



(2-0) Albuquerque Thunderbirds at (2-0) Iowa Energy
 D-League Game # 14 / AWAY GAME # 2
 WELLS FARGO ARENA – Des Moines, IA
 November 26, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. (MST)



ALBUQUERQUE THUNDERBIRDS PROBABLE STARTERS

<u>Position</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Comments:</u>
Forward	7	Josh Gross	6-6	205	Started the 2007-08 season in Finland with Karhut Kauhajoen, appearing in three games and averaging 12.7 points and 7.0 rebounds. Played with the Los Angeles D-Fenders in the NBA Development League in 2006-07, averaging 5.8 points and 1.4 rebounds in 14 games. Selected by the D-Fenders as the fifth pick of the 2006 D-League Expansion Draft. Appeared in six games with the Florida Flame in the NBA. Acquired: Acquired by the Thunderbirds through the D-League Draft on 11/01/07 (7 th Round – 87 th Pick Overall).
Forward	11	Darvin Ham	6-7	230	Played with six teams in the NBA from 1996 to 2005. Ham was a member of the 2004 World Champion Detroit Pistons. Participated in NBA training camp with the New Jersey Nets in the fall of 2006. Played with Maratonistas de Coamo in Puerto Rico in the summer of 2006, averaging 11.3 points and 5.0 rebounds in three games. Acquired: Acquired by the Thunderbirds through the D-League Draft on 11/01/07 (1 st Round – 3 rd Pick Overall).
Guard	17	Ali Berdiel	6-5	200	Earned Second Team All-Mid-Continent honors as a junior. A member of the Puerto Rican U21 National Team .In 2006 he averaged 8.4 points, 3.4 rebounds, and 3.8 assists. Scored in double figures 13 times. Recorded season high 25 points vs. Oakland. Tallied 15 points and seven assists vs. IUPUI. Scored 16 points and dished out four assists vs. Oral Roberts. Registered ten points and a season-high eight assists vs. Indiana-South Bend. Acquired: Acquired by the Thunderbirds through the D-League Draft on 11/01/07 (6 th Round – 82 nd Pick Overall).
Guard	24	Abdul Mills	6-3	190	Started the 2007-08 season in Syria with InterCollege Etha Engomis before deciding to return home. He had a strong season at Milford Academy where he averaged 17.0 points, 7.0 rebounds and 7.5 assists per game....Averaged 22.0 points per game in his final season at Martin Luther King High School. Acquired: Acquired by the Thunderbirds through Local Player Tryouts.
Center	34	James Smith	7-0	250	Started the 2007-08 season in Mexico with Algodoneros de La Comarca before deciding to return home. Finished collegiate career at Marist after playing first two seasons at Westchester Community College in New York. Made a name for himself in his first year in the MAAC, proving a threat both in the paint and beyond the arc. Acquired: Acquired by the Thunderbirds through the D-League Draft on 11/01/07 (3 rd Round – 31 st Pick Overall).

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THUNDERBIRDS PLAYER MOVEMENT

Injured List

NONE

Transactions

11/20/07 Released (C) Michael Adams and (G) Tim Smith

11/14/07 Released (G) Steven Barber, (G) Kris Collins, (F) Harry Good, (G/F) Tiras Wade and (C) Jackson Marlow



RECORDS:

	<u>Record:</u>	<u>Home:</u>	<u>Road:</u>	<u>Overtime:</u>	<u>2 Overtimes:</u>
Overall:	2-0 (100.0)	1-0 (100.0)	1-0 (100.0)	0-0 (0.000)	0-0 (0.00)

THUNDERBIRDS UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

GAME	DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	TIME (MST)	BROADCAST	SITE
# 014	11/26/07	Monday	Iowa Energy	6:30 p.m.	KBZU 96.3 FM "The Buzz"	WELLS FARGO ARENA, Des Moines, IA
# 028	12/01/07	Saturday	Idaho Stampede	7:00 p.m.	KBZU 96.3 FM "The Buzz"	QWEST ARENA, Boise, ID
# 039	12/07/07	Friday	Colorado 14ers	7:00 p.m.	KBZU 96.3 FM "The Buzz"	Tingley Coliseum, Albuquerque, NM
# 044	12/08/07	Saturday	Colorado 14ers	7:00 p.m.	KBZU 96.3 FM "The Buzz"	Tingley Coliseum, Albuquerque, NM
# 057	12/14/07	Friday	Bakersfield Jam	8:00 p.m.	KBZU 96.3 FM "The Buzz"	RABOBANK ARENA, Bakersfield, CA

D-LEAGUE STANDINGS

(as of 11.25.07)

Central Division

	<u>W-L</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>GB</u>
Iowa Energy	2-0	1.000	---
Sioux Falls Skyforce	0-1	0.000	1.5
Fort Wayne Mad Ants	0-2	0.000	2.0
Dakota Wizards	0-2	0.000	2.0

Southwest Division

	<u>W-L</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>GB</u>
Tulsa 66ers	2-0	1.000	---
Rio Grande Valley Vipers	2-0	1.000	---
Albuquerque Thunderbirds	2-0	1.000	---
Colorado 14ers	1-1	0.500	1.0
Austin Toros	1-1	0.500	1.0

West Division

	<u>W-L</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>GB</u>
Los Angeles D-Fenders	1-0	1.000	---
Utah Flash	1-1	0.500	0.5
Idaho Stampede	1-1	0.500	0.5
Bakersfield Jam	0-2	0.000	1.5
Anaheim Arsenal	0-2	0.000	1.5



UPCOMING D-LEAGUE GAMES

Monday, November 26 (All Times Eastern)

Albuquerque @ Iowa 8:30pm

Tuesday, November 27 (All Times Eastern)

Idaho @ Los Angeles 6:30pm
Dakota @ Utah 9:00pm

Wednesday, November 28 (All Times Eastern)

Colorado @ Iowa 8:30pm
Rio Grande Valley @ Anaheim 10:30pm

Thursday, November 29 (All Times Eastern)

Rio Grande Valley @ Los Angeles 6:30pm
Fort Wayne @ Iowa 8:30pm
Bakersfield @ Utah 9:00pm

Friday, November 30 (All Times Eastern)

Sioux Falls @ Austin 12:00pm
Colorado @ Tulsa 8:00pm
Dakota @ Idaho 9:00pm
Bakersfield @ Anaheim 10:30pm

Saturday, December 1 (All Times Eastern)

Colorado @ Austin 8:00pm
Sioux Falls @ Rio Grande Valley 8:00pm
Albuquerque @ Idaho 9:00pm
Los Angeles @ Anaheim 10:30pm



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Thunderbirds 2007-08 Results / Score

