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Renardo Sidney Joins 2009 USA Nike Hoop Summit Team

– USA Will Face Off Against The World Select Team On April 11 At The Rose Garden –

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (March 12, 2009) – USA Basketball today announced that 6-10, 270-pound prep standout **Renardo Sidney** (Fairfax H.S. / Los Angeles, Calif.) will join the 2009 USA Basketball Men's Junior National Select Team roster following the withdrawal of **Derrick Favors** (South Atlanta H.S. / Atlanta, Ga.). Sidney and the 2009 USA squad will take on the World Select Team in the 12th Annual Nike Hoop Summit at 7 p.m. (PDT) on April 11, at the Rose Garden in Portland, Ore.

The Nike Hoop Summit is the country's premiere annual basketball game featuring America's top male high-school-age players taking on a World Select Team comprised of the top international players, 19-years-old or younger.

"It's a big responsibility to put on a U-S-A jersey and represent your country, and I'm excited," Sidney said. "I'm expecting it to be a great experience and a lot of fun. My focus will be to bring toughness and leadership to the team."

Tickets are now on sale for the 2009 Nike Hoop Summit, with reserved courtside seats priced \$25 and \$50 and all other lower bowl tickets \$6 if purchased before April 11, and \$10 day of the game. Tickets can be purchased through the Rose Quarter Ticket Office, by calling 877-789-ROSE (7673) or by visiting www.rosequarter.com.

The 10-man USA roster also features: **Avery Bradley** (Findlay Prep / Henderson, Nev.); **DeMarcus Cousins** (LeFlore H.S. / Mobile, Ala.); **Abdul Gaddy** (Bellarmine Prep / Tacoma, Wash.); **Xavier Henry** (Putnam City H.S. / Oklahoma City, Okla.); **John Henson** (Sickles H.S. / Tampa, Fla.); **Leslie McDonald** (Briarcrest H.S. / Memphis, Tenn.); **Mike Moser** (Grant H.S. / Portland, Ore.); **Mason Plumlee** (Christ School / Arden, N.C.); and **John Wall** (Word of God Academy / Raleigh, N.C.).

Named head coach of the 2009 USA Team was **John Olive** (Torrey Pines H.S. / San Diego, Calif.), who returns to the USA sideline after helping the red, white and blue to a 98-78 win as an assistant coach in the 2008 Nike Hoop Summit. Assisting Olive will be **Antwan Harris** (Washburn H.S. / Minneapolis, Minn. / Pulley Panthers AAU), who first coached for USA Basketball as an assistant coach under Olive at the 2007 Youth Development Festival.

2009 Nike Hoop Summit Quick Facts

Date: Saturday, April 11

Time: 7:00 p.m. (PDT)

Site: Rose Garden, Portland, Oregon

TV: Fox Sports Network

Tickets: Reserved courtside seats priced \$25 and \$50 and all other lower bowl tickets \$10. Tickets can be purchased through the Rose Quarter Ticket Office, by calling 877-789-ROSE (7673) or by visiting www.rosequarter.com.

USA Coaches: **John Olive** (Torrey Pines H.S. / San Diego, Calif.), head coach; **Antwan Harris** (Washburn H.S. / Minneapolis, Minn.), assistant coach.

USA Roster: **Avery Bradley** (Findlay Prep / Henderson, Nev.); **DeMarcus Cousins** (LeFlore H.S. / Mobile, Ala.); **Abdul Gaddy** (Bellarmine Prep / Tacoma, Wash.); **Xavier Henry** (Putnam City H.S. / Oklahoma City, Okla.); **John Henson** (Sickles H.S. / Tampa, Fla.); **Leslie McDonald** (Briarcrest H.S. / Memphis, Tenn.); **Mike Moser** (Grant H.S. / Portland, Ore.); **Mason Plumlee** (Christ School / Arden, N.C.); **Renardo Sidney** (Fairfax H.S. / Los Angeles, Calif.); and **John Wall** (Word of God Academy / Raleigh, N.C.).

World Team: An 11-man team, comprised of elite 19-year-old-and-younger players from around the world, will be selected by the World Basketball Coaches Association.

Series History: The USA owns a 9-2 advantage in the Nike Hoop Summit series. The USA earned victories in 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004, 2000, 1999, 1997 and 1995, while the World Team won in 1998 and 1996.

The World Select Team roster, which is expected to be announced in March, will consist of 11 players, age 19-years-old or younger from FIBA's five geographic zones: FIBA Africa, FIBA Americas, FIBA Asia, FIBA Europe and FIBA Oceania, with the approved sanctioning of the International Basketball Federation (FIBA), the world governing body of international basketball.

2009 USA Junior National Select Team

All of the named U.S. players rank among Rivals.com and ESPNU's Class of 2009 rankings.

