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HIGH-OCTANE BLAST EXPLODE OUT OF THE GATE IN 2008

Holland, MI- The Holland Blast have been one of the biggest surprises in the International Basketball League in 2008. The Blast are off to a 6-0 start, behind what is, perhaps, the most impressive offense in league history. Holland is averaging an amazing 151.3 points per contest, and showing no signs of slowing down (Holland has scored an average of 159.6 points in their last three games).

Third-year Blast member Dennis Springs along with Jared Bledsoe, in his second season with Holland, have keyed the Blast's early season success. Springs and Bledsoe are the highest scoring duo in the league this season, averaging over 60 points per game. Springs is also the league leader in assists per game at 8.5. Springs, 5'9", was an IBL All-Star last season and in 2006. Bledsoe also earned All-Star honors as a member of the Blast in 2006.

Duane Bosma, a third-year Blast player and Hope College alum, is enjoying a breakout season with the Blast in 2008. Bosma is averaging a career best 20.2 points per game, and ranks 14th in the league at 7.6 rebounds per contest.

"I am really proud of what we've accomplished so far this season, but believe the best is yet to come," said Blast Head Coach Mike Ahrens. "I would like to encourage people to come out and see this team—not only are we winning, but our guys are really fun to watch."

The next game for the Holland Blast is at the DeltaPlex in Grand Rapids Friday night, where the Grand Rapids Flight host the Holland Blast. Tip off is 7:15 pm Friday April 18, 2008.

Holland Blast remaining 2008 home schedule

Sunday April 27	5:00pm	Elgin Racers	@	Holland Blast
Saturday May 24	7:15pm	Elgin Racers	@	Holland Blast
Saturday May 31	7:15pm	Battle Creek Knights	@	Holland Blast
Saturday June 14	7:15pm	Edmonton Chill	@	Holland Blast
Friday June 20	7:15pm	Gary Steelheads	@	Holland Blast
Saturday June 21	7:15pm	Windy City Soldiers	@	Holland Blast

For ticket information, contact the Blast at (616) 836-1618 or visit the Blast's team page at www.hollandblast.com or www.iblhoopsonline.com.

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