

Stephenson Taken in the Second Round of the NBA Draft

Indiana Pacers select Lance Stephenson with the 40th overall pick of the 2010 NBA Draft

NEW YORK — Cincinnati guard and 2010 BIG EAST Rookie of the Year **Lance Stephenson (Brooklyn, N.Y./Lincoln)** was taken in the second round of the 2010 National Basketball Association Draft Thursday at Madison Square Garden in New York.

The Indiana Pacers selected Stephenson with the 10th pick in the second round — 40th overall. He is the first Bearcat to be taken in the NBA Draft since **James White** was taken by Portland in the second round in 2006. Since 1950, 56 Cincinnati basketball players have been drafted by NBA teams, including 10 first-round selections.

"I know that playing in the NBA has been a lifelong goal for Lance and our entire program is excited for him and his family," said fifth-year UC head coach **Mick Cronin**. "I thank Lance for his efforts at Cincinnati and want him to know how much we appreciate his loyalty to us. I personally look forward to watching Lance grow and develop as a professional and as a man."

Stephenson was the sixth BIG EAST Conference player taken in the 2010 NBA Draft. He joins veterans **Jason Maxiell** (Detroit) and **Kenyon Martin** (Denver) as former Bearcats active in the NBA.

In March, Stephenson was named the BIG EAST Rookie of the Year, becoming the first UC men's basketball player to earn the distinction since the Bearcats joined the BIG EAST Conference in 2005-06. He joined **DerMarr Johnson** (1999-00 - Conference USA), **Danny Fortson** (1994-95 - Great Midwest Conference), and **Dontonio Wingfield** (1993-94 - Great Midwest Conference) as the only players in program history to earn freshman/rookie/newcomer of the year honors.

Stephenson led all BIG EAST freshmen in scoring in overall games (12.3 ppg) and conference-only games (12.1 ppg). He also finished in the Top 5 overall among league freshmen in rebounds (5.4 rpg/4th), steals (1.0 spg/5th), and assists (2.4 apg/4th).

Four times this season, the 6-foot-5 guard from Brooklyn, N.Y., was named BIG EAST Rookie of the Week, the most by any incoming player. Stephenson won the weekly award the last two weeks of the regular season after averaging 16.8 points and 8.3 rebounds per game over UC's last four contests. He also added 11 assists and five steals during the stretch.

Stephenson committed to the Bearcats last summer after a highly-decorated prep career at Lincoln High School, where he averaged 28.9 points, 10.2 rebounds, and 3.9 assists to earn Class AA New York State Sports Writers Association (NYSSWA) Player of the Year honors his senior year. He graduated high school as the all-time leading scorer in the history of the state of New York with 2,946 points, passing fellow Lincoln High grad Sebastian Telfair, who was the 13th overall pick in the 2004 NBA Draft and now plays for the Cleveland Cavaliers.

