



Butler  
University

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
March 3, 2008

Contact: Robert Hester  
rhester@horizonleague.org

Cleveland State  
University

## Horizon League Announces Men's Basketball All-League Teams and Specialty Award Winners

University of  
Detroit Mercy

*Butler's Green named Player of the Year, Howard wins top Newcomer honors; Waters, Brownell share Coach-of-the-Year award*

University of  
Illinois at Chicago

**INDIANAPOLIS** — **Butler University** senior guard **Mike Green** took the spotlight as the Horizon League announced its men's basketball All-League Teams and specialty award winners Monday (Mar. 3). Green was named the Horizon League Player of the Year, while freshman teammate **Matt Howard** garnered Newcomer-of-the-Year recognition and **Cleveland State University** sideline boss **Gary Waters** and **Wright State University** mentor **Brad Brownell** shared Coach-of-the-Year honors.

All three awards are the result of voting by League head coaches and sports information directors plus selected media representatives from throughout the League.

Loyola  
University Chicago

Green was a unanimous First-Team selection and received 42 of 46 Player-of-the-Year votes after leading the Bulldogs to a 27-3 overall record and the League's regular-season championship (16-2 in loop play). The Philadelphia native is one of only a handful of players in the nation to lead his team in scoring (14.5 points per game, ranking seventh in the League), rebounding (ninth in the circuit with 6.4 per game) and assists (a League-best 5.13 per contest). He has posted three double-doubles this season and has reached the 20-point mark five times, including a 24-point, 13-rebound effort against the **University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee** on Feb. 12. Green was the League's Newcomer of the Year in 2006-07, his first season at Butler after transferring from Towson University.

Valparaiso  
University

Howard averaged 12.6 points and 5.6 rebounds per game during the regular season, leading the circuit with a .606 field-goal percentage. The Connersville, Ind., native reached the 20-point mark five times and had a 12-game double-digit-scoring streak at mid-season. He becomes the first true freshman to win the League's Newcomer-of-the-Year honor since **T.J. Lux** of Northern Illinois University in 1995-96.

University of  
Wisconsin-Green Bay

Waters has guided CSU to a 20-11 record (12-6 in League play), making the Vikings only the second team in League history to post 20 victories in the season following a 20-loss campaign. (The Vikings finished 10-21 last season.) Cleveland State was picked to finish ninth in the League's preseason poll but secured the second seed for the Horizon League Men's Basketball Championship with a tie-breaker over Brownell's Wright State team. Brownell has directed WSU to a 20-9 mark, including a school-Division I-record 11-game winning streak this year. The Raiders have posted the program's first back-to-back 20-win campaigns since moving to Division I in 1987.

University of  
Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Green leads the five-player First-Team All-League squad that also includes senior backcourt mate **A.J. Graves**, along with Cleveland State junior forward **J'Nathan Bullock**, **University of Illinois at Chicago** junior guard **Josh Mayo** and Wright State sophomore guard **Vaughn Duggins**. Graves' 13.5 points-per-game pace includes 83 three-point field goals, while Bullock powered the Vikings with averages of 14.6 points and 6.5 rebounds per outing. Mayo ranks second in the League in scoring at 17.6 points per outing and adds 3.40 assists per contest, with Duggins providing 13.9 points per contest for the Raiders.

Wright State  
University

The Second-Team All-League quintet features the League's leading scorer in senior guard **Jon Goode** of the **University of Detroit Mercy** as well as Howard and Cleveland State junior guard **Cedric Jackson**. **University of Wisconsin-Green Bay** junior forward **Mike Schachtner** and Milwaukee senior forward **Paige Paulsen** completed the five-player Second Team.

Youngstown State  
University

Goode's 19.3 points-per-game norm includes 15 games with 20 or more points. He had a career-high 35 points against UIC on Jan. 19, two days after a 30-point outburst versus **Loyola University Chicago**. Jackson added a spark to the Viking program following his transfer from St. John's University, providing 14.1 points, 4.9 rebounds and 5.13 assists per game during the regular season. He also leads the League in steals (2.68 per game). Schachtner averages 15.8 points per game and has reached the 20-point mark nine times, while

( M O R E )

Paulsen's 13.5 points-per-game pace helped lead UWM to a 9-9 mark in League play despite having five players leave the team since the start of practice in October.

Joining Howard and Jackson on the All-Newcomer Team are Green Bay freshman guard **Rahmon Fletcher**, Milwaukee freshman guard **Deonte Roberts** and **Youngstown State University** freshman guard **Vytas Sulskis**. Fletcher averaged ten points and 3.21 assists per game, starting 25 of 29 contests for the Phoenix during the regular season, while Roberts led the Panthers with 2.34 assists per outing to supplement his 7.2 points-per-game scoring pace. Sulskis provided YSU with a long-range attack, leading the Penguins with 45 three-pointers this season while averaging almost 11 points per outing in League play. Jackson could become the first player to lead the League in assists and steals in the same season since Loyola's Earl Brown in 1997-98.

