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Cleveland State
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Horizon League announces preseason All-League basketball teams

Reigning player of the year Matt Howard of Butler picked to repeat as top player

University of
Detroit Mercy

INDIANAPOLIS – Reigning Horizon League Player of the Year **Matt Howard** of Butler University headlines the 2009-10 preseason All-League men's basketball teams, which were announced Wednesday (Oct. 21).

University of
Illinois at Chicago

Howard, a 6-foot-8, 230-pound junior forward, was voted the Horizon League Preseason Player of the Year as the top vote-getter in balloting by the League's head coaches, sports information directors and media members. He enters the season as the League's leading returning scorer (14.8 ppg) and second-leading returning rebounder (6.8 ppg).

Loyola
University Chicago

Last season Howard became the first non-senior to be selected the player of the year since Rashad Phillips of the University of Detroit Mercy won his first of two awards as a junior in 1999-2000 and the first sophomore to be so honored since Parrish Casebier of the University of Evansville in 1991-92.

Valparaiso
University

Joining Howard on the preseason All-League first team are Butler teammate and sophomore swingman **Gordon Hayward** (13.1 ppg, 6.5 rpg in 2008-09), junior guard **Norris Cole** (13.3 ppg) of defending champion Cleveland State University, and another pair of teammates in senior guard **Todd Brown** (11.7 ppg) and junior guard **Vaughn Duggins** (11.8 ppg, 4.3 rpg in four games) of Wright State University.

University of
Wisconsin-Green Bay

Hayward was named the Horizon League's Newcomer of the Year and earned a spot on the All-League First Team as a freshman last season, while Brown was a second-team pick. Cole was named to the League's All-Tournament Team after averaging 16.5 points in Cleveland State's four-game run to the tournament title. Vaughn earned first-team All-League honors as a sophomore in 2007-08 before being limited to only four games last season due to a broken finger.

University of
Wisconsin-Milwaukee

The preseason All-League second team features University of Wisconsin-Green Bay teammates **Troy Cotton** (12.6 ppg) and **Rahmon Fletcher** (10.8 ppg, 4.5 apg), University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee teammates **Tone Boyle** (13.2 ppg) and **James Eayrs** (11.2 ppg, 5.5 rpg), and Butler sophomore guard **Shelvin Mack** (11.9 ppg, 3.5 apg).

Wright State
University

Boyle and Fletcher were second-team All-League picks last season, while Mack joined Boyle, Eayrs and Hayward on the All-Newcomer Team.

Youngstown State
University

The regular season will begin Nov. 11 when Detroit plays at the University of California in the Coaches v. Cancer tournament at 11 p.m. ET on ESPNU. The League schedule will tip off with four games on Dec. 3, including Cleveland State at Wright State, also on ESPNU.

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The 2010 Speedway Horizon League Men's Basketball Championship is scheduled for March 2, 6-7 and 9. The regular-season champion will host the second round and semifinals, with the higher remaining seed hosting the championship game live on ESPN as part of "Championship Week."

The following are the complete 2009-10 preseason All-Horizon League men's basketball teams.

First Team	School	Year	Height	Weight	2008-09 PPG
Matt Howard, F	Butler	Jr.	6-8	230	14.8
Gordon Hayward, F/G	Butler	So.	6-9	207	13.1
Norris Cole, G	Cleveland State	Jr.	6-2	170	13.3
Todd Brown, G	Wright State	Sr.	6-5	210	11.7
Vaughn Duggins, G	Wright State	Jr.	6-3	195	11.8

Second Team	School	Year	Height	Weight	2008-09 PPG
Rahmon Fletcher, G	Green Bay	Jr.	5-10	165	10.8
Shelvin Mack, G	Butler	So.	6-3	215	11.9
Tone Boyle, G	Milwaukee	Sr.	6-2	175	13.2
Troy Cotton, G	Green Bay	Sr.	6-1	180	12.6
James Eayrs, F	Milwaukee	Sr.	6-7	310	11.2

Preseason Player of the Year: Matt Howard, Butler