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Meyers Leonard Named To 2010 USA Nike Hoop Summit Team

- U.S. Team Member Tobias Harris Injured, Unable To Play For USA -

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (April 6, 2010) – Meyers Leonard, a 7-0, forward/center from Robinson High School, Robinson, Ill., was today named to the 2010 USA Basketball Junior National Select Team, which will take on 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.

USA team member **Tobias Harris** (Half Hollow Hills West H.S. / Brookville, N.Y.), who broke his right foot in the McDonald's All-America Game on March 31, will attend the 2010 Nike Hoop Summit but will not be able to play.

Along with USA Nike Hoop Summit Team members Harris, **Terrence Jones** (Jefferson H.S. / Portland, Ore.) and **Patric Young** (Providence H.S. / Jacksonville, Fla.), Leonard also accepted an

invitation to participate in the 2010 USA Basketball Men's U18 National Team training camp June 14-16 at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

"I knew that I was coming out for the USA Basketball U18 training camp in June, but I was just overwhelmed that I was one of only 10 guys that get a chance to play in the Nike Hoop Summit," Leonard said. "It is an honor, and I feel blessed that I can be a part of it."

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 \$10. Tickets can be purchased through the Rose Quarter Ticket Office, by calling 877-789-ROSE (7673) or by visiting www.rosequarter.com.

Fox Sports Net and its regional sports network affiliates will distribute the 2010 Nike Hoop Summit live nationally. Check your local listings for date and time information in your location.

Rounding out the USA roster are: **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. /

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Tickets inside \$25 and \$50 and all other general admission tickets \$10. Tickets can be purchased through the Rose Quarter Ticket Office, by calling 877-789-ROSE (www.rosequarter.com).
 Leonard's first appearance in the Hoop Summit was in 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004, and 2003. The USA World Team won in 2009.

Elizabeth, N.J.); **Brandon Knight** (Pine Crest H.S. / Lauderdale, Fla.); **Kendall Marshall** (Bishop O'Connell H.S. / Arlington, Va.); and **Jared Sullinger** (Northland H.S. / Columbus, Ohio).

Bob Cimmino (Mount Vernon H.S., N.Y.) is the USA head coach, and **Rich Gray** (St. Louis Eagles AAU, Mo.) will serve as the USA assistant coach.

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).

2010 USA Junior National Select Team

While all 11 Junior National Select Team members are new to USA Basketball, Harris, Jones, Leonard and Young will attend the 2010 USA Basketball Men's U18 National Team training camp June 14-16 at the University of Texas at San Antonio in Texas. The training camp will be used to select the 12-member team that will represent the USA at the 2010 FIBA Americas U18 Championship, which will be contested June 26-30 at Bill Greehey Arena at St. Mary's University's in San Antonio.

Nine of the 11 USA Junior National Select Team 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, Leonard will play at Illinois, Sullinger signed with Ohio State and Young will play at Florida. Knight and Jones remain undecided about where they will play college basketball.

The Atlanta Tipoff Club honored Sullinger as its 2010 Naismith National High School Boys Basketball Player of the Year, while Barnes, Barton, Bullock, Harris, Irving and Knight listed on the Naismith watch list released on Dec. 11.

Additionally, Barnes was named the 2010 Morgan Wootten Player of the Year.

Earning 2010 Gatorade State Player of the Year honors were: Barnes (Iowa), Bullock (North Carolina), Harris (New York), Irving (New Jersey) and Knight (Florida).

Six players have led their teams to prestigious state titles in 2009-10, including Barnes (Iowa 4A); Barton (New England Prep School Athletic Conference Class A and National Prep Championship titles); Bullock (North Carolina 2A); Jones (Oregon 5A); Leonard (Illinois 2A) and Young (Florida 2A title).

Nine USA players participated in the 2010 McDonald's All-American game on March 31 in Columbus, Ohio. Helping the West Team to a 107-104 win were Barnes, Jones, Knight and Young, while Bullock, Harris, Irving, Marshall and Sullinger played for the East Team.

All 10 U.S. players are nationally ranked among recruiting sites, including at least 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, Young at No. 18, Jones at No. 20, Marshall at No. 21 and Leonard at No. 39. 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. 9, Bullock at No. 10, Barton at No. 11, Jones at No. 13, Young at No. 28, Marshall at No. 32 and Leonard at No. 39. ESPNU 100 lists Barnes at No. 1, Sullinger at No. 2, Knight at No. 3, Irving at No. 4, Harris at No. 5, Barton at No. 6, Jones at No. 13, Young at No. 14, Bullock at No. 16, Marshall at No. 22 and Leonard at No. 55.

Nike Hoop Summit History

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 as the No. 1 pick 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.

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. / Undecided	Portland, OR
Brandon Knight	G	6-3	183	12/02/91	Pine Crest H.S. / Undecided	Coral Springs, FL
Meyers Leonard	F/C	7-0	215	02/27/92	Robinson H.S. / *Illinois	Robinson, IL
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
Patric Young	F	6-8	220	02/01/92	Providence H.S. / *Florida	Jacksonville, FL

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.*

Will not play in the 2010 Nike Hoop Summit due to injury.