

Kings sign Mikki Moore to three-year, \$18 million dollar deal

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) -- Mikki Moore agreed to a contract with the Sacramento Kings on Friday night, leaving the New Jersey Nets to join his eighth NBA team.

The 7-foot Moore had a breakthrough campaign with the Nets last season, averaging career highs of 9.8 points and 5.1 rebounds while making nearly 61 percent of his shots, leading the NBA. He started 55 games for New Jersey while filling in for injured Nenad Krstic, providing energy and veteran experience as the Nets reached the second round of the playoffs.



"He brings athleticism, length, skill and experience to our team," said Geoff Petrie, the Kings' president of basketball operations. "We're looking forward to watching him play for the Kings."

The Kings used their midlevel exception for Moore's three-year, \$18 million contract.

Moore, who will begin his 10th NBA season in the fall, will compete for playing time with forwards Shareef Abdur-Rahim and Kenny Thomas, and fellow 7-footers Brad Miller and rookie Spencer Hawes.

Moore also has played for Detroit, Boston, Atlanta, Utah, the Los Angeles Clippers, Seattle and the Roanoke Dazzle of the NBA Development League.

Moore went undrafted out of Nebraska in 1998.