Date	Opponent	Result / Score
11/23	Idaho	W / 94 -92
11/25	@ Fort Wayne	W / 98-79
11/26	@ Iowa	6:30pm
12/1	@ Idaho	7:00pm
12/7	Colorado	7:00pm
12/8	Colorado	7:00pm
12/14	@ Bakersfield	8:00pm
12/15	Anaheim	7:00pm
12/23	@ Colorado	6:00pm
12/28	Utah	7:00pm
12/29	@ Utah	7:00pm
1/4	@ Anaheim	8:30pm
1/5	Fort Wayne	7:00pm
1/10	@ Austin	6:00pm
1/12	@ Austin	6:00pm
1/13	@ RGV	4:00pm
1/15	@ Colorado	1:45pm *
1/16	Tulsa	1:45pm *
1/18	@ Sioux Falls	6:00pm
1/19	@ Dakota	6:00pm
1/23	RGV	10:30am +
1/25	RGV	7:00pm
1/26	Sioux Falls	7:00pm
2/1	Dakota	7:00pm
2/5	Bakersfield	10:30am +
2/8	@ Tulsa	6:00pm
2/9	@ Tulsa	6:00pm
2/11	@ Colorado	7:00pm
2/13	@ Colorado	7:00pm
2/22	RGV	7:00pm
2/23	RGV	7:00pm
2/28	Tulsa	7:00pm
2/29	Colorado	7:00pm
3/2	Iowa	3:00pm
3/2	@ Tulsa	6:00pm
3/8	Austin	7:00pm
3/11	Austin	7:00pm
3/13	Austin	7:00pm
3/14	Austin	7:00pm
3/16	Los Angeles	3:00pm
3/17	@ RGV	6:00pm
3/20	Tulsa	7:00pm
3/21	Tulsa	7:00pm
3/23	@ Los Angeles	3:30pm
3/28	@ RGV	6:00pm
3/29	@ RGV	6:00pm
4/2	@ Austin	6:00pm
4/5	@ Tulsa	6:00pm
4/11	@ Austin	6:00pm
4/12	Colorado	7:00pm

* Indicates Showcase Games in Boise, ID
 + Indicates School Day Game



Top Performances in the D-LEAGUE (Through 11/25/07)

Points: Top 5	34, Sessions, Ramon (Tulsa) at Sioux Falls, 11/24/07 34, Mitchell, Dwayne (Iowa) at Dakota, 11/24/07 34, Langford, Keith (Austin) vs Bakersfield, 11/24/07 31, Gross, Josh (Albuquerque) at Fort Wayne, 11/25/07 31, Pruitt, Gabe (Utah) at Anaheim, 11/24/07 31, Muoneke, Gabe (Rio Grande Valley) vs Austin, 11/23/07
Rebounds:	18, Lyde, Kevin (Dakota) vs Iowa, 11/23/07
Assists:	20, Livingston, Randy (Idaho) at Colorado, 11/24/07
Field Goals Made:	14, Mitchell, Dwayne (Iowa) at Dakota, 11/24/07 14, Langford, Keith (Austin) vs Bakersfield, 11/24/07
Free Throws Made:	14, Muoneke, Gabe (Rio Grande Valley) vs Austin, 11/23/07
3PT Field Goals:	5, Dickens, Kaniel (Colorado) vs Anaheim, 11/23/07 5, Horton, Daniel (Albuquerque) vs Idaho, 11/23/07
Blocked Shots:	5, Closs, Kieth (Tulsa) at Sioux Falls, 11/24/07 5, Lyde, Kevin (Dakota) vs Iowa, 11/24/07
Steals:	6, Gross, Josh (Albuquerque) vs Idaho, 11/23/07
Minutes:	48, Powell, Carlos (Dakota) vs Iowa, 11/24/07
Field Goals Att:	24, Langford, Keith (Austin) vs Bakersfield, 11/24/07
Free Throws Att:	18, Muoneke, Gabe (Rio Grande Valley) vs Austin, 11/23/07
3PT Field Goals Att:	9, Nesbitt, Elton (Sioux Falls) vs Tulsa, 11/24/07 9, Dickens, Kaniel (Colorado) vs Anaheim, 11/23/07 9, Wilmont, Roderick (Fort Wayne) vs Tulsa, 11/23/07
Personal Fouls:	6, Dickens, Kaniel (Colorado) vs Idaho, 11/24/07 6, Mahinmi, Ian (Austin) vs Bakersfield, 11/24/07 6, Lyde, Kevin (Dakota) vs Iowa, 11/23/07

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D-LEAGUE Statistical Leaders

(through 11/25/07)

SCORING AVERAGE			G	PTS	Avg	SCORING AVERAGE			G	PTS	Avg
1. Keith Langford, Austin	2	62	31.0	9. Dwayne Mitchell, Iowa	2	50	25.0				
2. Ramon Sessions, Tulsa	2	61	30.5	10. James Curry, Iowa	2	48	24.0				
3. Nik Caner-Medley, Sioux Falls	1	30	30.0	10. Daniel Horton, Albuquerque	1	24	24.0				
3. Lance Alfred, Idaho	1	30	30.0	10. Antywane Robinson, Sioux Falls	1	24	24.0				
5. Gabe Muoneke, Rio Grande Valley	2	54	27.0	13. Elton Nesbitt, Sioux Falls	1	23	23.0				
6. Guillermo Diaz, Anaheim	2	53	26.5	14. Carlos Powell, Dakota	2	45	22.5				
7. CJ Watson, Rio Grande Valley	2	51	25.5	15. Gabe Pruitt, Utah	2	43	21.5				
7. Josh Gross, Albuquerque	2	51	25.5	15. Maurice Baker, Dakota	2	43	21.5				

REBOUNDS PER GAME			G	REB	Avg	MINUTES PER GAME			G	MIN	Avg
1. Nik Caner-Medley, Sioux Falls	1	15	15.0	1. Carlos Powell, Dakota	2	91	45.5				
1. Kevin Lyde, Dakota	2	30	15.0	2. Keith Langford, Austin	2	90	45.0				
3. Nick Fazekas, Tulsa	2	20	10.0	3. Davin White, Anaheim	2	84	42.0				
3. Roderick Riley, Bakersfield	2	20	10.0	3. Randy Livingston, Idaho	1	42	42.0				
5. Elton Brown, Colorado	2	19	9.5	3. Maurice Baker, Dakota	2	84	42.0				
6. Lance Alfred, Idaho	1	9	9.0	6. Guillermo Diaz, Anaheim	2	83	41.5				
6. Justin Bowen, Austin	2	18	9.0	7. Jeremy Richardson, Fort Wayne	2	82	41.0				
6. Terrance Crawford, Colorado	2	18	9.0	8. Josh Gross, Albuquerque	2	81	40.5				
6. Rod Benson, Dakota	2	18	9.0								

