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USA Basketball Names First Nine Members, Coaching Staff For 2010 USA Nike Hoop Summit Team

- USA Looks To Rebound From 2009 Loss To World Team, Tickets Now On Sale -

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (Jan. 19, 2010) – Featuring top-ranked athletes from throughout the nation, USA Basketball today announced the first nine members and the coaching staff for the 2010 USA Junior National Select Team, which will face off against the World Select Team in the 13th annual Nike Hoop Summit at 7:00 p.m. (PDT) on Saturday, April 10 at the Rose Garden in Portland, Ore.

The Nike Hoop Summit is the country's premier annual basketball game for high-school age boys and features America's elite, young athletes against a World Select Team comprised of top international players 19-years-old or younger.

Tickets are now on sale, with reserved courtside seats priced \$25 and \$50 and all other general admission tickets at \$10. Tickets can be purchased through the Rose Quarter Ticket Office, by calling 877-789-ROSE (7673) or by visiting www.rosequarter.com.

The first nine members of the eventual 10-man USA roster include: guards **Harrison Barnes** (Ames H.S. / Ames, Iowa), **Will Barton** (Brewster Academy / Baltimore, Md.), **Reggie Bullock** (Kinston H.S. / Kinston, N.C.), **Kyrie Irving** (St. Patrick H.S. / Elizabeth, N.J.), **Brandon Knight** (Pine Crest H.S. / Lauderdale, Fla.) and **Kendall Marshall** (Bishop O'Connell H.S. / Arlington, Va.); forwards **Tobias Harris** (Half Hollow Hills West H.S. / Brookville, N.Y.) and **Terrence Jones** (Jefferson H.S. / Portland, Ore.); and **Jared Sullinger** (Northland H.S. / Columbus, Ohio) at center.

Serving as head coach for the USA will be **Bob Cimmino**, who has been the head coach at Mount Vernon High School (N.Y.) since 1994, compiling a 324-57 overall record (as of 09/09). Cimmino previously coached for USA Basketball at a 2004 skills development clinic in New York.

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the best players in the world,” Cimmino said. “It’s a high school coach’s dream.

“I think the roster has been set up so that the coaching staff has the talent, we just have to get down to business early and work very hard in our practices. We want to bring the title back to the U.S.”

Assisting Cimmino will be **Rich Gray** (St. Louis Eagles AAU, Mo.), who for more than 23 years has served as president of the St. Louis Basketball Club, a two-time AAU national championship program that has featured NBA talents such as Tyler Hansbrough, Larry Hughes and David Lee. Gray was an assistant coach for the USA in the 1997 Nike Hoop Summit, which the USA won 97-90, and an assistant coach for the USA North Team in the 1999 USA Basketball Youth Development Festival

“I’m honored to be chosen again as a coach for USA Basketball. It is something that I will always cherish, and I cherished the last time that I had the chance to coach in the Hoop Summit,” Gray said. “That team was trying to come back after a loss the year before, much like the situation this year. The experience I gained, with the building of teamwork and getting the kids to understand the importance of USA, definitely gives me an advantage this time around.”

Players and coaches for the 2010 USA Junior National Select Team are selected by the USA Basketball Men’s Developmental National Team Committee, chaired in a non-voting position by **Sean Ford**, the USA Basketball Men’s National Team Director. The committee also includes AAU appointees **Ron Crawford** and **Boo Williams**, National Federation of High School appointees **Eric Flannery** and **John Olive** and athlete representative **Kermit Holmes** (1999 USA Pan American Games Team).

“I think these first nine players give this USA team a solid foundation, and we certainly have confidence in our accomplished coaching staff,” said Ford. “The committee has an important decision to make in filling the last roster spot in the next couple of weeks, and we are fortunate to have a lot of talent to choose from in this country. We aren’t looking for the 10 best athletes, we are looking for players that help us achieve balance and depth. This is a very tough game, and we are all determined to come away with a win in 2010.”

Seven of the nine players have signed a National Letter of Intent for 2010-11. Marshall, Barnes and Bullock signed with North Carolina, Barton signed with Memphis, Harris will play at Tennessee, Irving will play at Duke and Sullinger signed with Ohio State. Knight and Jones remain undecided about where they will play college basketball.

Including Barnes, Barton, Bullock, Harris, Irving, Knight and Sullinger, seven USA team members were listed on the prestigious Naismith Trophy Boy’s High School Player of the Year watch list released on Dec. 11.

Three players and have led their high school teams to rankings in the most recent *USA Today* Super 25 (as of Jan. 12). Irving has led St. Patrick to a *USA Today* No. 1 national ranking and a No. 1 ranking in the East region; Sullinger has helped Northland to a No. 2 national ranking and a No. 1 Midwest region ranking; and Barnes at Ames High School lists No. 5 nationally and No. 2 in the Midwest region.

