core of promising players."

Williams is coming off a standout sophomore season in which he ranked second in the Pac-10 in both scoring (19.5 ppg) and field-goal percentage (.595), and fourth in rebounding (8.3 rpg). In addition to his Pac-10 Player of the Year Award, Williams was also a first-team All-American pick by Sports Illustrated and a finalist for the Oscar Robertson Trophy and John R. Wooden Award. Williams' 56.8 percent mark from behind the arc also ranked as the second-most prolific three-point shooting season in Arizona history.

Williams was named the Pac-10 Freshman of the Year in 2010 after averaging 15.7 points and 7.1 rebounds per game. He was also named First Team All-Pac-10, becoming one of just 16 freshmen to earn those honors over the last 30 years. For his collegiate career, Williams averaged 17.8 points and 7.7 rebounds while shooting 58.6 percent from the field and 51.1 percent from three in 69 games, and his 1,227 total points is the most ever by a Wildcat in his first two seasons. Williams is also just the fifth player in conference history to earn Freshman of the Year and Player of the Year Awards in consecutive seasons or less, joining Jason Kidd, Shareef Abdur-Rahim, Mike Bibby and Timberwolves All-Star Kevin Love.

The Wolves also hold the 20th overall selection in tonight's NBA Draft.

Derrick Williams College Statistics

Year	TM	G	MIN	FIELD GOALS			3-POINT FG			FREE THROWS			REBOUNDS			AST	PF	STL	TO	BLK	PTS	AVG
				FG	FGA	PCT	FG	FGA	PCT	FT	FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT							
09-10	UA	31	875	162	282	.574	4	16	.250	158	232	.681	68	151	219	22	78	19	60	20	486	15.7
10-11	UA	38	1141	226	380	.595	42	74	.568	247	331	.746	105	209	314	43	106	37	100	26	741	19.5
TOTALS		69	2016	388	662	.586	46	90	.511	405	563	.719	173	360	533	65	184	56	160	46	1227	17.8

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