

Timberwolves announce NBA Summer league roster

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The Minnesota Timberwolves today announced the team's roster for the 2009 NBA Summer League presented by EA Sports, which runs from July 10-19 at the COX Pavilion and the Thomas & Mack Center on the campus of the University of Nevada-Las Vegas. The summer league includes entries from 21 NBA teams and features a 55-game schedule over a 10-day span in which the Wolves will play five games.

The Timberwolves Summer League roster features 2009 First Round draft picks Jonny Flynn (sixth overall) and Wayne Ellington (28th overall), along with 2007 First Round pick Corey Brewer, who will be seeing his first competitive action since suffering a torn ACL last November. Minnesota's roster also includes Albert Lea native Ben Woodside, who averaged 23.2 points per game last season in leading North Dakota State to its first-ever NCAA Tournament appearance. Gerald Henderson, the 12th overall pick in this year's draft by Charlotte, will also play on Minnesota's team as the Bobcats are not scheduled to participate in the NBA Summer League this year. The complete Timberwolves Summer League roster, schedule and player bios follow.

TIMBERWOLVES SUMMER LEAGUE ROSTER

No. Player Pos. Ht. Wt. Birthdate From NBA Exp.

22 Corey Brewer F 6-9 188 3/5/86 Florida 2
 1 Bobby Brown G 6-2 175 9/24/84 Cal State Fullerton 1
 23 Pat Carroll G/F 6-5 190 9/10/82 St. Joseph's R
 19 Wayne Ellington G 6-4 200 11/29/87 North Carolina R
 11 Jonny Flynn G 6-0 185 2/6/89 Syracuse R
 17 Devin Green G 6-7 212 10/25/82 Hampton 1
 12 Paul Harris G/F 6-4 230 10/15/86 Syracuse R
 15 Gerald Henderson G 6-4 215 12/7/87 Duke R
 51 Steven Hill C 7-0 248 11/14/85 Arkansas 1
 31 Rob Kurz F 6-9 232 3/5/85 Notre Dame 1
 4 Oleksiy Pecherov F 7-0 234 12/8/85 Ukraine 2
 20 Garrett Siler C 6-11 305 10/25/86 Augusta State R
 7 Ben Woodside G 5-11 185 7/1/85 North Dakota State R

SUMMER LEAGUE SCHEDULE (All Times CDT)

DATE OPPONENT LOCATION TIPOFF

July 12 Houston COX Pavilion 5:00 p.m.

July 13 NBA D-League Select COX Pavilion 3:00 p.m.

July 17 Washington COX Pavilion 7:00 p.m.

July 18 New Orleans Thomas & Mack 5:30 p.m.

July 19 Chicago COX Pavilion 5:00 p.m.

2009 TIMBEWOLVES SUMMER LEAGUE BIOS

Corey Brewer

Selected in the first round (7th overall pick) by Minnesota in the 2007 NBA Draft… Signed a three-year rookie contract with Minnesota (7/10/07)… Saw his second NBA campaign truncated after suffering a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee Nov. 29 vs. Denver; he underwent surgery on Dec. 17 and missed the season's final 67 contests… Played in 15 games (including eight starts) prior to the injury, averaging 6.2 ppg and 3.3 rpg in 20.5 mpg while shooting 41.4% from the floor and 73.7% from the line… Also went 5-for-12 (41.7%) from beyond the arc, after hitting 19.4% (7-for-36) of his trey attempts as a rookie… Completed his rookie season by appearing in 79 games, including 35 starts... Averaged 5.8 ppg while hitting 37.4% from the floor and 80.0% from the FT line in 22.8 mpg; he also grabbed 3.7 rpg and ranked 4th among rookies in steals (0.96 spg)… Finished with a flourish, tallying 9.8 ppg (48.3%) and 6.3 rpg in the last four games, with Minnesota going 3-1… Averaged 9.8 points, 4.4 rebounds and 3.0 assists in five games with the Timberwolves' entry in the 2008 Las Vegas Summer League… Averaged 11.0 ppg, 9.6 rpg, 3.0 apg and 30.8 mpg in five contests with the Timberwolves' entry in the 2007 Las Vegas Summer League… Was a member of Florida's National Championship teams in 2006 and 2007 when the Gators became the first school to post back-to-back titles in 15 years… Finished his career as Florida's all-time scoring leader in the NCAA Tournament with 198 points.

