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## **EASTERLING OF CHARGERS TOP PLAYER AT USBA INTERNATIONAL EXPOSURE CAMP**

2007 Eugene Chargers forward Charles Easterling, who was one of the Chargers representatives on the International Basketball League (IBL) All-Star team, was rated #1 in productivity out of over 70 players that participated in August in the four day International Professional Exposure Camp at the U.S. Basketball Academy in Blue River, OR. The 70 players participating were selected from over 500 applicants. Most of the participating players had significant overseas experience as well as major college experience in the U.S. Players that starred at Georgetown, Florida, Ohio State, Cincinnati, Texas, Texas Tech, Oregon and Oregon State, as well as other major schools, participated at the camp.

Easterling's team, coached by Chargers Head Coach Chris Denker, went undefeated over six games and won the team championship, including winning their final two games by over 40 points. 10-12 players were on each of the six teams and playing time for each player was limited to about 20 minutes per game. Easterling averaged 12.8 points per game (#13 overall), 5.6 rebounds per game (#14 overall, #2 guard) and had 14 assists (#4), 6 steals (6th) in 19.8 minutes per game. He shot 62.5% FG (#4), 40% on 3 pointers, and shot 92.3% on free throws (#4). In the championship game, Easterling scored 23 points to go along with 10 rebounds in 21 minutes of action. He achieved a productivity rating of 98.5 on the Cyber Sports software outpacing all the other players.

Eurobasket rated Easterling as one of the top 15 players at the showcase calling him a "unique talent with deceptive quickness and great rebounding and scoring ability".

Later in August, Easterling led his Hartford, CT summer league team to the championship of the highly competitive Greater Springfield Pro-Am and was named MVP after scoring 32 points in the final game. He then led Team Boston to a second place finish in the Entertainers Basketball Classic Team America competition in Rucker Park in New York City scoring 24 points per game.

NBA star Ryan Gomes has said that "no one can guard Charles one on one". Eastern basketball guru Carl Koussa stated that Easterling "is the most talented basketball player

in the region that basketball people in the rest of the country and overseas have not heard of”.

Easterling averaged 19.8 points, 9.8 rebounds and 5.7 assists for the Chargers this past season. He had high games of 36 points, 16 rebounds and 11 assists.

**IBL games promise fast-paced entertainment.** With a 22-second shot clock, one timeout per team per quarter, and an immediate inbounds, IBL games are fast and exciting. In 2006, the IBL team scoring average was 126 points per game – usually within a two-hour time span.