ASSISTS PER GAME			G	AST	Avg	STEALS PER GAME			G	ST	Avg
1. Randy Livingston, Idaho	1	20	20.0	1. Dwayne Mitchell, Iowa	2	8	4.0				
2. Sean Banks, Los Angeles	1	8	8.0	1. Terrance Crawford, Colorado	2	8	4.0				
2. Billy Thomas, Colorado	2	16	8.0	3. David Bailey, Sioux Falls	1	3	3.0				
4. Dontell Jefferson, Dakota	2	15	7.5	3. Brian Hamilton, Utah	1	3	3.0				
5. James Curry, Iowa	2	13	6.5	3. Kedrick Brown, Anaheim	2	6	3.0				
5. Davin White, Anaheim	2	13	6.5	3. Josh Gross, Albuquerque	2	6	3.0				
5. Eric Osmundson, Colorado	2	13	6.5	3. Billy Thomas, Colorado	2	6	3.0				
8. David Bailey, Sioux Falls	1	6	6.0	8. James Curry, Iowa	2	5	2.5				
8. Earl Calloway, Fort Wayne	2	12	6.0	8. Ernest Scott, Idaho	2	5	2.5				
8. Brian Chase, Los Angeles	1	6	6.0	8. Ramon Sessions, Tulsa	2	5	2.5				
				8. Keith Langford, Austin	2	5	2.5				

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE			FGM	FGA	Pct	FREE THROW PERCENTAGE			FTM	FTA	Pct
1. Richard Andrews, Bakersfield	2	2	1.000	1. Michael Joiner, Sioux Falls	2	2	1.000				
1. Brian Hamilton, Utah	3	3	1.000	1. Jovan Harris, Bakersfield	5	5	1.000				
1. Jelani McCoy, Los Angeles	4	4	1.000	1. Abdoulaye N'Diaye, Los Angeles	2	2	1.000				
4. Ayudeji Akindede, Iowa	6	7	0.857	1. Jelani McCoy, Los Angeles	2	2	1.000				
5. Wendell White, Los Angeles	7	9	0.778	1. Errick Craven, Los Angeles	2	2	1.000				
6. Doug Thomas, Iowa	3	4	0.750	1. Jeff Horner, Iowa	5	5	1.000				
6. Brent Petway, Idaho	6	8	0.750	1. Ernest Scott, Idaho	3	3	1.000				
6. Quannas White, Rio Grande Valley	3	4	0.750	1. Jason Ellis, Idaho	6	6	1.000				
6. Brian Jackson, Utah	9	12	0.750	1. Roberto Bergersen, Idaho	6	6	1.000				
				1. Blake Ahearn, Dakota	8	8	1.000				
				1. Louis White, Colorado	11	11	1.000				
				1. Josh Gross, Albuquerque	19	19	1.000				
				1. Walker Russell, Fort Wayne	2	2	1.000				
				1. Daniel Horton, Albuquerque	5	5	1.000				
				1. Antywane Robinson, Sioux Falls	3	3	1.000				
				1. Devin Green, Los Angeles	3	3	1.000				
				1. Randy Livingston, Idaho	4	4	1.000				
				1. Jeremy Richardson, Fort Wayne	13	13	1.000				
				1. Maurice Baker, Dakota	13	13	1.000				
				1. Brian Chase, Los Angeles	2	2	1.000				
				1. Marcus Campbell, Idaho	5	5	1.000				
				1. Sean Banks, Los Angeles	10	10	1.000				

3 POINT FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE			3PM	3PA	Pct	BLOCKED SHOTS PER GAME			G	BS	Avg
1. Damien Lolar, Colorado	2	2	1.000	1. Kevin Lyde, Dakota	2	8	4.0				
1. O'Neal Mims, Bakersfield	1	1	1.000	2. Jelani McCoy, Los Angeles	1	3	3.0				
1. Louis White, Colorado	1	1	1.000	3. CJ Watson, Rio Grande Valley	2	5	2.5				
1. Marquis Webb, Anaheim	1	1	1.000	3. Kieth Closs, Tulsa	2	5	2.5				
1. Serge Angounou, Albuquerque	1	1	1.000	5. Sean Banks, Los Angeles	1	2	2.0				
6. Devin Green, Los Angeles	3	4	0.750	6. Ian Mahinmi, Austin	2	3	1.5				
7. Julian Sensley, Colorado	5	7	0.714	7. JC Mathis, Sioux Falls	1	1	1.0				
7. Daniel Horton, Albuquerque	5	7	0.714	7. Ronald Allen, Sioux Falls	1	1	1.0				
				7. Brandon Wallace, Utah	2	2	1.0				
				7. Kyrylo Fesenko, Utah	2	2	1.0				
				7. Abdoulaye N'Diaye, Los Angeles	1	1	1.0				
				7. Ernest Scott, Idaho	2	2	1.0				
				7. Kedrick Brown, Anaheim	2	2	1.0				
				7. James Smith, Albuquerque	2	2	1.0				
				7. Jeremy Kelly, Tulsa	2	2	1.0				
				7. Chris Ellis, Tulsa	1	1	1.0				
				7. Antywane Robinson, Sioux Falls	1	1	1.0				

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2007-08 Game-by-Game Recap

Date	Opponent	W/L	Rec	Score	High Scorer	High Rebounder	Assist Leader	Att.
Nov 23	IDAHO	W	1-0	94-92	Daniel Horton 24	Josh Gross 8	Ali Berdiel 6	3994
Nov 25	Fort Wayne	W	2-0	98-79	Josh Gross 31	Serge Angounou 11	Ali Berdiel 4	4992

CAPS indicate home game

*indicates overtime

Top Team Performances

(through 11/25/07)

Points:	31, Josh Gross	at	FRT, 11/25/07
	24, Daniel Horton	vs	IDA, 11/23/07
Rebounds:	11, Serge Angounou	at	FRT, 11/25/07
	8, Josh Gross	vs	IDA, 11/23/07
Assists:	6, Ali Berdiel	vs	IDA, 11/23/07
	4, Ali Berdiel	at	FRT, 11/25/07
Field Goals Made:	10, Josh Gross	at	FRT, 11/25/07
	7, Daniel Horton	vs	IDA, 11/23/07
Field Goals Att:	16, Josh Gross	at	FRT, 11/25/07
	15, Josh Gross	vs	IDA, 11/23/07
	15, Daniel Horton	vs	IDA, 11/23/07
Foul Shots Made:	11, Josh Gross	at	FRT, 11/25/07
	8, Josh Gross	vs	IDA, 11/23/07
Foul Shots Att:	11, Josh Gross	at	FRT, 11/25/07
	8, Josh Gross	vs	IDA, 11/23/07
3PT Field Goals Made:	5, Daniel Horton	vs	IDA, 11/23/07
	2, Ramon Dyer	at	FRT, 11/25/07
3PT Field Goals Att:	7, Daniel Horton	vs	IDA, 11/23/07
	6, Ramon Dyer	at	FRT, 11/25/07
Blocked Shots:	2, James Smith	at	FRT, 11/25/07
	1, Serge Angounou	at	FRT, 11/25/07
	1, Ali Berdiel	vs	IDA, 11/23/07
Steals:	6, Josh Gross	vs	IDA, 11/23/07
	3, Ali Berdiel	vs	IDA, 11/23/07
Turnovers:	3, Abdul Mills	at	FRT, 11/25/07
	3, Darvin Ham	at	FRT, 11/25/07
	3, Serge Angounou	at	FRT, 11/25/07
	3, Ali Berdiel	vs	IDA, 11/23/07
	3, Daniel Horton	vs	IDA, 11/23/07
Personal Fouls:	6, James Smith	vs	IDA, 11/23/07
	5, James Smith	at	FRT, 11/25/07
Minutes:	43, Josh Gross	at	FRT, 11/25/07
	38, Abdul Mills	at	FRT, 11/25/07
	38, Josh Gross	vs	IDA, 11/23/07

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IN THE NEWS

THUNDERBIRDS STOMP MAD ANTS IN FIRST ROAD VICTORY OF THE SEASON

Gross Lead All Scorers with 31 Points

The Albuquerque Thunderbirds came out hot and stayed hot all night as they defeated the Fort Wayne Mad Ants 98-79 on Sunday afternoon at the Memorial Coliseum. The Thunderbirds' Josh Gross was more than the Mad Ants could handle with an outstanding 31 points, shooting 63% from the floor.