Bobby Brown

Not drafted by an NBA franchise out of California State Fullerton… Signed by Charlotte to the Bobcats summer league team (7/10/07)… Played for New Orleans in the NBA Summer League and subsequently signed by the Kings as a free agent (7/25/08)… Traded by the Kings along with Shelden Williams to Minnesota in exchange for Calvin Booth and Rashad McCants (2/19/09)… Saw action in 21 games for the Wolves as a rookie, tallying 5.5 ppg (41.6%) and 1.4 apg in 12.2 mpg, while drawing seven DNP-CDs… Went 14-for-36 (38.9%) from long distance, bumping his full-season accuracy to 34.6% (45-for-130); he'd appeared in 47 contests with the Kings… Shot 44.9% from the floor over his final 14 appearances, including 9-for-23 from three-point range; he reached double figures on 12 occasions overall (six with Minnesota)… Averaged 16.9 ppg (.428 FG%, .377 3pt%, .789 FT%), 2.5 rpg, 4.4 apg, and 1.31 spg in 116 collegiate games (started 103) at Cal State Fullerton… Finished career as the Titan's all-time leading scorer (1,961 points), ranking ninth in Big West Conference history… Also ranks first in Fullerton annals in career three-pointers made (307) and third in assists (516).

Pat Carroll

Not drafted by an NBA franchise out of St. Joseph's University... Since leaving the Hawks, he has played professionally in Europe including in the Spanish LEB Gold league most recently with Tenerife Rural in 2008-09... Appeared in 22

games and averaged 10.1 points and 1.7 rebounds in 22.1 minutes per game... Shot 46.2 percent from the floor, 40.3 percent from three-point range and 90.0 percent on free throws... Appeared in 110 games during his collegiate career, earning 99 starts... Left St. Joseph's with career averages of 12.0 ppg and 3.3 rpg on 44.8 percent shooting from the floor... Finished career as Saint Joseph's all-time leader in three-point field goals (294), three-point attempts (661) and three-point percentage (44.5%).

Wayne Ellington

Selected in the first round (28th overall pick) by Minnesota in the 2009 NBA Draft... Appeared in 38 games (37 starts) as a junior for the North Carolina Tarheels in 2008-09, averaging 15.8 points and 4.9 rebounds per contest... Led the Tarheels with 85 three-pointers, the fifth highest single season total in UNC history... Ranked third in the ACC in three-point percentage (41.7%), sixth in three-pointers per game (2.2), eighth in field goal percentage (48.3%) and 13th in scoring (15.8 ppg)... Named Most Outstanding Player of the 2009 Final Four as UNC won the National Championship... Finished collegiate career with 14.7 ppg on 46.3 percent shooting, as well as 39.7 percent from behind the arc.

Jonny Flynn

Selected in the first round (6th overall pick) by Minnesota in the 2009 NBA Draft... Averaged 17.4 points and 6.7 assists in 38 games last season as a sophomore for the Syracuse Orange... Earned All-Big East Second Team honors as well as being an AP All-America Honorable Mention... A finalist for the Bob Cousy Award, which honors the nation's top point guard... Played 1,418 minutes last season, setting a school single-season record while tying the mark for games played with 38... Scored in double figures in 64 of his 73 career games... His 439 career assists in just two seasons are good for seventh in Syracuse history.

Devin Green

Not drafted by an NBA franchise out of Hampton... Played in eight games with Base Oostende in Belgium last season, averaging 12.6 points, 4.4 rebounds and 2.0 steals in 28.9 minutes per game... Signed with Saviglia Wear Teramo of the Italian League in February 2008... Averaged 10.6 points, 5.3 rebounds and 2.1 assists in 26.4 minutes... Shot 42.6 percent from the floor, as well as 80.0 percent from the free-throw line... Started 2007-08 with the L.A. D-Fenders of the NBA D-League, averaging 16.4 points and 6.4 rebounds in 35 minutes per game... Shot 48.9 percent from the floor and 79.1 percent from the free-throw line.

Paul Harris

Not drafted by an NBA franchise out of Syracuse... Played in 37 games as a junior for the Syracuse Orange last season, starting 36... Averaged 12.0 points on 49.4 percent shooting from the floor while grabbing 7.8 rebounds per game... Named to the All-Big East Second Team after averaging 14.5 points, 8.2 rebounds and 3.3 assists as a sophomore... Earned Big East All-Rookie Team honors with averages of 8.6 points and 7.1 rebounds as a freshman in 2006-07... Finished collegiate career with 11.7 points and 7.8 rebounds per game in 107 games, 72 starts... One of 15 Syracuse players to finish career with at least 1,000 points and 800 rebounds.

