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Holland Blast signs additional players

Tom Moore- General Manager of the new Holland Blast professional basketball team and Mike Ahrens Head Coach of the Holland Blast today announced that three more players have signed contracts with the IBL's expansion team based in Holland, Michigan

Twins, Carlton and Corey Epps have signed on to play with the Holland Blast for the 2006 Season. In addition Dominick Melton has also signed a contract. Carlton and Corey are both graduates of Benton Harbor High School and Ferris State University. Corey was named Defensive Player of the Year in 2005 and earned the Captain Award in 2005; he is ranked 4th at Ferris State in all-time steals and 3 point field goals made. Coach Ahrens says "Corey will be called upon to defend some of the best players in the league. He has proven his defensive skills for Coach Sall at Ferris State the last 4 years; I am excited about the potential that Corey has at this point in his career."

Carlton Epps honors include NABC All Region 1st Team. Carlton has a career record of 240 steals and a single season steal record of 95 in 2005; he also set Ferris State's record for career 3-point field goals at 240. Carlton holds a record for percentage Free Throws at 89.4% in 2005. He was team MVP in 2005 and Team Defensive MVD for 3 consecutive seasons in 2002, 2003, and 2004. Ahrens is excited to have Carlton on board, saying "he is a multi-talented player who can contribute at both ends of the floor; he has excellent shooting range and can create a running game."

Coach Ahrens also announced the signing of Dominick Melton saying "Dominick is a tremendous rebounder for his size (6'6") and will be physical in the paint for us. I am please to sign another local player (Muskegon)."

General Manger Tom Moore—"It's an excellent start to building a great team. Coach Ahrens and our Director of Basketball Operations, Tyler Whitcomb are putting together a winning team for our community."

<u>NAME</u>	<u>HT</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Note</u>
Chad Carlson	6-2	170	Hope College	Played last year w/ GR Flight
Anthony Parker	6-5	205	Saginaw Valley	SVSU – 3 rd All-time Scoring
Dominick Melton	6-6	200	Wisc. Parkside	All Conference 1 st Team
Corey Epps	6-2	185	Ferris State	All Time rank 4 th Steals & 3pts
Carlton Epps	6-2	184	Ferris State	NABC All-Region 1 st Team

Moore also announced that season tickets will go on sale beginning Friday November 25 from 10:00am to 4:00pm at the Holland Civic Center. He indicated there has been a lot of interest in season tickets and sponsorships—" We encourage everyone to get their season tickets early; there will be a policy of first-come first serve for the best seats in the house. We are offering an action-packed season of 10 games for the price of 9. For only \$90 our fans can have their reserved seats and enjoy professional basketball at the Holland Civic Center."

Season tickets will be on sale at the Holland Civic Center Saturday November 26 as well—also from 10:00am to 4:00pm. The following week—ticket sales will be at the Civic Center on Monday November 28 through Wednesday November 30 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm.

Players from the Holland Blast will be on hand to meet the fans and sign autographs.