The Thunderbirds dominated the first half, heading into the locker room with a comfortable 23 point lead. The second half did not get much better for the Mad Ants; they would cut the lead to 14 at the end of the third quarter with back to back layups from Earl Calloway and Rod Wilmont but would not get any closer.

Along with Gross's 31 point showcase, Albuquerque had three others in double figures: Serge Angounou (17), Ali Berdiel (16), Ramon Dyer (12). Jeremy Richardson led the Mad Ants in scoring and rebounds with 22 and 10 respectively. Eric Smith also had a big night for the Ants with 18 points.

With the loss, the Mad Ants fall to 0-2 while the Thunderbirds advance to 2-0.

THUNDERBIRDS DEFEAT STAMPEDE 94 - 92 IN HOME OPENER

Thunderbirds Win in Jeff Ruland's Debut as Head Coach

The Albuquerque Thunderbirds defeated the Idaho Stampede 94 - 92 in their first game of the 2007 - 2008 season. The win also ushered in the Jeff Ruland era as the Thunderbirds new head coach. Lance Allred led all scorers in a losing effort for the Stampede with 30 points and 9 rebounds.

The Thunderbirds were led in scoring by Daniel Horton who had 24 points, with 16 in the 4th quarter. Albuquerque had three other scorers in double digits, Josh Gross with 20 to go along with 8 rebounds, Darvin Ham had 14 points and Ali Berdiel pitched in 10 points off the bench.

"It was a great way for us to open the season with a win like this," Coach Ruland said, "but we still have a lot of work to do, I'm just glad to have this win."

The game also marked the beginning of the Thunderbirds career for two New Mexico locals, Serge Angounou and Elijah Ingram. Serge, a graduate of Rio Grande High School, had 7 points and former Aggie Ingram pitched in 5 points for the Thunderbirds.

Abdul Mills took the opening tip off and laid it in for the Thunderbirds first points of the 2007 - 2008 season. Albuquerque built off its early two point advantage by shooting over 50 % from the floor in the first quarter, including 3 for 3 from three point range. Idaho managed to keep it close by hitting all seven first quarter free throws. The score after one was Thunderbirds 26, Stampede 19.

Allred led all scorers in the second quarter scoring 10 of Idaho 26 second quarter points. The Stampede held the Thunderbirds to 33 percent shooting in the quarter while they shot 50 percent from the floor to take a 45 - 40 halftime lead.

Despite Idaho's 60 percent shooting average in the third quarter Albuquerque still managed to outscore them 26 - 23, bringing the score after 3 quarters to: Idaho 68, Albuquerque 66. The real story of the quarter though was the ejection of Idaho's Marcus Campbell, with just over 4 minutes left in the quarter Campbell elbowed the Thunderbirds James Smith in the back of the head drawing an immediate ejection.

The Thunderbirds hit the road for their next three games at Indiana, Iowa and Idaho before returning home to take on the Colorado 14ers on December 7th and 8th. Both game times are set for 7:00pm at Tingley Coliseum. All Thunderbirds games can be heard on KBZU 96.3 "The Buzz" FM. Idaho continues their three game road trip at Colorado on Saturday, November 24th.

THUNDERBIRDS PRESENT NBA, (N)O (B)OYS (A)LLOWED

Event to Familiarize Women with the Game of Basketball While Having Fun

The Albuquerque Thunderbirds will host NBA, (N)o (B)Oys (A)llowed on Thursday, November 15, at Tingley Coliseum, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. The event, which is aimed at educating women about the rules of basketball features the chance to win two round-trip tickets on American Airlines and refreshment, is free to the public.

Thunderbirds players, along with members of the coaching staff will be on hand to interact with participants during on-court demonstrations of team defensive and offensive philosophies, while answering questions from the participants. Attendees will also tour the locker rooms and seating areas for a look "behind the scenes" at Tingley Coliseum. Women can also expect to learn basic rules of the NBA, referee signals and about the work the Thunderbirds do in the community.

"This is a great opportunity for ladies of all ages to learn a little more about the game and hopefully, a few of them will knock out some holiday shopping while they are there", said Thunderbirds Team President Billy Widner. "My wife attended a similar event with the Dallas Mavericks and loved it."

Thunderbirds training camp continues through November 22nd. Sessions are considered open practices for members of the media. Please contact Sean McLaughlin in advance to confirm location and time of practice sessions.

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THUNDERBIRDS TRAINING CAMP OPENS NOVEMBER 11

Seventeen Players will compete for 10 Roster Spots

The Albuquerque Thunderbirds will begin the first season under Coach Jeff Ruland by making some tough decisions. A total of seventeen players will report to the first practice on Sunday, November 11th at Isleta Recreation Center at 9:00am and the team must be reduced to twelve players by Thursday, November 15th.

Training camp sessions are considered open practices for members of the media. Please contact Sean McLaughlin in advance to confirm location and time of practice sessions. All season ticket holders and media members are invited to meet the team at Carrabba's Restaurant on Wednesday, November 14th from 5:30 to 7:00pm. Details about media day (November 14th from 1 to 3) will be sent in an additional release.

The Thunderbirds and the Tulsa 66ers will play a preseason contest in Bartlesville, Oklahoma on the evening of November 17th. The roster will be reduced to ten players on Wednesday, November 21st before the season opens at Tingley Coliseum on November 23rd at 7:00 pm. NBA D-League rosters can expand to twelve with the assignment of NBA first or second-year players. The Thunderbirds are affiliated with the Phoenix Suns and Philadelphia 76ers this season and both have expressed interest in sending young players to Albuquerque this year.

