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STAMPEDE ACQUIRE ANTOINE WALKER

Idaho new home for three-time NBA All-Star

BOISE, Idaho, December 7, 2010 – The Idaho Stampede announced today the acquisition of three-time NBA All-Star Antoine Walker.

Walker, a veteran of 12 NBA seasons, has career averages of 17.5 points, 7.7 rebounds and 3.5 assists in 893 games (707 starts). The long-time Celtic made All-Star game appearances in 1998, 2002 and 2003, starting alongside Michael Jordan in the 2002 game in Philadelphia.

Walker has played for the Boston Celtics (seven-plus seasons), Dallas Mavericks (one season), Atlanta Hawks (part of one season), Miami Heat (two seasons) and Minnesota Timberwolves (one season). His last stint in the NBA was in 2007-08 with the T'Wolves, playing 46 games (1 start).

In the NBA playoffs, Walker has career averages of 16.1 points, 7.1 rebounds and 2.9 assists per game in 64 games. Walker averaged 13.3 points per game with the Miami Heat in 2005-06 when the club won its first-ever NBA Championship.

Walker was the sixth overall selection in the 1996 NBA Draft, making the NBA All-Rookie First Team in 1997. Stampede Head Coach Randy Livingston was taken 42nd overall in that same draft class.

Stampede Assistant Coach Greg Minor played together with Walker for three seasons while a Celtic from 1996-99.

Before his professional career, Walker played two seasons at the University of Kentucky under coach Rick Pitino. The Wildcats won the NCAA Championship in 1996 with Walker averaging 15.2 points and 8.4 rebounds per game.

Born August 12, 1976, Walker is a former McDonald's All-American from Mount Carmel High School in Chicago, Ill.

After being waived by the Memphis Grizzlies during the 2008-09 season, Walker signed with the Guaynabo Mets, a team in the Puerto Rican Baloncesto Superior Nacional basketball league.

To make roster space for Walker, the Stampede waived center Josh Lomers.

About the Idaho Stampede

Season tickets for the Idaho Stampede 2010-11 season start at only \$195 per seat. During the 2007-08 season, the Stampede finished as the NBA Development League National Champions. Don't miss out on any of the action, call (208) 388-4667 today for more information.

NBA Development League

The NBA Development League, founded in 2001, is the NBA's official minor league whose teams have direct affiliations to NBA franchises. For the 2010-11 season, the league featured 16 teams – including the debut of the Texas Legends. A proven developer of talent, 20 percent of players in the NBA at the conclusion of the 2009-10 season boasted NBA D-League experience, while the league continues to develop coaches, referees, and front-office staff for the NBA and its teams. In fostering the league's connection to the community, its teams, players and staff promote health and wellness, support local needs and interests, and assist in educational development through NBA D-League Cares programs. The NBA D-League also advances the game of basketball as the research and development arm of the NBA. Throughout the league's 10th season, which tips off Nov. 18, fans can watch all NBA D-League games on NBA Futurecast, the free live Web-streaming initiative found at nba.com/futurecast.

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