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Minnesota Timberwolves Sign 2010 First-Round Draft Picks Wesley Johnson and Lazar Hayward

Minneapolis/St. Paul – The Minnesota Timberwolves today announced the team has signed 2010 first-round draft picks Wesley Johnson and Lazar Hayward. Johnson, a 6-7 forward from Syracuse, was the fourth overall selection in the 2010 NBA Draft. Hayward, a 6-6 forward from Marquette, was selected by the Washington Wizards with the 30th overall pick before being dealt to the Wolves in a draft-night trade. Per team policy, terms of the contracts were not disclosed.

In his lone season at Syracuse, Johnson earned Big East Player of the Year honors after averaging 16.5 points, 8.5 rebounds, 2.2 assists, 1.7 steals and 1.8 blocks in 35 games (all starts). He ranked among the Big East's top-10 in scoring (10th), rebounding (5th), steals (5th), three-point percentage (7th) and blocks (6th) while also earning First Team All-America honors from both the Associated Press and 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.

Hayward started 118 of his 138 games at Marquette, averaging 13.5 points and 6.6 rebounds while shooting 45.2 percent from the field and 35.7 percent from behind the arc. The second all-time leading scorer in Marquette history with 1,859 career points, Hayward played in a school-record 138 games and earned Second Team All-Big East and Honorable Mention AP All-American honors as a senior. He was recently named Most Outstanding Player at the 2010 NABC All-Star Game.

Both Johnson and Hayward are playing on the Wolves 2010 NBA Summer League Team, which took to the court for the first time earlier today. The full Timberwolves 2010 NBA Summer League schedule follows:

SUMMER LEAGUE SCHEDULE (All Times CDT)

| DATE | OPPONENT | LOCATION | TIPOFF |
|---------|-------------|---------------|-----------|
| July 12 | San Antonio | Thomas & Mack | 5:30 p.m. |
| July 14 | Sacramento | COX Pavilion | 9:00 p.m. |
| July 16 | Memphis | COX Pavilion | 9:00 p.m. |
| July 17 | Portland | COX Pavilion | 9:00 p.m. |
| July 18 | Atlanta | Thomas & Mack | 5:30 p.m. |

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