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**WIZARDS SELECT MARCUS HUBBARD FIRST ROUND IN
NBA DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE DRAFT**

BISMARCK, ND, November 7, 2008 - The NBA Development League Central Division Champion Dakota Wizards selected Marcus Hubbard with their first pick (11th overall) in the 2008 NBA Development League draft. A 6'9, 230 pound forward from Angelo State. Hubbard was one of the last cut players from the Atlanta Hawks this preseason. A rookie in the D-League, Hubbard had a break out season during the 06-07 season at Angelo St. Averaging 21.7 ppg along with 8.9 rebounds and 1.2 blocks in 26 games.

"Marcus is a talented Power Forward with good length and potential", Said Wizards Head Coach Duane Ticknor. "He's got long arms and can run the floor well and can shoot a good mid-range shot".

The Wizards selected former St. Johns Center Aaron Spears with the 22nd pick in the second round. Spears, a 6'10 255 center averaged 4.6 ppg, and 2.6 rebounds in 27 games.

Dakota Wizards full 2008-09 draft selections:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>HT</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>School</u>
1. Marcus Hubbard	Forward	6-9	230	Angelo State
2. Aaron Spears	center	6-10	255	St. Johns (NY)
3. Tony Murphy	Guard	6-4	200	Norfolk St.
4. Jawann McClellan	Guard / forward	6-4	200	Arizona
5. Brad Stricker	Center	6-10	280	Georgia State
6. Tim Drisdorn	Guard	6-3	185	Utah
7. Darius Mattear	Forward	6-6	224	UTEP
8. Tim Blackwell	Guard	6-4	195	UMKC
9. Michael Peeples	Forward	6-6	210	Fairleigh Dickinson
10. Carlos English	Guard	5-7	175	Cleveland State

Allocation Players:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>HT</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>School</u>
1. Renaldo Major	Forward	6-7	190	Fresno State
2. Quemont Greer	Forward	6-7	240	DePaul

Returning Players:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>HT</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>School</u>
1. Maurice Baker	Guard	6-1	185	Oklahoma State
2. David Bell	Guard	6-1	190	Montana
3. Dontell Jefferson	Guard	6-4	195	Arkansas
4. Will Frisby	Forward	6-8	235	Miami (FL)
5. Blake Ahearn	Guard	6-2	190	Missouri

The Dakota Wizards tip-off their third season in the D-League on Friday, November 29th at 7:00pm against the Iowa Energy. 2008-09 Season Tickets start at just \$99. For more information, please visit www.dakotawizards.com or call 701-258-BALL

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