Seven players led their teams to state championships at the conclusion of the 2008-09 season, including Barnes (Iowa 4A title), Barton (Maryland 3A title, with Lake Clifton), Harris (New York 1A & Federation title, with Long Island Lutheran), Irving (New Jersey Tournament of Champions & Non-Public Schools title), Jones (Oregon 5A title), Knight (Florida 3A title) and Sullinger (Ohio D1 title).

All nine players are nationally ranked among recruiting sites, including four of the top five players for the class of 2010 by Scout.com, Rivals.com and ESPNU. Scout.com lists Barnes as the No. 1 prospect in the class of 2010, followed by Knight at No. 2, Sullinger at No. 3, Irving at No. 5, Barton at No. 8, Harris at No. 9, Bullock at No. 11, Jones at No. 20 and Marshall at No. 21. The Rivals 150 Class of 2010 lists Knight as No. 1, Barnes at No. 2, Sullinger at No. 3, Harris at No. 5, Irving at No. 6, Bullock at No. 10, Barton at No. 11, Jones at No. 13 and Marshall at No. 32. ESPNU 100 lists Barnes at No. 1, Sullinger at No. 2, Knight at No. 4, Barton at No. 5, Irving at No. 6, Harris at No. 7, Bullock at No. 13, Jones at No. 15 and Marshall at No. 19.

The 2010 World Select Team roster, which is expected to be announced in March, will consist of 10 or 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.

Nike Hoop Summit History

The Nike Hoop Summit in 2010 will make its third consecutive appearance in Portland at the Rose

Garden. In front of a Nike Hoop Summit record crowd of 11,246, the USA was handed a 97-89 setback by the World Team in 2009. Overall, USA teams are 9-3 in 12 previous Hoop Summit match-ups.

Held annually from 1995-2000, the Nike Hoop Summit was resumed in 2004 after a three-year hiatus. In 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2004, the Nike Hoop Summit was held in the city hosting the men's NCAA Final Four, and then at the FedExForum in Memphis, Tenn., from 2005 through 2007.

The premiere event for high-school age players, 99 former USA and World Select Team members have been drafted by NBA teams, including 11 players in 2009 and 13 players in the 2008 draft.

Seven of the first 20 NBA Draft choices in 2009 were Nike Hoop Summit participants. Tyreke Evans was selected No. 4, while Jonny Flynn was No. 5, DeMar DeRozan was No. 9, Gerald Henderson was No. 12 and Tyler Hansbrough was chosen No. 13. The top three picks in the 2008 NBA Draft were Hoop Summit alums, including Derrick Rose at No. 1 by Chicago, Michael Beasley at No. 2 by Miami and O.J. Mayo at No. 3 by Minnesota.

Since the first Nike Hoop Summit in 1995, three Hoop Summit alumni have been chosen No. 1 in the NBA Draft, while five have been selected with the No. 2 pick, and all told, 32 players have been selected among the first 10 draftees.

As of December 14, 2009, 53 former USA players and 15 former World Team members are active in the NBA. The Trail Blazers' roster alone features four Hoop Summit alumni, including U.S. players Jerryd Bayless and Martell Webster and World Team players Nicolas Batum and Patrick Mills.

Additionally, 28 former Hoop Summit players are currently competing on the collegiate level, including 21 past U.S. players and seven former World Team athletes.

USA Basketball

Based in Colorado Springs, Colo., USA Basketball is a nonprofit organization and the national governing body for men's and women's basketball in the United States. As the recognized governing body for basketball in the United States by the International Basketball Federation (FIBA) and the United States Olympic Committee (USOC), USA Basketball is responsible for the selection, training and fielding of USA teams that compete in FIBA sponsored international basketball competitions, as well as for some national competitions.

2010 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>
Harrison Barnes	G	6-8	209	05/30/92	Ames H.S. /*North Carolina	Ames, IA
Will Barton	G	6-6	161	01/06/91	Brewster Academy /*Memphis	Baltimore, MD
Reggie Bullock	G	6-6	190	03/16/91	Kinston H.S. /*North Carolina	Kinston, NC
Tobias Harris	F	6-8	210	07/15/92	Half Hollow Hills West H.S. /*Tennessee	Brookville, NY
Kyrie Irving	PG	6-2	172	03/23/92	St. Patrick H.S. /*Duke	Elizabeth, NJ
Terrence Jones	F	6-8	219	01/09/92	Jefferson H.S.	Portland, OR
Brandon Knight	G	6-3	183	12/02/91	Pine Crest H.S.	Coral Springs, FL
Kendall Marshall	PG	6-4	180	08/19/91	Bishop O'Connell H.S. /*North Carolina	Arlington, VA
Jared Sullinger	C	6-9	262	03/04/92	Northland H.S. /*Ohio State	Columbus, OH

HEAD COACH: Bob Cimmino, Mount Vernon H.S., NY

ASSISTANT COACH: Rich Gray, St. Louis Eagles AAU, MO

**Indicates college where the player has signed a National Letter of Intent to play in 2010-11.*