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## **Eight USA Basketball Gold Medalists Headline U.S. Roster For 2011 Nike Hoop Summit**

**– Country's Premier Annual High School-Age Basketball Game To Take Place April 9, 2011 –**

**COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (Jan. 16, 2011)** – Featuring four, two-time gold medalists and eight gold medal winners overall, USA Basketball today announced the 10 players and coaching staff for the 2011 USA Junior National Select Team, which will compete against the World Select Team in the 2011 Nike Hoop Summit at 7:00 p.m. (PDT) on Saturday, April 9 at the Rose Garden in Portland Oregon.

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

Leading the way for the USA will be four players who helped the USA to gold at both the 2009 FIBA Americas U16 Championship and the 2010 FIBA U17 World Championship, including 2010 FIBA U17 World Championship MVP **Brad Beal** (Chaminade College Prep/St. Louis, Mo.), **Quinn Cook** (Oak Hill Academy/Bowie, Md.), **James McAdoo** (Norfolk Christian/Norfolk, Va.) and **Adonis Thomas** (Melrose H.S./Cordova, Tenn.).

The USA Junior National Select team also features 2010 USA U17 gold medalists **Michael Gilchrist** (St. Patrick H.S./Somerdale, N.J.), **Marquis Teague** (Pike H.S./Indianapolis, Ind.) and **Tony Wroten** (Garfield H.S./Seattle, Wash.), as well as **Austin Rivers** (Winter Park H.S./Winter Park, Fla.), who helped lead the USA to a gold medal in the 2010 FIBA Americas U18 Championship.

Rounding out the roster are USA Basketball newcomers **Rakeem Christmas** (Academy of the New Church/Philadelphia, Pa.) and **Anthony Davis** (Perspectives Charter/Chicago, Ill.).

The USA will be led by **Kevin Sutton**, who is in his eighth season as head coach at Montverde Academy in Florida. Sutton has three times served as a USA assistant coach, including the 2009 USA U16 and 2010 USA U17 national teams. He owns a 15-3 record (.833 winning percentage) with the red, white and blue.

“I’m truly honored,” Sutton said. “I’ve been associated with USA Basketball for several years now. My most recent tenure was over the last two years with the U16 and U17 teams, so I’m very familiar with the players that have been selected for this team. USA Basketball really has strengthened the developmental program, and having several players back from those teams will enable us to build upon a camaraderie that’s already been established.”

### **Summit Quick Facts**

April 9, 2011  
(PDT)

Portland, Oregon

**Time:** Reserved courtside

and all other general

advance and \$10 on game

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ticket Office, by calling

(7673) or by visiting

[www.usabasketball.com](http://www.usabasketball.com).

“I have watched past Nike Hoop Summits and I’ve seen a lot of international basketball the past few summers, and that has enabled me to be more of a student of the game,” Sutton continued. “I know that the game will feature a tremendous amount of talent, and it will be very competitive.”

Sutton will be assisted by first-time USA coach **Kevin Boyle**, who is in his 22<sup>nd</sup> season as head coach at St. Patrick High School (N.J.), where he currently features USA team member Gilchrist on his roster.

Tickets for the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Nike Hoop Summit are now on sale, with reserved courtside seats priced \$25 and \$50 and all other general admission tickets \$6 in advance and \$10 on game day. Tickets can be purchased through the Rose Quarter Ticket Office, by calling 877-789-ROSE (7673) or by visiting [www.rosequarter.com](http://www.rosequarter.com). Additionally, the game will be broadcast nationally by Fox Sports Net and its regional affiliates.

This past summer, seven team members and Sutton, who was a USA assistant coach at the time, traveled to Hamburg, Germany, for the 2010 FIBA U17 World Championship, returning with a perfect, 8-0 record and the gold medal. Beal, who averaged a USA high 18.3 ppg. and made 47.7 percent (31-65 3pt FGs) of his 3-point tries, was selected MVP of the U17 World Championship, while McAdoo, who averaged 15.0 ppg., 7.3 rpg. and 1.9 bpg. while shooting 65.6 percent from the floor, joined Beal on the five-member All-U17 World Championship Team.

Additionally, Gilchrist contributed 15.0 ppg. and 7.3 rpg. to the 2010 USA U17 team; Thomas added 8.5 ppg. and 4.1 rpg.; Wroten averaged 8.4 ppg., 4.3 apg., 3.5 spg. and 1.5 rpg.; Cook tallied 7.5 ppg., a tournament-leading 7.4 apg. and 3.0 rpg.; and Teague contributed 7.0 ppg., 6.0 apg. and 1.9 rpg.

Also in the summer of 2010, Rivers was the leading scorer with 20.2 ppg. for the gold-medal winning USA U18 National Team that compiled a 5-0 record in San Antonio, Texas, and secured the USA’s berth into the 2011 FIBA U19 World Championship. Rivers also tallied 2.0 spg. and 1.8 rpg. while starting in all five contests for the USA.