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BEARCATS IN THE NBA DRAFT

Year	Player	Round	Team Draft No.
1950	Dick Dallmer	n/a	Philadelphia Warriorsn/a
	Jack Laub	n/a	Baltimore Bulletsn/a
1951	Joe Luchi	n/a	New York Knicksn/a
1952	Jim Holstein	n/a	Minneapolis Lakersn/a
1955	Jack Twyman	n/a	Rochester Royalsn/a
1956	Dave Plunkett	n/a	St. Louis Hawksn/a
	Phil Wheeler	n/a	Philadelphia Warriorsn/a
1957	Frank Nimmo	5th	Syracuse Nationals 39
1958	Connie Dierking	1st	Syracuse Nationals6
	Wayne Stevens	7th	Cincinnati Royals..... 49
1959	Mike Mendenhall	3rd	Cincinnati Royals..... 15
1960	Oscar Robertson	1st	Cincinnati Royals.....1
	Ralph Davis	3rd	Cincinnati Royals..... 17
	Larry Willey	19th	Cincinnati Royals..... 94
1961	Bob Wiesenbahn	2nd	Cincinnati Royals..... 11
	Carl Bouldin	14th	Cincinnati Royals.....106
1962	Paul Hogue	1st	New York Knicks2
1963	Tom Thacker	**	Cincinnati Royals..... —
	Tony Yates	5th	St. Louis Hawks 41
1964	Ron Bonham	2nd	Boston Celtics..... 16
	George Wilson	**	Cincinnati Royals..... —
1965	Ron Krick	9th	Cincinnati Royals..... 71
1966	Roland West	8th	Baltimore Bullets 73
	Ron Krick	8th	Cincinnati Royals..... 74
1967	Ken Callaway	11th	Cincinnati Royals.....118
	Roland West	20th	Baltimore Bullets162
1968	John Howard	17th	Cincinnati Royals.....201
1969	Rick Roberson	1st	Los Angeles Lakers 15
	Gordon Smith	9th	Boston Celtics.....122
1970	Jim Ard	1st	Seattle SuperSonics6
	Don Ogletree	12th	Detroit Pistons185
1973	Derrek Dickey	2nd	Golden State Warriors 29
	Lionel Harris	15th	Philadelphia 76ers194
1974	Lloyd Batts	4th	K.C.-Omaha Kings 60
1975	Mike Franklin	7th	Buffalo Braves.....124
1977	Gary Yoder	3rd	Milwaukee Bucks 47
1978	Pat Cummings	3rd	Milwaukee Bucks 59
	Robert Miller	4th	Phoenix Suns..... 85
1980	Eddie Lee	3rd	Denver Nuggets 48
1981	David Kennedy	8th	Dallas Mavericks.....162
1982	Bobby Austin	7th	Milwaukee Bucks158
1983	Dwight Jones	4th	Cleveland Cavaliers 73
1993	Corie Blount	1st	Chicago Bulls 25
	Nick Van Exel	2nd	Los Angeles Lakers 37
1994	Dontonio Wingfield	2nd	Seattle SuperSonics 37
1997	Danny Fortson	1st	Milwaukee Bucks 10
1998	Ruben Patterson	2nd	Los Angeles Lakers 31
1999	Melvin Levett	2nd	Detroit Pistons 54
2000	Kenyon Martin	1st	New Jersey Nets1
	DerMarr Johnson	1st	Atlanta Hawks6
	Pete Mickeal	2nd	Dallas Mavericks..... 58
2001	Kenny Satterfield	2nd	Dallas Mavericks..... 54
2002	Steve Logan	2nd	Golden State Warriors 30
2005	Jason Maxiell	1st	Detroit Pistons 26
2006	James White	2nd	Portland Trail Blazers 31
2010	Lance Stephenson	2nd	Indiana Pacers..... 40

** Territorial Choices

Only two rounds of the NBA draft since 1985.

BEARCATS DRAFT QUICK FACTS

- 10 Bearcats have been taken in the first round of the NBA Draft. The first was Connie Dierking in 1958 when he was taken No. 6 by the Syracuse Nationals.
- Oscar Robertson (1960) and Kenyon Martin (2000) are the only Bearcats taken with the No. 1 overall selection in the NBA Draft.
- When Kenyon Martin was taken No. 1 overall in 2000 and his teammate DerMarr Johnson went No. 6, it marked the highest that two college teammates had been selected since the beginning of the NBA Draft Lottery.
- A total of 14 Bearcats have been selected in the NBA Draft over the 25 years since the league went to the two-round format.



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LANCE STEPHENSON

6-5 • 210

Hometown: Brooklyn, N.Y.

High School/Previous: Abraham Lincoln

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Highs

Season	Career
23, at Georgetown, 3/6/10	Points
2, four times (last vs. Weber State, 3/17/10)	3-Pointers Made
11, vs. Texas Southern, 12/1/09	Rebounds
7, vs. Texas Southern, 12/1/09	Assists
3, four times (last vs. Villanova, 3/2/10)	Steals
1, six times (last at Notre Dame, 2/4/10)	Blocked Shots
42, at Xavier, 12/13/09	Minutes

2009-10 Season:

