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## Timberwolves Select Syracuse's Wesley Johnson with the Fourth Overall Pick in the 2010 NBA Draft

**Minneapolis/St. Paul** – The Minnesota Timberwolves tonight selected Wesley Johnson with the fourth overall pick in the 2010 NBA Draft. Johnson, a 6-7 forward from Syracuse, averaged 16.5 points and 8.5 rebounds per game for the Orange during the 2009-10 season en route to earning Big East Player of the Year honors.

"Wesley is both an incredibly talented player and an outstanding young man," said David Kahn, Timberwolves President of Basketball Operations. "He'll bring some much-needed length, athleticism and shooting ability to our roster and will be an important piece to the puzzle as we continue to build a nucleus of young talent."

In his lone season at Syracuse, Johnson also posted 2.2 assists, 1.7 steals and 1.8 blocks in 35 games (all starts) while shooting 50.2 percent from the field and 41.5 percent from behind the arc. He ranked among the Big East's top-10 in scoring (10th), rebounding (5th), steals (5th), three-point percentage (7th) and blocks (6th) while earning First Team All-America honors from both the Associated Press and the USBWA.

Prior to transferring to Syracuse, Johnson spent his first two collegiate seasons at Iowa State, where he averaged 12.3 points, 6.1 rebounds and 1.2 assists in 58 games. Johnson was named to the Big 12 All-Rookie Team following a freshman season in which his 244 rebounds were the second-most in Iowa State history. He earned All-Big 12 Honorable Mention honors following his sophomore season.

The Wolves also hold the 16th, 23rd, 45th and 56th selections in tonight's NBA Draft.

### Wesley Johnson College Statistics

Year	TM	G	MIN	FIELD GOALS			3-POINT FG			FREE THROWS			REBOUNDS							PTS	AVG	
				FG	FGA	PCT	FG	FGA	PCT	FT	FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AST	PF	STL	TO			BLK
06-07	ISU	31	983	141	317	.445	32	109	.294	67	89	.753	98	146	244	33	78	24	62	33	381	12.3
07-08	ISU	27	730	114	288	.396	47	141	.333	60	77	.779	36	71	107	39	60	24	57	11	335	12.4
08-09	– DID NOT PLAY - TRANSFER –																					
09-10	SYR	35	1224	207	412	.502	51	123	.415	112	145	.772	75	224	299	78	72	58	81	64	577	16.5
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>93</b>	<b>2937</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>1017</b>	<b>.454</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>.349</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>.768</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>1293</b>	<b>13.9</b>

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