2007-08 Albuquerque Thunderbirds Training Camp Roster

<u>Player</u>	<u>Pos</u>	<u>Ht</u>	<u>Wt</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Year</u>
Darvin Ham	SF	6-7	230	Texas Tech	1996
Daniel Horton	PG	6-3	200	Michigan	2006
James Smith	C	7-0	250	Marist	2007
Tiras Wade	G/F	6-5	205	Louisiana-Lafayette	2005
Ejike Ugboaja	PF/C	6-9	225	Nigeria	
Ali Berdiel	PG	6-5	200	Valparaiso	2006
Josh Gross	SF	6-6	205	UNC-Greensboro	2006
Michael Adams	C	6-11		Youngstown St.	2007
Ramon Dyer	SF	6-7	200	Houston	2006
Tim Smith	PG	5-9	170	E. Tennessee St.	2006
Steven Barber	G	5-10	160	University of Texas – Arlington	2002
Abdul Mills	G	6-3	190	University of Nebraska – Omaha	2003
Serge Angounou	F	6-8	236	Arizona State	2007
Kris Collins	G	6-3	190	University of New Mexico	2006
Jackson Marlow	C	7-0	315	Fresno State	
Harry Good	F	6-10	255	Rutgers University	2005
Elijah Ingram	G	5-11	166	New Mexico State University	

THUNDERBIRDS PICK 3rd, CHOOSE HAM AS NUMBER ONE PICK

Thunderbirds Select Ten New Faces to Join Training Camp

The Albuquerque Thunderbirds selected ten players in Thursday's D-League Draft who will join others when training camp begins on November 11th. Joining training camp from the Thunderbirds Open Try Outs will be Abdul Mills (University of Nebraska - Omaha), Serge Angounou (Arizona State), Kris Collins (University of New Mexico), Jackson Marlow (Fresno State), Harry Good IV (Rutgers University), Steve Barber (UT-Arlington), and Elijah Ingram (St. Johns University).

The Thunderbirds used their first pick, 3rd overall, to select Darvin Ham, a 6'7, 240 pound forward-guard from Texas Tech University. Ham was a member of the Philippine Basketball Association in 1997. Ham was also a member of the 2004 NBA Champion Detroit Pistons and spent time with the Denver Nuggets and Milwaukee Bucks.

Ham has earned himself the nickname "Dunkin Darwin" for his powerful dunks. Most notably in the 1996 NCAA Tournament when he shattered the backboard in a second round game against North Carolina, propelling Texas Tech to their first sweet 16 appearance.

With the twelfth pick in the second round, 26th pick overall, the Thunderbirds selected Daniel Horton; a 6'3, 205 pound guard from the University of Michigan. Horton was signed by the Miami Heat in 2006. At Michigan he was named the 2004 NIT MVP; he averaged 14.7 points per game to go along with 4.4 assists in his four year college career.

Additional 2007 Thunderbirds Draft Picks include: James Smith (Colorado State), Tiras Wade (Louisiana – Lafayette), Ejike Ugboaja (Nigeria), Ali Berdiel (Valparaiso), Josh Gross (UNC - Greensboro), Michael Adams (Youngstown State), Ramon Dyer (Houston), and Tim Smith (East Tennessee State).

Prior to the draft, Head Coach Jeff Ruland said that it would be interesting to see if the Thunderbirds could get the players they wanted since they were only returning one player from last year. Both coaches are very pleased with the 10 new faces they selected.

"I think we did pretty well" Worthen said, "we got shooters, big men, and a balanced roster. It should make for a pretty competitive training camp!" Coach Ruland seemed to agree:

"We addressed all of our needs tonight. We are athletic, long, and have a very good basketball I.Q., now its up to the coaches to make it work. I can't wait to get started!" Ruland said.

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THUNDERBIRDS IN THE NBA

#44 CHUCK HAYES FORWARD 6'6" 238 KENTUCKY '05



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In his first season with the Rockets, averaged 3.7 points and 4.5 rebounds in 40 games ... finished third among all rookies in rebounds per 48 minutes played (15.8) and tied for eighth in boards per game (4.5) ... had five double-digit rebounding performances ... led or tied for the team lead in rebounding in six games ... signed as a rookie free agent with Houston on Oct. 3 ... waived by Houston on Oct. 25 ... selected sixth overall in the 2005 NBA D-League Draft by the Albuquerque Thunderbirds ... averaged 11.6 points and a league-leading 12.2 rebounds in 14 games (13 starts) with Albuquerque ... re-signed by the Rockets to a 10-day contract on Jan. 18 ... played in his first NBA game vs. Dallas (1/18/06) ... in his second NBA game, registered the first double-double of his career with 12 points (4-5 FG, 4-4 FT) and a career-high 13 rebounds at Chicago (1/20/06), adding a career-best two blocks, one assist and one steal in a career-most 32:55 off the bench.



NBA PLAYERS ASSIGNED DURING THE 2006 - 07 THUNDERBIRDS SEASON

#27 DWAYNE JONES FORWARD/CENTER 6'11" 251 ST. JOSEPH'S (PA) '05



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Cleveland acquired Dwayne's rights from the Boston Celtics during the 2006-07 season. Dwayne was signed as an un-drafted free agent in August 2005 by the Minnesota Timberwolves to a two-year contract. In November of 2005 he was placed on the inactive list. He was assigned twice to the Florida Flame of the D-League during the 2005-06 season. In February of 2005 the Boston Celtics acquired his rights. An early entry candidate for the draft after spending three seasons at St. Joseph's University (2002-03 - 2004-05) Along with senior Jameer Nelson, junior guard Delonte West, junior guard Pat Carroll, Dwayne Jones was an integral part of the undefeated regular season of 2004.... Averaged 7.1 ppg (.522 FG%), 8.5 rpg, 2.1 apg, and 2.37 bpg in 98 games (started 69)... Atlantic 10 Conference Defensive Player of the Year and Second Team All Conference selection in 2004-05... Twice named to Atlantic 10 All-Defensive Team



#6 SHANNON BROWN GUARD 6'4" 205 MICHIGAN STATE '06



Photo by: NBA E Photo/Getty Images

Played three seasons at Michigan State and was named All-Big Ten Second Team by media and coaches and Big Ten All-Defensive Team by league's coaches as a junior...also named to NABC All-District First Team and USBWA All-District honoree after his junior season...scored his 1,000th career-point with a 22-point game versus Northwestern...scored a career-high 31 points against Wisconsin...scored 15 or more points in 21 of 34 games as a junior...dished out a career-high eight assists to go with 26 points versus UW-Green Bay, including a career-best six three-pointers...was named All-Big Ten Honorable Mention by league's coaches as a sophomore...selected as Most Outstanding Player of the Austin Regional, averaging 13.5 points and 3.3 rebounds in first four games of 2005 NCAA Tournament...scored a season-high 24 points in NCAA Elite Eight versus Kentucky, including 5-6 from behind the arc...shot a team-best .500 from three-point range (10-20) in five NCAA Tournament games...ranked second in the Big Ten in free throw percentage (.848)...finished second on the team in steals (41)...was named to the Big Ten All-Freshman Team.



