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INDIANA'S DANNY GRANGER WINS

2008-09 NBA MOST IMPROVED PLAYER AWARD PRESENTED BY KIA MOTORS

NEW YORK, May 12, 2009 – Danny Granger of the Indiana Pacers is the winner of the 2008-09 NBA Most Improved Player Award presented by Kia Motors, the NBA announced today. The annual award is presented to a player who has made a significant improvement from the previous season.

Granger received 364 of a possible 605 points, including 48 first-place votes, from a panel of 121 sportswriters and broadcasters throughout the United States and Canada. The New Jersey Nets' Devin Harris finished second with 339 points (43 first-place votes), followed by Kevin Durant of the Oklahoma City Thunder with 83 points (six first-place votes). Players were awarded five points for each first-place vote, three points for each second-place vote and one point for each third place vote received.

As part of its support of the Most Improved Player Award, Kia Motors America will donate either a new Borrego SUV or Sedona minivan on behalf of Granger to The Shepherd Community Center in Indianapolis. Kia Motors is presenting a brand new vehicle to the charity of choice of each of four 2008-09 season-end award winners as part of the "The NBA Performance Awards Presented by Kia Motors."

In his fourth year, Granger was the league's fifth leading scorer, averaging a career-high 25.8 points – 6.2 points higher than 2007-08 (19.6 ppg) and 9.4 points above his career average (16.4 ppg) – and becoming the first player in NBA history to raise his scoring average by at least five points in three consecutive seasons. Granger also averaged 5.1 rebounds and 2.7 assists. The 6-9 forward led the Pacers in scoring in 49 of the 67 games he played, including 13 of their final 14 games. In his last 14 games, Granger shot 43-of-96 (.448) from three-point range and his 182 three-pointers made this season rank third all time in Pacer's history.

The 2008-09 NBA Most Improved Player Award presented by Kia Motors is part of a series of on-court performance awards called "The NBA Performance Awards Presented by Kia Motors." The awards, which are part of a multi-year marketing partnership that makes Kia Motors America the official automotive partner of the NBA, also include the Most Valuable Player, Defensive Player of the Year, and Sixth Man Awards. The series also includes the Eastern and Western Conference Players of the Month presented by Kia Motors. For more information on the "The NBA Performance Awards Presented by Kia Motors" visit www.NBA.com/performanceawards.

Attached are the 2008-09 voting results and the all-time NBA Most Improved Player of the Year Award presented by Kia Motors winners:

2008-09 NBA MOST IMPROVED PLAYER AWARD
PRESENTED BY KIA MOTORS VOTING RESULTS

Player	Team	1st	2nd	3rd	Pts
Danny Granger	Indiana	48	37	13	364
Devin Harris	New Jersey	43	35	19	339
Kevin Durant	Oklahoma City	6	14	11	83
Paul Millsap	Utah	3	13	23	77
Nenê	Denver	7	5	8	58
Rajon Rondo	Boston	2	5	4	29
David Lee	New York	1	3	11	25
John Salmons	Chicago	2	2	1	17
Thaddeus Young	Philadelphia	1	2	5	16
Von Wafer	Houston	2	-	2	12
Brandon Roy	Portland	1	1	-	8
Chris Andersen	Denver	1	-	1	6
J.R. Smith	Denver	1	-	1	6
Glen Davis	Boston	1	-	-	5
Jason Terry	Dallas	1	-	-	5
Wilson Chandler	New York	1	-	-	5
Aaron Brooks	Houston	-	1	1	4
Jameer Nelson	Orlando	-	1	1	4
Kelenna Azubuike	Golden State	-	-	3	3
Dwyane Wade	Miami	-	1	-	3
LaMarcus Aldridge	Portland	-	1	-	3
Roger Mason	San Antonio	-	-	3	3
Luis Scola	Houston	-	-	2	2
Ronnie Brewer	Utah	-	-	2	2
Kendrick Perkins	Boston	-	-	1	1
Emeka Okafor	Charlotte	-	-	1	1
Gerald Wallace	Charlotte	-	-	1	1
Tyrus Thomas	Chicago	-	-	1	1
Mo Williams	Cleveland	-	-	1	1
J.J. Barea	Dallas	-	-	1	1
Mike Conley	Memphis	-	-	1	1
Rasual Butler	New Orleans	-	-	1	1
Andrea Bargnani	Toronto	-	-	1	1
Jeff Green	Oklahoma City	-	-	1	1

ALL-TIME NBA MOST IMPROVED PLAYER AWARD
PRESENTED BY KIA MOTORS WINNERS

1985-86	Alvin Robertson, San Antonio	1997-98	Alan Henderson, Atlanta
1986-87	Dale Ellis, Seattle	1998-99	Darrell Armstrong, Orlando
1987-88	Kevin Duckworth, Portland	1999-00	Jalen Rose, Indiana
1988-89	Kevin Johnson, Phoenix	2000-01	Tracy McGrady, Orlando
1989-90	Rony Seikaly, Miami	2001-02	Jermaine O'Neal, Indiana
1990-91	Scott Skiles, Orlando	2002-03	Gilbert Arenas, Golden State
1991-92	Pervis Ellison, Washington	2003-04	Zach Randolph, Portland
1992-93	Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf, Denver	2004-05	Bobby Simmons, L.A. Clippers
1993-94	Don MacLean, Washington	2005-06	Boris Diaw, Phoenix
1994-95	Dana Barros, Philadelphia	2006-07	Monta Ellis, Golden State
1995-96	Gheorghe Muresan, Washington	2007-08	Hedo Turkoglu, Orlando
1996-97	Isaac Austin, Miami	2008-09	Danny Granger, Indiana