

Leicester Riders bring in US forward Rashad Hassan



Hassan, 23, averaged 12.6 points and 5.8 rebounds per-game for the Savannah State Tigers last season.

Coach Rob Paternostro told BBC Radio Leicester: "We watched a lot of players and liked what he was able to do. We feel his best days are ahead of him."

Hassan told the club website: "I'm excited and don't feel pressure. as I'm coming to a focused and great team."

He added: "I'm thankful for the opportunity to play pro basketball and I'm ready to begin playing for the Riders.

"It really wasn't a tough decision, because I was happy about coming to a winning organisation."

Paternostro, who led the Riders to win the treble of the BBL play-off final, the BBL Cup and BBL Championship last season, has signed a new long-term contract with the club.

He has also resigned Barry Lamble, Drew Sullivan, Anthony Rowe and Jay Cousinard ahead of next season.

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