NBA PLAYERS ASSIGNED DURING THE 2005 - 06 THUNDERBIRDS SEASON

#34 CJ MILES GUARD 6'6" 220 SKYLINE HS (DALLAS, TX)



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Appeared in 23 games during his rookie season, averaging 3.4 points and 1.7 rebounds in 8.8 minutes ... Registered 27 DNP-CDs this season ... Missed three games (3/5-3/8) with right foot inflammation ... Posted career-highs in points (23), field goals made and attempted (8-13), assists (4) and blocks (2), and tied career-high in rebounds (6) in a career-high 33 minutes in season finale vs. Golden State on 4/19 ... Only double-digit scoring performance of season ... Inactive for 14 games while on assignment with the Albuquerque Thunderbirds of the NBA Developmental League (1/4-2/3) ... Appeared in 11 games for Albuquerque, starting nine ... Averaged 12.7 points, 3/5 rebounds, 1.6 assists and 1.00 steals in 27.0 minutes per game in D-League ... Scored in double-figures seven times for Albuquerque, hitting for a high of 19 on three occasions (1/31 vs. Arkansas, 1/21 vs. Austin and 1/15 vs. Tulsa) ... Inactive seven straight games for Jazz prior to D-League assignment (12/21-1/3) ... Scored nine points vs. Indiana, 11/29 ... Grabbed a career-high six rebounds at Sacramento on 11/15 ... Inactive first six games of season ... Scored two points in 13 minutes in NBA debut vs. New York on 11/14 ... The 18-year-old became the youngest player in Jazz history (19, DeShawn Stevenson).



THE COACHING STAFF

HEAD COACH: JEFF RULAND

Ruland becomes the Thunderbirds second overall Head Coach in the team's third season, taking the reins from former Head Coach and current Head Coach of the Los Angeles Sparks (WNBA) Michael Cooper.

Ruland was an All-American honoree during his three-year career, helping lead the Iona Gaels to a 69-21 record, including back-to-back appearances in the NCAA Tournament. Iona was ranked #6 in the country according to Sports Illustrated and defeated eventual national champion Louisville, 77-60, at Madison Square Garden on February 21, 1980.

As a student-athlete, Ruland had an immediate impact during his first season playing for the Gaels. He led all Division I freshmen in scoring and rebounding, averaging 22.3 points and 12.8 rebounds per game. During the following two seasons, Ruland continued to impress, twice leading the Gaels to the NCAA Tournament and twice receiving All-American accolades. He ended his collegiate career as the college's third all-time leading scorer (1,855 points/20.8 ppg) and second leading rebounder (1,067 rebounds/12.0 rpg). In addition, he is Iona's career leader in field goal percentage (63.5%). Ruland passed up his final year of college eligibility to turn pro.

Ruland was drafted by the Golden State Warriors as an undergraduate in the second round (25th overall) of the 1980 NBA draft, which included such names as Kevin McHale, Kiki Vandeweghe, Rick Mahorn, Larry Smith and Kurt Rambis. Ruland opted to play one season of professional basketball in Barcelona, Spain, where he averaged 21 points and 11 rebounds per game. His draft rights were traded by Golden State to Washington in 1981 for a second round draft pick.

Ruland spent five seasons in Washington and led the Bullets in rebounding and field goal percentage each of those five years. He was selected to the 1984 and 1985 Eastern Conference All-Star teams and named to the 1982 NBA All-Rookie squad. His best season in Washington, and as a professional, came during the 1983-84 campaign when he averaged 22.2 points and 12.3 rebounds while shooting 57.9% from the floor. Following the 1983-84 season, Ruland suffered a left knee injury. Prior to the 1986-87 campaign, he was traded to the Philadelphia 76ers for Moses Malone, Terry Catledge and two future first round draft picks. He played in just five games for the Sixers before his knee injury forced him to retire. Following a five-year layoff, Ruland came out of retirement in 1991 and signed with the 76ers. He played in just 13 games before a tear to his Achilles tendon forced him to miss the remainder of the season. His last stint in the NBA came during the 1992-93 season when the Detroit Pistons signed him to a free agent contract. He played in 11 games before being waived in January of 1993.

During his 332-game NBA career, that spanned eight seasons, Ruland averaged 17.4 points and 10.2 rebounds per game while shooting 56.4% from the field.

For the past eight years Ruland had been Head Coach at his Alma Mater (Iona College), in which he compiled 137 wins, an average of more than 17 wins per season and guided the Gaels to three 20-win seasons, three MAAC Championships and three NCAA Tournament appearances.

ASSISTANT COACH: JOHN COFFINO

Coffino joins the Thunderbirds staff as an Assistant Coach in the team's third season. Most recently Coffino was with St. Peter's College as an Admissions Counselor.

He served as an assistant coach at St. Peter's for the past four years. Coffino started his coaching career at Westchester Community College in Valhalla, NY where he served as an assistant and associate head coach for six seasons. There, Coffino assisted Ralph Arietta, the all-time winningest coach in junior college history.

After his stint at Westchester, Coach Coffino spent time at the Division I level as an administrative assistant at Iona College. In his two years at Iona, Coffino was on the staff when the Gaels advanced to the 1998 NCAA Division I Tournament. Before coaching his four years at St. Peter's he spent three seasons at Niagara. John Coffino is a native of the Bronx, where he graduated from Mt. St. Michael Academy.

HEAD ATHLETIC TRAINER: MARK SHIRES

Mark is entering his first season as the Athletic Trainer for the Thunderbirds. Mark is also an Athletic Trainer for the Baltimore Orioles, working for their AAA minor league affiliate Norfolk Tides (2007). Prior to the Tides, Shires worked with Bowie Baysox (2004-2006), Frederick Keys (2001-03), the 2000 SAL champion Delmarva Shorebirds, and the Gulf Coast League Orioles (1999). At the end of the 2007 minor league season, Mark was asked to complete the Major League season assisting the Athletic Training Staff for the Orioles. Mark was twice named Athletic Trainer of the Year for the Carolina League (2001 and 2003). Mark earned his Bachelor's Degree from West Chester University of Pennsylvania in 1998 and his Master's Degree in Exercise Science from California University of Pennsylvania in 2004. Mark is a certified member of the National Athletic Trainers Association. Shires and his wife Alison currently live in Albuquerque, NM. Mark's Hobbies include reading and playing golf.



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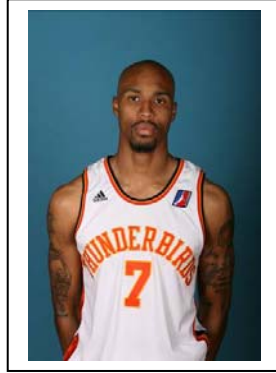


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PLAYER BIOS



#7 JOSH GROSS - FORWARD



Selected by: Albuquerque Thunderbirds
Round: 7 – 2007 Draft
Pick (Overall): 3 (87)

HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLLEGE/YEAR	LAST PLAYED
6-6	205	UNC-Greensboro '06	Karhut Kauhajoen (<i>Finland</i>)

Pro Career Highlights: Started the 2007-08 season in Finland with Karhut Kauhajoen, appearing in three games and averaging 12.7 points and 7.0 rebounds. Played with the Los Angeles D-Fenders in the NBA Developmental League in 2006-07, averaging 5.8 points and 1.4 rebounds in 14 games. Selected by the D-Fenders as the fifth pick of the 2006 D-League Expansion Draft. Appeared in six games with the Florida Flame in the NBA Developmental League in 2005-06, averaging 7.2 points and 1.5 rebounds in 14.5 minutes a contest.