BIG EAST Conference Rookie of the Year ... ranked 28th in the BIG EAST in scoring (12.3 ppg) in overall games and was the top freshman scorer in the league ... finished campaign with 13 points and six rebounds vs. Dayton in the second round of the NIT (3/22) ... added 14 points in first-round NIT game vs. Weber State (3/17) ... notched seventh consecutive double-figure scoring effort with a game-high 19 points in the quarterfinals of the BIG EAST Championship against No. 7/6 West Virginia (3/11) ... poured in 13 points, including the game-winning free throw with less than two seconds to play, and grabbed nine rebounds in the first round of the conference tournament against Rutgers (3/9) ... scored a season-best 23 points and made a season-high 11 field goals in 17 attempts at No. 19/20 Georgetown (3/6) ... registered third consecutive double-figure scoring performance against No. 9/9 Villanova with 12 points (3/2) ... named BIG EAST Freshman of the Week for a third time on March 1 after averaging almost a double-double against DePaul (2/24) and West Virginia (2/27) ... registered first career double-double with 18 points and 10 rebounds, which included a season-best five offensive rebounds, in win over DePaul (2/24) ... posted a team-high 14 points in win at UConn (2/13) ... scored 10 points and added a team-high eight rebounds against Syracuse (2/7) ... added 12 points and nine boards off the bench in win over Providence (1/30) ... scored 12 points and grabbed six rebounds at Louisville (1/24) ... poured in 15 points at Seton Hall (1/9) ... scored 13 of 15 points in the first half to No. 23 Pittsburgh (1/4) ... led UC to a win over No. 10 Connecticut (12/30) with 21 points in BIG EAST debut, including the go-ahead free throws with 0.7 seconds to play ... scored a team-best 19 points and dished out five assists in win over Lipscomb (12/19) ... collected a team-high 22 points, the first 20-point performance of his career, on nine made field goals in Crosstown Shootout against Xavier (12/13) ... poured in a game-high 17 points and tacked on eight rebounds, three assists, and three steals against Miami (OH) (12/10) ... put together a terrific all-around performance with seven points, a career-high seven assists, and a career-high 11 rebounds against Texas Southern (12/1) ... scored a team-high 15 points in EA Sports Maui Invitational Championship against Gonzaga (11/25) ... fell just shy of first double-double with 11 points and eight boards against Maryland (11/24) ... scored 16 points on 6-of-13 shooting in win over Toledo (11/18) ... scored seven points, grabbed four boards and dished out two assists in collegiate debut against Prairie View A&M (11/16) ... named BIG EAST Freshman of the Week on Nov. 23 and Dec. 14.

Prior to Cincinnati:

