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**EXPERIENCED CORE BACK IN '08 FOR ELGIN RACERS**

**Elgin, IL** – The core of last seasons 17-6 squad is back on board for the Elgin Racers. Center Nick Michael, guard, Derik Hollyfield, and forward Brandon Moore are set to return to the Racers. Additionally, point guard Emmanuel Dildy, is set to make his Racers debut Friday night against the Gary Steelheads.

Michael, a 6'10" center, averaged 6 points and 6 rebounds per game last season for the Racers. He has played professionally in Ireland (Sea of Belfast) and in the newly founded Premiere Basketball League (Rockford Fury). Michael played his college ball at Elmhurst College where he earned All CCIW honors three consecutive seasons.

Hollyfield, a 6'3" guard, averaged 14 points, 5 assists, and 4 rebounds last season for the Racers. He has played professionally in the ABA (Sauk Valley Rollers) and recently led his team, the Rochester Razorsharks, to the inaugural PBL championship. Hollyfield played collegiately at Eastern Illinois University and Bemidji State University. Hollyfield played his high school basketball at one of the most prestigious programs in Illinois, West Aurora, and led the Blackhawks to the state championship in 2000.

Moore, a 6'4" guard/forward, is the most experienced Racer, as he begins his fourth season with the franchise. Brandon earned IBL All Star honors during the 2005 campaign and averaged 10 points and 4 assists per game last year. Moore played collegiately at both Saint Xavier and Saint Francis universities. His ability to play multiple positions and finish around the basket will again make him a key contributor to the Racers.

Dildy, a 6'2" point guard, will be joining the Racers for the first time this season. Dildy played collegiately at both New Mexico State University and Eastern Illinois University and professionally in Germany (USC Heidelberg). Dildy averaged 21 points and 4 assists per game while leading the league in three point field goals made. He is a coach on the floor and has a great understanding of the game.

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](http://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.