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2007 IBL ALL-STAR KEITH GAYDEN RETURNS TO RACERS

Elgin, IL – Keith Gayden, a 6'8, 230 pound power forward has rejoined the Elgin Racers. Last season Gayden averaged 19 points and 12 rebounds per game for the Racers and was instrumental in leading the franchise to the Midwest Division Championship. His play earned him a spot on the IBL Star Team.

After finishing the season with the Racers, Gayden earned a tryout with the Chicago Bulls. After being cut by the Bulls, Gayden played briefly for the Iowa Energy in the NBA Developmental League. He finished out the winter season this year with the Quad Cities Riverhawks of the newly founded Premier Basketball League. Gayden led the Riverhawks to the regular season Western Division Championship.

Prior to playing professionally, Gayden played collegiately at Kennedy King Junior College in Chicago and at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh. Gayden and Racer guard Parrish Brown played together at Kennedy King and will be reunited on the floor for the first time in 4 years.



Racers President/Head Coach Michael Murphy on Gayden: “The entire community is ecstatic Keith will be suiting up for the Racers again. His highlight reel dunks are a crowd favorite at Racer home games. Keith is an explosive athlete who plays above the rim and is the best rebounder I have been around in 16 years of coaching. We expect big things from Keith this season.”

The Racers open their third IBL season with a trip to the Genesis Center in Indiana to take on the Gary Steelheads. The Racers' home opener is on Saturday, May 10 against the Holland Blast. All Racers' home games will be played at Judson University (1151 N. State Street, Elgin, IL). For ticket information, contact the Racers at (847) 208-1766, or visit the Racers' team page at www.iblhoopsonline.com

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About the IBL

Two key IBL rules (1. Immediate inbounds 2. Teams are allowed one timeout per quarter) work to eliminate dead time and promote a free-flowing, high-scoring game that lasts only two hours. 2008 marks the IBL's fourth season, and it will be the first that the league is truly international, as China (Shanxi Kylins) and Canada (Edmonton Chill) will be part of the IBL this season. The IBL recently added an Asian Expansion Department which has resulted in commitments from two Chinese teams and a team from Japan joining in 2009. The league is expecting to add teams from South Korea and the Philippines in the future as well. A second Canadian team (Vancouver, British Columbia) has also committed to join in 2009. Beyond exciting basketball, the IBL offers owners the most efficient business model in the industry. Organizing teams in regional clusters has enabled the IBL to offer owners an unprecedented 'One Flight Guarantee'. IBL teams can play a variety of opponents from all over the country, indeed, **the world**— and only fly once. This efficiency applies to international teams, who can play a complete away schedule with only one flight to the U.S.