The five-player All-Defensive Team, selected by the League's ten head coaches, includes Green and Jackson as well as Butler senior forward **Drew Streicher**, Green Bay junior forward **Terry Evans** and UIC junior center **Scott VanderMeer**. Evans earned All-Defensive Team honors for the third consecutive year and ranks second in the League in steals (2.00 per game) and third in blocked shots (1.17 per outing). VanderMeer leads the circuit with a rate of 2.67 blocks per contest—more than twice as many as any other Horizon League player—and also tops the loop charts with 7.4 rebounds per outing. Streicher's defensive contributions outweighed his statistics (3.9 points, 2.5 rebounds per game) for the Bulldogs, with the 6-8 Streicher often guarding the opposition's top player regardless of position.

The coaches also voted for the League's two newest individual awards, with Evans tabbed as the first Horizon League Defensive Player of the Year and **Valparaiso University** senior guard **Jarryd Loyd** selected as the circuit's inaugural Sixth Man of the Year. Evans became Green Bay's all-time career blocked-shots leader and is approaching the school's Division I record for steals in a career. Loyd started only one game during the regular season but ranks fourth in the League with a rate of 4.10 assists per game. He also averages 11.6 points per contest.

The 2008 Horizon League Men's Basketball Championship begins Tuesday (Mar. 4) with first-round games at campus sites. From there, action moves to Indianapolis and historic Hinkle Fieldhouse on the Butler campus for second-round games on Friday (Mar. 7) and semifinals on Saturday (Mar. 8), with Saturday's doubleheader slated for a national audience via ESPNU. The higher-remaining seed after Saturday earns the right to host the championship game next Tuesday (Mar. 11). The Horizon League's automatic entry into the NCAA Tournament is on the line in that (9 p.m. Eastern time) contest, which airs live on ESPN.

### 2007-08 Horizon League All-League Men's Basketball Teams (listed alphabetically by school)

#### All-League First-Team

Player	School	Ht.	Yr.	Pos.	Hometown	PPG	RPG	APG	Other stats
A.J. Graves-#	Butler	6-1	Sr.	G	Switz City, Ind.	13.5	3.0	2.13	83 3-pt. FG
Mike Green-&	Butler	6-1	Sr.	G	Philadelphia, Pa.	14.5	6.4	5.13	1.83 A/TO ratio
J'Nathan Bullock	Cleveland State	6-5	Jr.	F	Flint, Mich.	14.6	6.5	1.13	.462 FG%
Josh Mayo	UIC	5-11	Jr.	G	Merrillville, Ind.	17.6	2.6	3.40	.486 3FG%
Vaughn Duggins	Wright State	6-3	So.	G	Pendleton, Ind.	13.9	3.0	2.79	54 3-pt. FG

#### All-League Second-Team

Matt Howard	Butler	6-8	Fr.	F	Connersville, Ind.	12.6	5.6	0.87	.606 FG%
Cedric Jackson	Cleveland State	6-2	Jr.	G	Columbus, N.J.	14.1	4.9	5.13	123-179 FT
Jon Goode	Detroit	5-10	Sr.	G	Flint, Mich.	19.3	2.9	2.69	15 20-pt. gms.
Mike Schachtner-&	Green Bay	6-9	Jr.	F	Somerset, Wis.	15.8	4.3	0.66	.468 3FG%
Paige Paulsen	Milwaukee	6-7	Sr.	F	Custer, S.D.	13.5	6.4	1.41	73 3-pt. FG

#### All-Newcomer Team

Matt Howard	Butler	6-8	Fr.	F	Connersville, Ind.	12.6	5.6	0.87	1.17 bpg.
Cedric Jackson	Cleveland State	6-2	Jr.	G	Columbus, N.J.	14.1	4.9	5.13	2.68 spg.
Rahmon Fletcher	Green Bay	5-10	Fr.	G	Kansas City, Mo.	10.0	2.5	3.21	.458 3FG%
Deonte Roberts	Milwaukee	6-3	Fr.	G	St. Paul, Minn.	7.2	3.2	2.34	0.72 spg.
Vytas Sulskis	Youngstown State	6-7	Fr.	G	Vilnius, Luthuania	9.1	4.3	1.97	45 3-pt. FG

#### All-Defensive Team

Mike Green	Butler	6-1	Sr.	G	Philadelphia, Pa.	14.5	6.4	5.13	1.37 spg.
Drew Streicher	Butler	6-8	Sr.	F	Washington, Ind.	3.9	2.5	1.40	0.43 bpg.
Cedric Jackson	Cleveland State	6-2	Jr.	G	Columbus, N.J.	14.1	4.9	5.13	2.68 spg.
Terry Evans	Green Bay	6-5	Jr.	F	St. Louis, Mo.	9.7	6.7	2.45	2.00 spg.
Scott VanderMeer	UIC	7-0	Jr.	C	Dyer, Ind.	9.5	7.4	1.20	2.67 bpg.