2009 McDonald's High School All-American ... averaged 28.9 points, 10.2 rebounds, and 3.9

2009-10 Game-by-Game Statistics

Opponent	Date	GS	Min	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	O-D-T	A	TO	BLK	Stl	Pts.
PRAIRIE VIEW	11/16	*	22	2-10	.200	0-3	.000	3-5	.600	2-2-4	2	1	0	0	7
TOLEDO	11/18	*	28	6-13	.462	2-4	.500	2-2	1.000	2-1-3	2	3	0	0	16
vs. Vanderbilt	11/23	*	32	4-10	.400	0-4	.000	0-0	.000	2-3-5	0	2	0	3	8
vs. Maryland	11/24	*	29	5-9	.556	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	2-6-8	4	3	1	2	11
vs. Gonzaga	11/25	*	34	7-14	.500	0-4	.000	1-2	.500	0-2-2	1	1	0	0	15
TEXAS SOUTHERN	12/1	*	27	3-9	.333	0-2	.000	1-3	.333	2-9-11	7	4	1	0	7
MIAMI (OH)	12/10	*	26	6-11	.545	0-1	.000	5-6	.833	3-5-8	3	2	0	3	17
at Xavier	12/13	*	42	9-19	.474	2-4	.500	2-4	.500	4-2-6	1	1	1	0	22
at UAB	12/16	*	24	4-8	.500	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-1-1	2	3	0	1	8
LIPSCOMB	12/19	*	30	7-11	.636	1-3	.333	4-4	1.000	0-3-3	5	0	1	1	19
WINTHROP	12/22	*	28	4-7	.571	0-1	.000	0-4	.000	1-3-4	5	3	0	1	8
CONNECTICUT	12/30	*	32	7-18	.389	0-1	.000	7-7	1.000	1-3-4	3	1	0	0	21
at Rutgers	1/2	*	28	4-11	.364	0-3	.000	2-3	.667	3-3-6	2	2	0	3	10
PITTSBURGH	1/4	*	32	7-15	.467	0-2	.000	1-1	1.000	0-1-1	4	1	0	1	15
CAL STATE BAKERSFIELD	1/6	*	17	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-6-6	3	5	0	1	4
at Seton Hall	1/9	*	33	6-11	.545	0-3	.000	3-4	.750	2-2-4	0	6	0	0	15
at St. John's	1/13	*	36	3-9	.333	0-2	.000	1-3	.333	2-3-5	3	6	1	1	7
NOTRE DAME	1/16	*	25	3-9	.333	0-1	.000	3-5	.600	2-3-5	2	3	0	1	9
USF	1/20									Did Not Play					
at Louisville	1/24	*	30	5-7	.714	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	3-3-6	3	2	0	0	12
PROVIDENCE	1/30		22	4-8	.500	1-3	.333	3-6	.500	2-7-9	2	3	0	1	12
at Notre Dame	2/4		21	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	4-4	1.000	1-5-6	1	0	1	0	8
SYRACUSE	2/7	*	34	3-7	.429	1-3	.333	3-3	1.000	1-7-8	2	3	0	2	10
at Connecticut	2/13	*	27	5-10	.500	1-4	.250	3-4	.750	2-3-5	1	4	0	1	14
at USF	2/16	*	20	1-5	.200	0-2	.000	2-4	.500	0-0-0	0	4	0	1	4
MARQUETTE	2/21	*	11	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-1-1	0	1	0	0	2
DEPAUL	2/24	*	31	7-12	.583	0-1	.000	4-8	.500	5-5-10	4	2	0	1	18
at West Virginia	2/27	*	33	4-16	.250	1-4	.250	5-7	.714	3-6-9	3	0	0	1	14
VILLANOVA	3/2	*	30	4-11	.364	0-1	.000	4-8	.500	4-3-7	3	2	0	3	12
at Georgetown	3/6	*	36	11-17	.647	1-1	1.000	0-1	.000	4-3-7	1	5	0	0	23
vs. Rutgers	3/9	*	30	5-15	.333	0-1	.000	3-4	.750	4-5-9	5	0	0	1	13
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vs. West Virginia	3/11	*	30	7-18	.389	1-3	.333	4-6	.667	3-4-7	1	1	0	1	19
WEBER STATE	3/17	*	23	5-13	.385	2-4	.500	2-2	1.000	2-0-2	2	1	0	1	14
DAYTON	3/22	*	28	5-11	.455	0-1	.000	3-3	1.000	0-6-6	4	3	0	0	13
Totals			32	960	162-368	.440	16-73	.219	79-119	.664	63-119-182	84	81	6	31 419

assists at Abraham Lincoln High School in Brooklyn, N.Y., to earn Class AA New York State Sports Writers Association (NYSSWA) Player of the Year honors his senior year ... a three-time NYSSWA first-team selection ... graduated high school as the all-time leading scorer in the history of the state of New York with 2,946 points, passing fellow Lincoln High grad Sebastian Telfair, who was the 13th overall pick in the 2004 NBA Draft and now plays for the Minnesota Timberwolves ... led Lincoln to an overall record of 22-11 and an unprecedented fourth consecutive Public School Athletic League (PSAL) Class AA championship ... scored 24 points and grabbed 10 rebounds in a 78-56 victory over John F. Kennedy in the league championship game ... led the Railsplitters to state semifinals appearances his final three seasons, including Federation Tournament championships in 2007 and 2008.

Personal:

Full name is Lance Stephenson, Jr. ... born Sept. 5, 1990 ... son of Lance, Sr. and Bernadette Stephenson ... has one brother ... majoring in exploratory studies.

Career Statistics

Season	GP-GS	MIN	FG	FGA	PCT.	3P	3PA	PCT.	FT	FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	REB	AVG	PF-D	A	TO	BL	ST	PTS	AVG
2009-10	34-32	960	162	368	.440	16	73	.219	79	119	.664	63	119	182	5.4	66-1	84	81	6	31	419	12.3