

Hotshots finalize 2008 roster, hire head coach

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The Central Oregon Hotshots have announced the addition of three final players to the 2008 roster. Jeff Dunn, Bryan Zamore, and Dustin Hummel have joined the team, finalizing this season's line-up. Dunn is the fourth member of the 2008 Hotshots squad to have earned IBL All-Star honors, joining Arthur Lewis, Chucky Frierson and Jamal Walker.

Dunn, 25, played at Linfield and Corban College before joining the Salem Stampede (IBL) in 2006. Dunn averaged 24.8 points per game for the Stampede in 2006, and 19.0 points per game last year, finishing as an IBL All-Star in both seasons. Hotshots Owner Mikal Duilio describes Dunn as "one of the best pure shooters in minor league basketball."

Zamore, 29, played collegiately at Florida A&M. Zamore played for the Vancouver Volcanoes last season, averaging 10.2 points and 8.2 rebounds per game.

Hummel, 26, was Dunn's teammate on the Stampede the past two seasons, and is a solid defender with a great motor. Duilio "is adding Bryan Zamore and Dustin Hummel solidifies our commitment to defense as both players are known for their athleticism, rebounding and defense."

The Hotshots have also announced that Joe Becerra will be the team's head coach. Becerra is a proven winner in the IBL, having led the Salem Stampede to an 18-4 mark last season. Becerra has also worked as an assistant coach and Chemeketa CC, Mount Hood CC, and Columbia Basin CC. During a 3-year stretch at Chemeketa, Becerra helped current head coach Marty Branch lead the women's team to a record of 150 wins to only 12 losses. During another 1 year at Chemeketa, the team placed all 10 players on that year's roster to Division 1 schools. Duilio "Joe is an experienced and successful minor league coach; Joe communicates well and will be a great fit for the championship caliber players we have assembled."

The Hotshots' home opener is on Friday, April 25 against a team from China--the Shanxi Kylins. For information on Hotshots season or single-game tickets, contact the team at (541) 848-8562 or visit the Hotshots team web page.

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