College Highlights: Finished collegiate career as the ninth all-time in UNC-Greensboro's Division I history with 431. Played in 111 career games, which ranks seventh in school D-I history. Started 42 times, scored in double figures 29 times, and posted five career double-doubles.

ABQ THUNDERBIRDS	G	GS	MIN	FGM	FGA	Pct.	3PM	3PA	Pct.	FTM	FTA	Pct.	OR	DR	REB	Avg.	AST	PF	TO	BS	ST	PTS	Avg.
	2	1	81	16	31	0.516	0	3	0.000	19	19	1.000	3	12	15	7.5	4	4	3	0	6	51	25.5



#11 DARVIN HAM- FORWARD



Selected by: Albuquerque Thunderbirds
Round: 1 – 2007 Draft
Pick (Overall): 3 (3)

HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLLEGE/YEAR	LAST PLAYED
6-7	230	Texas Tech '96	Dallas Mavericks (<i>NBA – 07</i>)

Pro Career Highlights: Played with six teams in the NBA from 1996-97 to 2004-05. Participated in NBA training camp with the Dallas Mavericks in the fall of 2007. Participated in NBA training camp with the New Jersey Nets in the fall of 2006. Played with Maratonistas de Coamo in Puerto Rico in the summer of 2006, averaging 11.3 points and 5.0 rebounds in three games. Spent the 2005-06 season with Talk N Text Phone Pals in the Philippines (statistics unavailable). Spent the 2004-05 season in the NBA with the Detroit Pistons, averaging 1.8 points and 1.7 rebounds. With the Pistons in 2003-04, averaged 1.8 points and 1.7 rebounds in 54 games. With the Atlanta Hawks in 2002-03, averaged 2.4 points and 2.0 rebounds in 75 games. With the Milwaukee Bucks in 2001-02, averaged 4.3 points and 2.9 rebounds in 70 games. With the Bucks in 2000-01 he averaged 3.8 points and 4.2 rebounds in 29 games. With the Bucks in 1999-00, averaged 5.1 points and 4.9 rebounds in 35 games. Spent the 1998-99 season in Spain with Granada, averaging 11.7 points and 7.0 rebounds in 12 games. With the Washington Bullets in the NBA in 1997-98, averaged 2.0 points and 1.8 rebounds in 71 games. Split his rookie season in the NBA with the Denver Nuggets and Indiana Pacers, averaging 2.3 points and 1.6 rebounds in 36 total games. Played in the USBL in the summer of 2006 with the Jacksonville Barracudas and the Florida Sharks, averaging 7.2 points and 5.0 rebounds in 24 total games.

ABQ THUNDERBIRDS	G	GS	MIN	FGM	FGA	Pct.	3PM	3PA	Pct.	FTM	FTA	Pct.	OR	DR	REB	Avg.	AST	PF	TO	BS	ST	PTS	Avg.
	2	1	57	9	17	0.529	0	0	0.000	2	5	0.400	1	5	6	3.0	2	8	5	0	2	20	10.0



#14 ELIJAH INGRAM - GUARD

HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLLEGE/YEAR	LAST PLAYED
5-11	166	New Mexico State	New Mexico State (<i>NCAA</i>)

College Highlights (UMS) In his first season with the Aggies Ingram adjusted quickly to his new environment as he was named second team All-WAC and to the All-WAC Newcomer Team. Ingram played in 29 of the Aggies' 30 games last year while making 27 starts at the guard position. Ingram ranked second on the team and 14th in the WAC in scoring, averaging 13.4 points per game while helping the Aggies tie for the fifth-best turnaround in all of Division I men's basketball.

Personal: The son of Carrie Ingram. He is majoring in Family & Child Sciences at New Mexico State University.

ABQ THUNDERBIRDS	G	GS	MIN	FGM	FGA	Pct.	3PM	3PA	Pct.	FTM	FTA	Pct.	OR	DR	REB	Avg.	AST	PF	TO	BS	ST	PTS	Avg.
	1	0	27	2	6	0.333	1	2	0.500	0	0	0.000	1	1	2	2.0	1	1	2	0	2	5	5.0

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Selected by: Albuquerque Thunderbirds
 Round: 6 – 2007 Draft
 Pick (Overall): 12 (82)



#17 ALI BERDIEL - GUARD

HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLLEGE/YEAR	LAST PLAYED
6-5	200	Valparaiso '06	Puerto Rican U21 National Team

College Highlights: Earned Second Team All-Mid-Continent honors as a junior. Berdiel was a member of the Puerto Rican U21 National Team. In 2006 he averaged 8.4 points, 3.4 rebounds, and 3.8 assists. Scored in double figures 13 times. Recorded season high 25 points vs. Oakland. Berdiel tallied 15 points and seven assists vs. IUPUI. Scored 16 points and dished out four assists vs. Oral Roberts. He registered ten points and a season-high eight assists vs. Indiana-South Bend.

Personal: Majored in finance and marketing.

ABQ THUNDERBIRDS

G	GS	MIN	FGM	FGA	Pct.	3PM	3PA	Pct.	FTM	FTA	Pct.	OR	DR	REB	Avg.	AST	PF	TO	BS	ST	PTS	Avg.
2	0	60	8	18	0.444	1	3	0.333	9	13	0.692	2	4	6	3.0	10	7	5	1	4	26	13.0



Selected by: Albuquerque Thunderbirds
 Round: 2 – 2007 Draft
 Pick (Overall): 12 (26)



#18 DANIEL HORTON - GUARD

HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLLEGE/YEAR	LAST PLAYED
6-3	200	Michigan '06	Deltalcon APOEL Nicosia (Cyprus)

Pro Career Highlights: After going undrafted the 2006 NBA draft, he was signed by the Miami Heat during the 2006 preseason, but was waived before the start of the regular season. On July 9, 2006 he again signed for Miami Heat. He played only one game in the beginning he was waived by the heat in October, and then moved to Turkey. Played with Deltalcon APOEL Nicosia in Cyprus at the start of the 2007-08 season before making the decision to return home (statistics unavailable). Started the 2006-07 season in Turkey with Pinar Karsiyaka SK Izmir, averaging 10.8 points, 2.4 rebounds, and 2.5 assists in eight games. Finished the year with the Los Angeles D-Fenders in the NBA Developmental League, averaging 5.7 points, 1.9 rebounds, and 1.8 assists in 14 games. Participated in NBA training camp with the Miami Heat in the fall of 2006.

