2012
ISAIAH WILKERSON—Tulsa 66ers—NBA D—League

Isaiah Wilkerson, who capped his NJIT career with recognition as 2011-12 Great West Conference Player of the Year and Associated Press All-America (honorable mention; first Highlander named a Division I All-America), has played two seasons as a member of the D-League Tulsa 66ers, who are an affiliate team of the NBA championship contending Oklahoma City Thunder.

Wilkerson, a native of Staten Island, NY, was selected by the Tulsa 66ers in the 2012 NBDL Draft, becoming the first Highlander in the program history to be drafted in the NBA Development League.

Wilkerson was one of 37 D-League prospects invited to the 2014 NBA D-League Elite Mini in Chicago on May 13-14, which is a comprehensive showcase attended by NBA team front office and scouting personnel.

Wilkerson finished his NJIT career with 1,577 points (second); 616 rebounds (first); 135 steals (second); and 199 assists (fourth) in NJIT’s Division I era. He ranks fifth all-time (all eras for NJIT) in career free throws made (343 -452) and eighth in scoring (1,577 points).

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CHRIS FLORES—Uni-Riesen Leipzig, Germany’s Bundesliga Pro-B

Chris Flores, who graduated from NJIT in May 2013 after starring four years for the Highlanders in men’s basketball, is carrying his success on the court forward as a professional player in Germany, where he is starring for Uni-Riesen Leipzig of the “second ProB league”.

The early pro success follows a Highlanders career in which Flores scored 1,724 points, the highest in NJIT’s Division I era (since 2006-07) and fifth-highest in program history. He was also the program DI standard-setter in games (122; also 1st overall); assists (330; 7th overall); and steals (212; 3rd overall). In addition, he was the career scoring leader among all players and schools in the Great West Conference.

His senior year (2012-13) capped his career, as he produced his best season, helping key NJIT’s most successful DI season (16 wins overall and the regular season championship of the Great West).

Flores, who averaged 16.9 points and 2.4 steals per game as a senior, was named Great West Conference Player of the Year in official voting by the coaches and sports information directors after leading the Highlanders to their first-place finish. He was also consensus Player of the Year among media outlets that named their own all-conference teams.

Beyond that, he was named honorable mention on the Associated Press All-America team, as well as being voted onto the National Association of Basketball Coaches Division I All-District team for District 13 (the first Highlander voted all-district by the NABC since NJIT began Division I competition). He was also named third-team All-Met (NY, NJ, CT) by the Met Basketball Writers Association.