ESPNU lists Henry as the No. 1 player in the class of 2009, followed by Henson at No.3, Cousins at No. 4, Sidney at No. 5, Wall at No. 6, Bradley at No. 7, Plumlee at No. 11, Gaddy at No. 16, McDonald at No. 25 and Moser at No. 63.

Rivals ranks Wall as the No. 1 prospect in the class of 2009, followed by Cousins at No. 2, Henry at No. 3, Henson at No. 6, Bradley at No. 8, Sidney at No. 10, Gaddy at No. 13, Plumlee at No. 42, McDonald at No. 55 and Moser at No. 83.

By ESPNU's position rankings, the 2009 USA roster features the top two point guards in Wall and Gaddy, the top two shooting guards in Henry and Bradley; Henson and Sidney are two and three in the power forwards list; and Cousins and Plumlee are No. 1 and 2 at the center position. Additionally, McDonald lists as the No. 7 shooting guard and Moser as the No. 15 small forward.

Two members of the 2009 USA squad return to USA Basketball after helping the red, white and blue tally a 4-1 record and capture the silver medal at the 2008 FIBA Americas U18 Championship for Men in Formosa, Argentina. McDonald averaged 4.5 points and 1.4 rebounds per game in 14.4 minutes, while Plumlee contributed 5.0 points and 6.0 rebounds in 12.2 minutes per game.

McDonald donned his first USA jersey alongside Cousins at the 2007 USA Basketball Men's Youth Development Festival. McDonald averaged 12.8 points, 2.4 rebounds and 3.6 assists per game to help the USA Red Team to a perfect 5-0 tally and a gold medal. Cousins played for USA Blue, which wrapped up a 2-3 tally and the silver medal, and averaged 9.2 points and 10.0 rebounds per game. Among all tournament participants, McDonald led the field in assist-to-turnover ratio (4.5), ranked tied for sixth in field goal percentage (.571) and seventh in assists per game, while Cousins ranked fifth in rebounding.

Seven of the 10 players have signed a National Letter of Intent with basketball programs for the 2009-10 season, representing four Division I conferences. Playing in the Atlantic Coast Conference will be Henson and McDonald at the University of North Carolina and Plumlee at Duke University; Bradley signed with the University of Texas and will compete in the Big 12 Conference; 2009-10 Conference USA action will include Henry at the University of Memphis; and the Pacific 10 Conference will feature Gaddy at the University of Washington and Moser at UCLA. Additionally, two players have made verbal commitments; Sidney committed to Southern California and Cousins committed to Memphis. Wall remains undecided.

Nike Hoop Summit

The Nike Hoop Summit returns to Portland for a second consecutive year in 2009. The USA owns a 9-2 advantage in the Nike Hoop Summit series, including five USA victories from 2004 through 2008 and wins in 2000, 1999, 1997 and 1995. The World Select Team came out on top in 1998 and 1996.

The premiere event for high-school age players, 87 former USA and World Select Team members have been drafted by NBA teams, including 13 players in the 2008 draft. In fact, the top three picks in the 2008 NBA Draft were Hoop Summit alumni, including Derrick Rose as the No. 1 pick by Chicago, Michael Beasley at No. 2 by Miami and O.J. Mayo at No. 3 by Minnesota.

As of January 2009, 47 former USA players and 13 former World team members are active in the NBA, and 38 former Hoop Summit players are currently competing on the collegiate level.

2009 USA Basketball Men's Junior National Select Team

	<u>POS</u>	<u>HGT</u>	<u>WGT</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>HIGH SCHOOL / COLLEGE</u>	<u>HOMETOWN</u>
Avery Bradley	G	6-2	165	11/26/90	Findlay Prep /*Texas	Henderson, NV
DeMarcus Cousins	F	6-9	250	08/13/90	LeFlore H.S. / #Memphis	Mobile, AL
Abdul Gaddy	G	6-3	175	01/26/92	Bellarmine Prep /*Washington	Tacoma, WA
Xavier Henry	F	6-5	190	03/15/91	Putnam City H.S. /*Memphis	Oklahoma City, OK
John Henson	F	6-9	200	12/28/90	Sickles H.S. /*North Carolina	Tampa, FL
Leslie McDonald	G	6-4	193	02/04/91	Briarcrest H.S. / *North Carolina	Memphis, TN
Mike Moser	F	6-7	180	11/08/90	Grant H.S. / *UCLA	Portland, OR
Mason Plumlee	F	6-10	210	03/05/90	Christ School /*Duke	Arden, NC
Renardo Sidney	F	6-10	270	12/06/89	Fairfax H.S. / #Southern California	Los Angeles, CA
John Wall	G	6-1	184	09/06/90	Word of God Academy / Undecided	Raleigh, NC

HEAD COACH: John Olive, Torrey Pines High School (San Diego, CA)

ASSISTANT COACH: Antwan Harris, Washburn High School (Minneapolis, MN), AAU Pulley Panthers

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