As members of the 2009-10 USA Developmental National Team, Gilchrist, Teague and Wroten also participated in USA Basketball training camps in 2009, while Beal, Cook, McAdoo and Thomas were selected to represent their country as members of the 2009 USA U16 National Team that wrapped up a 5-0 record and gold medal in Argentina, securing the USA’s 2010 FIBA U17 World Championship berth in the process.

All 10 team members have signed a National Letter of Intent for 2011-12. Davis, Gilchrist and Teague signed with Kentucky; Cook and Rivers committed to play at Duke; Beal will play at Florida, Christmas will head to Syracuse, McAdoo will play at North Carolina, Thomas signed with Memphis and Wroten signed with Washington.

Seven USA team members listed on the prestigious 10-member Naismith Trophy Boy’s High School Player of the Year watch list released this past December, including Beal, Davis, Gilchrist, McAdoo, Rivers, Teague and Thomas.

Two players and both USA coaches have led their high school teams to rankings in the most recent *USA Today* Super 25 (as of Jan. 11). Cook has led Oak Hill to a *USA Today* Super 25 No. 1 national ranking and a No. 1 ranking in the South region; Gilchrist and USA assistant coach Boyle have helped St. Patrick to a No. 3 national ranking and a No. 1 rank in the East region; and USA head coach Sutton has guided Montverde Academy to a No. 25 national ranking and a No. 10 ranking in the South region.

All 10 players are nationally ranked for the class of 2011. Scout.com lists Davis as the No. 1 prospect in the class of 2011, followed by Rivers at No. 3, Gilchrist at No. 4, Teague at No. 6, McAdoo at No. 7, Beal at No. 8, Thomas at No. 9, Christmas at No. 16, Cook at No. 21 and Wroten at No. 28.

The Rivals 150 Class of 2011 lists Rivers as No. 1, Teague at No. 2, Gilchrist at No. 3, Davis at No. 6, Beal at No. 7, McAdoo at No. 8, Christmas at No. 12, Thomas at No. 15, Cook at No. 28 and Wroten at No. 30.

ESPNU 100 lists Rivers at No. 1, Davis at No. 2, Gilchrist at No. 3, McAdoo at No. 5, Teague at No. 6, Beal at No. 7, Thomas at No. 8, Christmas at No. 11, Wroten at No. 24 and Cook at No. 25.

The 2011 USA Basketball Junior National Select Team roster was 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 Schools representatives **Eric Flannery** and **John Olive** and athlete representative **Kermit Holmes** (1999 USA Pan American Games Team).

The 2011 World Select Team, 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.

## 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.

Since 2008, USA Basketball men's and women's teams have compiled a sterling 96-2 win-loss record in FIBA or FIBA Americas competitions. USA teams are the current men's and women's champions in the Olympics, FIBA World Championships; U19 and U17 FIBA World Championships; and U18 and U16 FIBA Americas championships. USA Basketball currently ranks No. 1 in all five of FIBA's world ranking categories, including combined, men's, women's, boys and girls.

For further information about USA Basketball, go to the official Web site of USA Basketball at [www.usabasketball.com](http://www.usabasketball.com) and connect with us on [facebook.com/usabasketball](https://www.facebook.com/usabasketball), [twitter.com/usabasketball](https://twitter.com/usabasketball) and [www.youtube.com/therealusbasketball](http://www.youtube.com/therealusbasketball).

## 2011 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>
Brad Beal	G	6-3	180	06/28/93	Chaminade College Prep/*Florida	St. Louis, MO
Rakeem Christmas	F	6-9	225	12/01/91	Academy of the New Church/*Syracuse	Philadelphia, PA
Quinn Cook	G	6-1	178	03/23/93	Oak Hill Academy/*Duke	Bowie, MD
Anthony Davis	F	6-10	220	03/11/93	Perspectives Charter/*Kentucky	Chicago, IL
Michael Gilchrist	F	6-7	220	09/26/93	St. Patrick H.S./*Kentucky	Somerdale, NJ
James McAdoo	F	6-8	210	01/04/93	Norfolk Christian/*North Carolina	Norfolk, VA
Austin Rivers	G	6-3	175	08/01/92	Winter Park H.S./*Duke	Winter Park, FL
Marquis Teague	G	6-2	175	02/28/93	Pike H.S./*Kentucky	Indianapolis, IN
Adonis Thomas	G	6-6	205	03/25/93	Melrose H.S./*Memphis	Cordova, TN
Tony Wroten	G	6-5	206	04/13/93	Garfield H.S./*Washington	Seattle, WA

**HEAD COACH:** Kevin Sutton, Montverde Academy, Orlando, Fla.

**ASSISTANT COACH:** Kevin Boyle, St. Patrick H.S., Elizabeth, N.J.

*\*Indicates college where the player has signed a National Letter of Intent to play in 2011-12.*