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### **Three Wolves Players Featured On 2010 All-Star Ballot**

*Fans can vote on NBA.com, via Wireless Ballots, and at Target Center;*

*For first time in balloting history, fans can text their votes*

**Minneapolis/St. Paul** – The official 2010 NBA All-Star Ballot was unveiled today during a special tip-off event in Dallas, the Official Host City of NBA All-Star 2010. Al Jefferson, Kevin Love and Ramon Sessions will represent the Timberwolves on the ballot as fans worldwide have the opportunity to vote for their favorite players as starters for the 59th NBA All-Star Game. The 2010 NBA All-Star Game, which will air live on TNT and ESPN Radio in the U.S., and in more than 200 countries and territories in more than 40 languages, will be played at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas, before an expected crowd of more than 80,000 – the largest group ever to witness a live basketball game – on Sunday, Feb. 14, 2010.

Jefferson, Love and Sessions are all looking for their first NBA All-Star Game appearance. Jefferson led the Wolves in scoring and rebounding the past two seasons. In 2008-09, he was averaging career-highs of 23.1 ppg and 11.0 rpg before being sidelined for the final 32 games due to injury. In eight games this season, Jefferson is averaging a 15.3 ppg and 6.1 rpg.

Love has yet to appear in a game this season after undergoing surgery for a fractured metacarpal in his left hand. In 2008-09, Love led all rookies, and finished ninth in the NBA, in rebounding at 9.1 rpg. He also averaged 11.1 ppg.

Sessions came to the Wolves as free agent this offseason. With Milwaukee in 2008-09, Sessions averaged 12.4 ppg, 3.4 rpg and 5.7 apg. He currently is averaging 5.8 ppg, 4.1 rpg and 2.4 apg.

Balloting for Wolves fans starts in-arena on Wednesday, Nov. 11, when the Wolves host the Portland Trail Blazers at 7 p.m. Fans can cast their votes at each NBA arena; in 20 languages on NBA.com; and through mobile phones by texting the player's last name to 6-9-6-2-2 ("MYNBA"), via Web2Go® on T-Mobile phones or wap.nba.com for any wireless carrier.

Select NBA arenas will also carry a Spanish-language version of the ballot. A T-Mobile-branded All-Star Balloting widget will be available on NBA.com so that fans can "grab" the widget and place it on their blogs, social network pages, or personal websites allowing others to vote directly from the widget. For Wolves fans, paper balloting will continue through the Jan. 8 game vs. Indiana, while wireless balloting and voting on NBA.com will conclude Jan. 18. Starters will be announced live on TNT on Thursday, Jan. 21, 2010.

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The NBA All-Star ballot lists 120 players -- 60 from the Eastern and Western Conferences -- with 24 guards, 24 forwards and 12 centers from each conference comprising the list. Voters select two guards, two forwards and one center from each conference.

NBA All-Star 2010 in Dallas will bring together the most talented and passionate players in the league's history for a global celebration of the game. The week leading up to the 59th All-Star Game will feature a full slate of community-enhancing activities and fan festivals, including NBA All-Star Jam Session presented by adidas and the T-Mobile Rookie Challenge & Youth Jam. This will be the second NBA All-Star in Dallas; the city also hosted the event in 1986.

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