ABQ THUNDERBIRDS

G	GS	MIN	FGM	FGA	Pct.	3PM	3PA	Pct.	FTM	FTA	Pct.	OR	DR	REB	Avg.	AST	PF	TO	BS	ST	PTS	Avg.
1	1	32	7	15	0.467	5	7	0.714	5	5	1.000	2	3	5	5.0	3	1	3	0	2	24	24.0



Selected by: Albuquerque Thunderbirds
 Round: 9 – 2007 Draft
 Pick (Overall): 3 (115)



#22 RAMON DYER - FORWARD

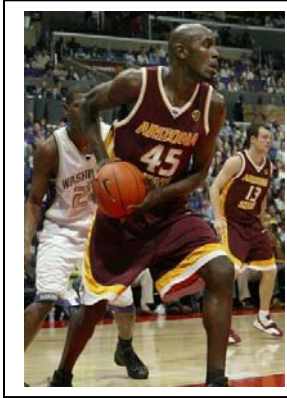
HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLLEGE/YEAR	LAST PLAYED
6-7	200	HOUSTON '06	University of Houston (NCCA)

College Highlights: Named Second Team All-Conference USA as a senior. Started 69 of 100 career games. As a Senior he averaged 12.1 points, a team-high 6.1 rebounds, 1.1 blocked shots, and 1.8 steals. Started 27 of 31 games. Posted five double-doubles. Posted 12 points, 12 rebounds, and a career-high six blocked shots vs. Marshall. Recorded 16 points and five rebounds vs. Missouri State in the second round of the post-season NIT.

ABQ THUNDERBIRDS

G	GS	MIN	FGM	FGA	Pct.	3PM	3PA	Pct.	FTM	FTA	Pct.	OR	DR	REB	Avg.	AST	PF	TO	BS	ST	PTS	Avg.
2	0	57	7	15	0.467	3	7	0.429	2	4	0.500	0	9	9	4.5	0	3	0	0	0	19	9.5

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#23 SERGE ANGOUNOU - FORWARD

HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLLEGE/YEAR	LAST PLAYED
6-8	236	Arizona State '07	BEAC Yaounde (Cameroon)

College Highlights: Started 83 of 103 career games. Posted four 20-point games and ten double-doubles over his four-year career. Redshirted the 2002-03 season while recovering from knee surgery. A local product Angounou attended Rio Grande High School.

Personal: Graduated with a bachelor's degree in Spanish in May of 2006. Is fluent in five languages – English, Spanish, French, Eton, and Bulu. Also practices Karate and Tae Kwon Do.

ABQ THUNDERBIRDS	G	GS	MIN	FGM	FGA	Pct.	3PM	3PA	Pct.	FTM	FTA	Pct.	OR	DR	REB	Avg.	AST	PF	TO	BS	ST	PTS	Avg.
	2	0	41	9	16	0.563	1	1	1.000	5	6	0.833	6	7	13	6.5	0	3	4	1	2	24	12.0



#24 ABDUL MILLS - GUARD

HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLLEGE/YEAR	LAST PLAYED
6-3	190	University of Nebraska - Omaha	InterCollege Etha Engomis (Syria)

Pro Career Highlights: Started the 2007-08 season in Syria with InterCollege Etha Engomis before deciding to return home. He had a strong season at Milford Academy where he averaged 17.0 points, 7.0 rebounds and 7.5 assists per game....Averaged 22.0 points per game in his final season at Martin Luther King High School.

General: Majored in Social Science. Son of Charles Allen and Rozena Mills; has three brothers, Abdul Tawaub Mills, Kimu Ziths and Deshaun Ziths and two sisters, Ceida Allen and Casheda Allen.

ABQ THUNDERBIRDS	G	GS	MIN	FGM	FGA	Pct.	3PM	3PA	Pct.	FTM	FTA	Pct.	OR	DR	REB	Avg.	AST	PF	TO	BS	ST	PTS	Avg.
	2	1	57	5	15	0.333	1	2	0.500	0	1	0.000	2	5	7	3.5	5	4	5	0	1	11	5.5



Selected by: [Albuquerque Thunderbirds](#)
 Round: 5 – 2007 Draft
 Pick (Overall): 3 (59)



#32 EJIKE UGBOAJA – FORWARD / CENTER

HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLLEGE/YEAR	LAST PLAYED
6-9	225	Nigeria	Kager Gdynia (Poland)

Pro Career Highlights: Started the 2006-07 season with Kager Gdynia in Poland, averaging 4.0 points and 3.0 rebounds in four games. Finished the year in Cyprus with Deltalcon APOEL Nicosia (statistics unavailable). Participated in NBA summer league with the Cleveland Cavaliers in 2006. Selected by the Cleveland Cavaliers in the second round (55th pick overall) of the 2006 NBA Draft. Played the 2005-06 season for Union Bank Lagos in the Nigerian Premier League

Played in the 2006 Commonwealth Games in Melbourne, averaging 15.4 points and 9.8 rebounds, earning All-Tournament Second Team honors. Member of the Nigerian National Team. Participated in the Under-21 World Championships in Argentina. Member of the Nigerian Under 21 National Team. Participated in the Under-18 World Championships in Greece in 2003, averaging 5.3 points and 5.5 rebounds. Won a gold medal at the Under-18 African Championships in 2002. Played for the Nigerian Under-18 National Team.

ABQ THUNDERBIRDS	G	GS	MIN	FGM	FGA	Pct.	3PM	3PA	Pct.	FTM	FTA	Pct.	OR	DR	REB	Avg.	AST	PF	TO	BS	ST	PTS	Avg.
	2	1	23	2	3	0.667	0	1	0.000	1	1	1.000	2	4	6	3.0	0	4	4	0	0	5	2.5

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Selected by: Albuquerque Thunderbirds
 Round: 3 - 2007 Draft
 Pick (Overall): 3 (31)



#34 JAMES SMITH - CENTER

HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLLEGE/YEAR	LAST PLAYED
7-0	250	Marist '07	Algodoneros de La Comarca (Mexico)

Pro Career Highlights: Started the 2007-08 season in Mexico with Algodoneros de La Comarca before deciding to return home.

College Highlights: Finished collegiate career at Marist after playing first two seasons at Westchester Community College in New York. Made a name for himself in his first year in the MAAC, proving a threat both in the paint and beyond the arc for the Red Foxes... Finished the regular season averaging better than 12 points and six rebounds per game for Marist... Led the team in scoring three times and in rebounding seven, tallying four double-doubles on the season and 20 or more points in three contests... Shot 36.9 percent from beyond the three-point arc (24-65)...Ranked among the top ten in the MAAC during the season in rebounds, blocks and defensive rebounding.

ABQ THUNDERBIRDS

G	GS	MIN	FGM	FGA	Pct.	3PM	3PA	Pct.	FTM	FTA	Pct.	OR	DR	REB	Avg.	AST	PF	TO	BS	ST	PTS	Avg.
2	0	45	2	15	0.133	0	6	0.000	3	4	0.750	1	6	7	3.5	0	11	3	2	1	7	3.5



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