



NBA ANNOUNCES EARLY ENTRY CANDIDATES FOR NBA DRAFT 2003

PARIS, May 16 – The National Basketball Association announced today that 42 college and high school players and 31 international players have filed as early entry candidates for NBA Draft 2003.

Underclassmen and international players wishing to renounce their remaining intercollegiate eligibility and enter NBA Draft 2003 were required to submit a letter to the NBA postmarked no later than Monday, May 12. Players who have applied for early entry have the right to withdraw their names from consideration for the Draft by notifying the NBA of their decision in writing no later than Thursday, June 19.

Attached is the list of college and high school players who have applied for early entry into NBA Draft 2003, which will be held Thursday, June 26, at The Theatre at Madison Square Garden in New York City:

<u>Player</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Height</u>	<u>Status</u>
Chris Alexander	Iowa State	7-1	Junior
Carmelo Anthony	Syracuse	6-7	Freshman
Mario Austin	Mississippi State	6-9	Junior
Ronald Blackshear	Marshall	6-5	Junior
Chris Bosh	Georgia Tech	6-10	Freshman
Lamar Castile	CC of Beaver County (PA)	6-2	Sophomore
Ndudi Ebi	Westbury Christian HS (Texas)	6-9	HS Senior
Rod Edwards	Ouachita Baptist (Arkansas)	6-1	Junior
Andre Emmett	Texas Tech	6-5	Junior
Carl English	Hawaii	6-5	Junior
T.J. Ford	Texas	5-10	Sophomore
Zac Fray	Santa Ana College (CA)	6-6	Sophomore
Jonathan Hargett	West Virginia	5-11	Freshman
David Hamilton	Salem International	6-9	Junior
Jarvis Hayes	Georgia	6-7	Junior
Sani Ibrahim	College of Southern Idaho	6-10	Freshman
Maurice Jackson	Texas-Permian Basin	6-9	Junior

LeBron James	St. Vincent-St. Mary (Ohio)	6-8	HS Senior
Richard Jeter	Atlanta Metropolitan College	6-6	Sophomore
Chris Kaman	Central Michigan	7-0	Junior
James Lang	Central Park Christian (Alabama)	6-10	HS Senior
Antonio Lawrence	San Jose State	6-4	Freshman
Erazem Lorbek	Michigan State	6-10	Freshman
Ricky Minard	Morehead State	6-4	Junior
Marcus Moore	Washington State	6-6	Junior
Simeon Naydenov	Louisville	6-6	Junior
Jameer Nelson	St. Joseph's	6-0	Junior
Travis Outlaw	Starkville HS (Mississippi)	6-9	HS Senior
Jason Parker	Tulsa	6-2	Junior
Kendrick Perkins	Clifton J. Ozen HS (Texas)	6-10	HS Senior
Brian Polk	Temple	6-4	Junior
Josh Powell	North Carolina State	6-9	Sophomore
Rick Rickert	Minnesota	6-11	Sophomore
Luke Ridnour	Oregon	6-2	Junior
Robert Smith	North Carolina Wesleyan	6-7	Junior
Mike Sweetney	Georgetown	6-8	Junior
Chris Thomas	Notre Dame	6-1	Sophomore
Charlie Villanueva	Blair Academy (NJ)	6-10	HS Senior
Dwyane Wade	Marquette	6-4	Junior
Maurice Williams	Alabama	6-1	Sophomore
Doug Wrenn	Washington	6-6	Junior
Nick Zachery	Arkansas-Little Rock	6-3	Junior

The following is the list of international players who have applied for early entry into NBA Draft 2003:

<u>Player</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Height</u>	<u>Status</u>
Mauricio Aguiar	Cordon (Uruguay)	6-6	1983 DOB
Pero Antic	AEK (Greece)	6-10	1982 DOB
Malick Badiane	Langen (Germany)	6-10	1984 DOB
Leandro Barbosa	Bauru Tilibra (Brazil)	6-3	1982 DOB
David Brkic	Virtus Bologna (Italy)	6-11	1982 DOB
Carlos Delfino	Skipper Bologna (Italy)	6-6	1982 DOB
Boris Diaw-Riffiod	Pau Orthez (France)	6-7	1982 DOB
Aleksandar Djuric	Kapfenberg (Austria)	6-11	1982 DOB
Viktor Khryapa	CSKA Moscow (Russia)	6-9	1982 DOB
Maciej Lampe	Universidad Complutense (Spain)	6-11	1985 DOB
Kresimir Loncar	Benetton Treviso (Italy)	6-10	1983 DOB
Darko Milicic	Hemofarm Vrsac (Serbia/Monten.)	7-0	1985 DOB
Misan Nikagbatse	Snaidero Udine (Italy)	6-5	1982 DOB
Zaur Pachulia	Ulker (Turkey)	6-11	1984 DOB
Aleksandar Pavlovic	Buducnost (Serbia/Montenegro)	6-7	1983 DOB
Mickael Pietrus	Pau Orthez (France)	6-6	1982 DOB
Zoran Planinic	Cibona Zagreb (Croatia)	6-7	1982 DOB
Pavel Podkolzine	Varese (Italy)	7-4	1985 DOB
Alassane Savadogo	Kadiogo Bulls (Burkina Faso)	6-10	1982 DOB
Sofoklis Schortsanitis	Iraklis (Greece)	6-9	1985 DOB
Blagota Sekulic	Partizan (Serbia/Montenegro)	6-9	1982 DOB

Nedžad Sinanović	Zenica Čelik (Bosnia-Herzegovina)	7-1	1983 DOB
Luka Šjekloca	Budućnost (Serbia/Montenegro)	6-11	1984 DOB
Jon Stefánsson	TBB Trier (Germany)	6-4	1982 DOB
Szymon Szewczyk	Braunschweig (Germany)	6-10	1982 DOB
Christos Tapoutos	AEK (Greece)	6-7	1982 DOB
Remon Van de Hare	F.C. Barcelona (Spain)	7-2	1982 DOB
Anderson Varejão	F.C. Barcelona (Spain)	6-10	1982 DOB
Slavko Vraneš	Budućnost (Serbia/Montenegro)	7-4	1983 DOB
Aleksander Vujačić	Snajdero Udine (Italy)	6-6	1984 DOB
Xue Yuyang	Hong Kong Flying Dragons (China)	7-0	1982 DOB