Gerald Henderson

Selected in the first round (12th overall pick) by Charlotte in the 2009 NBA Draft... Led Duke in scoring as a junior with 16.5 ppg while ranking second in rebounds (4.9 rpg), assists (2.5 apg), and field-goal percentage (45.0%)... Scored in double figures in 31 games, including 10 games with 20 or more... Earned both Third Team All-American and First Team All-ACC honors... Ranks 39th in school history with 1,262 points and 20th in blocks with 69... Averaged 12.3 ppg, 4.2 rpg, 1.8 apg on 45.8 percent shooting in 103 games (79 starts) during his collegiate career.

Steven Hill

Not drafted by an NBA franchise out of Arkansas... Signed by the Oklahoma City Thunder in November 2008... Appeared in one game with Oklahoma City before being sent to the Tulsa 66ers in the NBA D-League... Averaged 9.6 points, 7.2 rebounds and 2.8 blocks in five games (three starts) with the 66ers... Scored two points and grabbed three rebounds in only NBA action prior to being waived in December 2008... Named SEC Defensive Player of the Year as a junior with Arkansas, finishing second in the conference with 2.8 blocks per game... Finished collegiate career with averages of 4.0 points, 3.3 rebounds and 2.4 blocks in 19.5 minutes per game.

Rob Kurz

Not drafted by an NBA franchise out of Notre Dame... Signed by the Golden State Warriors in November 2008... Appeared in 40 games (five starts) as a rookie for Golden State, averaging 3.9 points and 2.0 rebounds in 11.1 minutes per game... Shot 38.9 percent from the floor and 39.5 percent from three-point range... Appeared in 108 games (75 starts) during collegiate career with Notre Dame... Named team captain for both his junior and senior seasons, one of 18 players in school history to be team captain twice... Started all 33 games as a senior, reaching double figures scoring 22 times and posting eight double-doubles.

Oleksiy Pecherov

Selected by Washington with the 18th overall pick in the 2007 NBA Draft... Averaged 3.6 points and 1.9 rebounds in 35 games during his rookie season... Scored 10 points and grabbed a career-high 10 rebounds in a career-high 39 minutes at Orlando on April 16, 2008, marking the first double-double of his career... Averaged 3.6 points and 2.4 rebounds in 32 games during the 2008-09 season, including four games with 10+ points... Played for BC Kyiv in 2006-07 and helped his team reach the Superleague semifinals... Played for Paris Basket Racing in 2005-06 and averaged 11.2 points and 6.3 rebounds in 21.0 minutes per game... Played for BK Politechnik Kharkov in 2003-04 before moving up to BC Kyiv in the Ukrainian Superleague.

Garrett Siler

Not drafted by an NBA franchise out of Augusta State... Started all 35 games last season and averaged 16.2 ppg, 7.7 rpg and 2.6 bpg in 26.8 mpg... Led team in shooting percentage (78.9%), rebounds (271) and blocks (90) while finishing second in points (566)... Earned All-Peach Belt Conference honors for the third consecutive season... Led Division II in field goal percentage in each of his final three seasons, finishing his career with an NCAA-record 74.5 percent shooting percentage... As junior in 2007-08, led conference in field goal percentage (76.2%), rebounding (7.8), and blocked shots (2.62).

Ben Woodside

Not drafted by an NBA franchise out of North Dakota State... Started all 118 games of his college career with the North Dakota State Bison, averaging 19.6 points, 5.4 assists and 1.5 steals per game... Led the Bison in scoring (23.2), assists (6.2) and free-throw percentage (84.0%) as a senior in 2008-09, while ranking second in steals (1.4) and three-point percentage (42.7%)... Hit game-winning shot in the Summit League Tournament Final to earn NDSU's first ever NCAA tournament appearance... Named AP All-America Honorable Mention as senior... Earned Summit League Player of the Year honors in 2008-09 and named to the First Team All-Summit League as both a junior and senior... Finished his collegiate career as NDSU's leader in points (2,315), free throws made (687) and games played (118) while ranking second in field goals made (700) and assists (640).