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IOWA BASKETBALL AWARDS ANNOUNCED

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IOWA CITY, IA -- Juniors Jeff Horner and Greg Brunner, the latest two additions to Iowa's 1,000-Point Club, have been named Iowa's Most Valuable Players for the 2004-05 basketball season. The announcement came at the squad's annual awards banquet Friday evening.

Brunner, a native of Charles City, led the Hawkeyes in both scoring (14.7) and rebounding (8.3), while shooting 51.2% from the field. His career totals include 1,035 points and 676 rebounds. He also is tied for ninth with 84 career blocked shots.

Brunner earned second team all-Big Ten recognition after ranking second in the league in rebounding for the second straight season. He scored in double figures in 28 games and had eight or more rebounds in 21 games while recording 11 double-doubles.

Horner, from Mason City, averaged 14 points, 5.5 assists and 4.5 rebounds per game. He has scored 1,095 career points and is the only player in Iowa history to collect over 1,000 points, 400 rebounds and 400 assists. He has led the Hawkeyes in assists for three straight seasons. Horner was honorable mention all-Big Ten, was a member of the Maui Invitational all-tournament team and was twice named Big Ten Player of the Week.

Sophomore Adam Haluska received the Chris Street Award, which is presented annually to a Hawkeye player, or players, who best exemplify the spirit, enthusiasm and intensity of Chris Street. Haluska, a native of Carroll, started all 33 games. He averaged 14.2 points and four rebounds per contest while earning honorable mention all-Big Ten recognition. Haluska led the team in free throw percentage (80.8%) and shot 47.8% from the field while scoring in double figures in 28 games.

Haluska also earned the Highest GPA Award. A finance major with a 3.46 GPA, he was honored during the season by earning a spot on the CoSIDA District VII academic all-America team. Both Haluska and Brunner earned academic all-Big Ten honors, with Brunner earning the honor for the second straight year.

Brunner and junior Justin Wieck shared the Most Dedicated Student Award. Brunner earned the honor for the second straight year. Wieck, who prepped at West HS in Iowa City, joined the Iowa program this season after playing two seasons at Kirkwood Community College.

Four players earned recognition for their play during the season. Haluska led the team in free throw percentage (80.8%), while Doug Thomas led the squad by shooting 52.9% from the field. Thomas, in his first season with the Hawkeyes, averaged 4.6 points and 4.8 rebounds per game.

Horner was recognized for leading the team in assists (180), three-point field goal percentage (40.8%) and loose balls (42). Horner has totaled over 200 points, 100 rebounds and 100 assists in each of his three seasons, becoming the only Hawkeye ever to surpass those numbers in three seasons.

Along with leading the team in rebounds (275) for the second straight season, Brunner also was the team leader in charges taken (20) and offensive put backs (24). He was also recognized for making five or more free throws in a team-best 10 games.

Guard Jack Brownlee and manager Steve Bauer each received senior awards from the Johnson County I-Club.