#### Previous All-League Honors:

# - First-Team All-League in 2006-07

& - Second-Team All-League in 2006-07

**Player of the Year:** Mike Green, Butler

**Newcomer of the Year:** Matt Howard, Butler

**Co-Coaches of the Year:** Gary Waters, Cleveland State; Brad Brownell, Wright State

**Defensive Player of the Year:** Terry Evans, Green Bay

**Sixth Man of the Year:** Jarryd Loyd, Valparaiso

**Note:** All-League and All-Newcomer awards are voted upon by Horizon League head coaches and sports information directors plus selected media; The All-Defensive Team, Defensive Player of the Year and Sixth Man of the Year are selected by head coaches only.

**Horizon League Men's Basketball Individual Award Winners Through the Years**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Player of the Year</b>	<b>Coach of the Year</b>	<b>Newcomer of the Year</b>
1979-80	Calvin Garrett, Oral Roberts	Ken Hayes, Oral Roberts	first awarded in 1980-81
1980-81	Darius Clemons, Loyola Rubin Jackson, Oklahoma City	Bob Staak, Xavier	Jeff Jenkins, Xavier
1981-82	Wayne Sappleton, Loyola	Dick Walters, Evansville	Mark Acres, Oral Roberts
1982-83	Mark Acres, Oral Roberts Alfredrick Hughes, Loyola	Gene Sullivan, Loyola	John Worth, Evansville
1983-84	Alfredrick Hughes, Loyola	Dick Acres, Oral Roberts Joe Sexson, Butler	Carl Golston, Loyola
1984-85	Alfredrick Hughes, Loyola	Gene Sullivan, Loyola	Byron Larkin, Xavier
1985-86	Byron Larkin, Xavier	Pete Gillen, Xavier Don Sicko, Detroit	Monroe Douglass, Saint Louis Bernard Jackson, Loyola
1986-87	Andre Moore, Loyola	Jim Crews, Evansville	Marty Simmons, Evansville
1987-88	Byron Larkin, Xavier	Pete Gillen, Xavier	Kenny Miller, Loyola
1988-89	Scott Haffner, Evansville	Jim Crews, Evansville	Keith Gailles, Loyola
1989-90	Tyrone Hill, Xavier	Pete Gillen, Xavier	Jamie Gladden, Xavier
1990-91	Darin Archbold, Butler	Barry Collier, Butler	Chip Jones, Dayton
1991-92	Parrish Casebier, Evansville	Jim Crews, Evansville	Chip Hare, Dayton
1992-93	Brian Grant, Xavier	Pete Gillen, Xavier	Tony Tolbert, Detroit
1993-94	Brian Grant, Xavier	Pete Gillen, Xavier	Jeff Massey, Xavier
1994-95	Sherell Ford, UIC	Skip Prosser, Xavier	Vitaly Potapenko, Wright State
1995-96	Jeff Nordgaard, Green Bay	Mike Heideman, Green Bay	T.J. Lux, Northern Illinois
1996-97	Jon Neuhouser, Butler	Barry Collier, Butler Jimmy Collins, UIC	Derrick Hayes, Detroit
1997-98	Mark Miller, UIC	Perry Watson, Detroit	Rashad Phillips, Detroit
1998-99	Jermaine Jackson, Detroit	Barry Collier, Butler	Kevin Melson, Wright State
99-2000	Rashad Phillips, Detroit	Barry Collier, Butler	Damon Stringer, Cleveland State
2000-01	Rashad Phillips, Detroit	Thad Matta, Butler	Jesse Deister, Wright State
2001-02	Ryan Hainje, Butler	Bruce Pearl, Milwaukee	Cain Doliboa, Wright State
2002-03	Willie Green, Detroit	Bruce Pearl, Milwaukee	Paul McMillan, Loyola
2003-04	Dylan Page, Milwaukee	Paul Biancardi, Wright State	Ed McCants, Milwaukee
2004-05	Ed McCants, Milwaukee	Bruce Pearl, Milwaukee	Brandon Cotton, Detroit
2005-06	Brandon Polk, Butler	Todd Licklitter, Butler	Othys Jeffers, UIC
2006-07	DaShaun Wood, Wright State	Todd Licklitter, Butler	Mike Green, Butler
<b>2007-08</b>	<b>Mike Green, Butler</b>	<b>Gary Waters, Cleveland State</b> <b>Brad Brownell, Wright State</b>	<b>Matt Howard, Butler</b>

Note: 2007-08 is the first year for the Defensive Player of the Year and Sixth Man of the Year awards.