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JEFF HORNER NAMED TO PRE-SEASON WOODEN AWARD LIST

IOWA CITY, IA - - Iowa basketball player Jeff Horner has been named one of 50 pre-season candidates for the 2006 John R. Wooden Award and all-America team. The Wooden Award also releases a mid-season Top 30 list before selecting a final national ballot.

Horner (6-3, 185) is a senior guard from Mason City. He averaged 14 points, 5.5 assists and 4.5 rebounds per game last season. 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 was one of 14 players selected to participate in the trials for the USA's World University Games team earlier this summer.

Horner has led the Hawkeyes in assists for three straight seasons. He 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 during his junior campaign.

“Being named to the pre-season Wooden list is another indication of the respect Jeff has earned during his first three seasons,” said Iowa Coach Steve Alford. “We recognize on a daily basis Jeff’s contributions, both on and off the floor. This type of recognition only certifies his standing as one of the top guards in the nation and it is well deserved.”

