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Billups Adds All-Met First Team Honor

Purchase, NY (**Apr. 19, 2011**) – The writers have spoken, adding Purchase superstar **Marvin Billups** to the 2010-11 All-Met Division III men's college basketball first team.

For the third straight season, Billups (SR/Chester, NY) has been named to the All-Met team by the local Met Basketball Writers Association. The honor was announced today.

Jonathan Jones of Kean was named 2010-11 All-Met Division III men's college basketball player of the year by the National Invitation Tournament and the Met Basketball Writers Assn.

Bob Campbell of Western Connecticut State and Chuck McBreen of Ramapo were selected co-coaches of the year.

A senior forward from Linden, NJ, Jones was eighth in the nation in Division III with 23.9 ppg and second in the NCAA with 13.7 rpg. The NJAC player of the year, he shot 53.9% from the floor and finished with 1,359 career points, sixth best in school history. An All-Met second team selection last year, Jones tore his Achilles tendon in the NJAC tournament semifinals.

Meanwhile, Billups led Purchase to back-to-back Skyline Conference championships and NCAA DIII Tournament berths, winning numerous honors along the way, including consecutive Skyline Conference Player of the Year awards, an All-American nod and a start in DIII All-Star Game in Virginia, with the All-Met distinction being his latest award – and perhaps his last as a collegian.

The All-Met first and second team players, and coaches of the year, will be honored on Tuesday evening, Apr. 26, at the 78th NIT/MBWA college awards dinner at the Westchester Marriott in Tarrytown, NY.

All Met First Team: Jonathan Jones, Kean, 6-5, sr, F, Linden, NJ.; **Marvin Billups, Purchase, 6-5, sr, F, Chester, NY.;** Marcel Esonwune, York, 6-6, sr, F-C, Lagos, Nigeria; DaQuan Brooks, Western Connecticut, 5-10, jr, G, Atlanta; Pedro Burgos, Rutgers-Newark; 5-11, jr, G, Fort Lee, NJ.; Lester Prosper, Old Westbury, 6-10, sr, C, Bellmore, NY.; Ahmad Hassan, Ramapo, 6-0, jr, G, Edgewater, NJ.

-Bobby Ciafardini, SID

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