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2008 USA Hoop Summit Team Loaded With Top Prep Talents

– USA Roster Announced For April 12 Nike Hoop Summit –

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (March 4, 2008) -- Selecting a talented roster that features both coaches and nine athletes possessing prior USA Basketball experience, USA Basketball today announced the coaching staff and 10 players selected for the 2008 USA Basketball Junior National Select Team that will compete in the 11th annual Nike Hoop Summit on April 12 in Portland, Ore. The USA and World Select Team will face off at 1 p.m. (PT) in Portland's Rose Garden, in a nationally televised game on Fox Sports Net.

Named head coach of the 2008 USA Team was **Douglas Mitchell** (North Central H.S. / Indianapolis, Ind.), whose most recent of three prior USA coaching assignments came at last year's Hoop Summit. As the assistant coach, he helped the USA to a 100-80 victory over the World Select Team in Memphis, Tenn.

Assisting Mitchell on the 2008 USA sideline will be **John Olive** (Torrey Pines H.S. / San Diego, Calif.). Olive's first USA coaching assignment came in 2007, when he led USA White to a 3-2 record and silver medal at the 2007 Youth Development Festival in Colorado Springs, Colo.

The 2008 USA Basketball Junior National Select Team roster includes: **Al-Farouq Aminu** (Norcross H.S. / Norcross, Ga.); **Jerime Anderson** (Canyon H.S. / Anaheim, Calif.); **Ed Davis** (Benedictine H.S. / Richmond, Va.); **Demar DeRozan** (Compton H.S. / Compton, Calif.); **Tyreke Evans** (American Christian / Aston, Pa.); **Drew Gordon** (Archbishop Mitty H.S. / San Jose, Calif.); **Jrue Holiday** (Campbell Hall H.S. / North Hollywood, Calif.); **Scotty Hopson** (University Heights Academy / Hopkinsville, Ky.); **Malcolm Lee** (John W. North H.S. / Riverside, Calif.); and **Greg Monroe** (Helen Cox H.S. / Gretna, La.). The coach and player selections were made by the USA Basketball Men's Junior

2008 Nike Hoop Summit Quick Facts

Date: Saturday, April 12

Time: 1:00 p.m. (PT)

Site: Rose Garden, Portland, Oregon

TV: Fox Sports Network

Tickets: Tickets are now on sale, with reserved courtside seats priced \$25-\$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: **Douglas Mitchell** (North Central H.S., Indianapolis, Ind.), head coach. **John Olive** (Torrey Pines H.S., San Diego, Calif.), assistant coach.

USA Roster: **Al-Farouq Aminu** (Norcross H.S. / Norcross, Ga.); **Jerime Anderson** (Canyon H.S. / Anaheim, Calif.); **Ed Davis** (Benedictine H.S. / Richmond, Va.); **Demar DeRozan** (Compton H.S. / Compton, Calif.); **Tyreke Evans** (American Christian / Aston, Pa.); **Drew Gordon** (Archbishop Mitty H.S. / San Jose, Calif.); **Jrue Holiday** (Campbell Hall H.S. / North Hollywood, Calif.); **Scotty Hopson** (University Heights Academy / Hopkinsville, Ky.); **Malcolm Lee** (John W. North H.S. / Riverside, Calif.); and **Greg Monroe** (Helen Cox H.S. / Gretna, La.).

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 an 8-2 advantage in the Nike Hoop Summit series. The USA earned victories in 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004, 2000, 1999, 1997 and 1995, while the World Team won in 1998 and 1996.

Development Committee.

“Not only is Doug Mitchell experienced with USA Basketball and the Nike Hoop Summit, he also knows how to coach elite high school players, and when you only have three or four days to get the team ready, that knowledge is really important. Both he and assistant coach John Olive have the experience to bring this team to the intense level of play necessary in such a short time,” said **Don Showalter** (Mid-Prairie H.S., Iowa), who served as head coach of the USA squad in the 1998 Hoop Summit and is the current chair of the USA Basketball Men’s Junior Development Committee.

“Identifying a 10-man roster is always difficult,” Showalter continued. “This is not an all-star game, and we expect the World Team to be very good. These kids are going to have to play some defense.

“This USA roster, though, is talented and balanced and will be tough to beat. We have a strong mix of skills and sizes, and we also have players that gained valuable experience at the 2007 USA Basketball Youth Development Festival. Those kids understand what we're looking for from a team standpoint, and they have a familiarity with international basketball.”

The Nike Hoop Summit is the country’s premiere annual basketball game featuring America’s top male high school seniors taking on a World Select Team comprised of the top players, 19-years-old or younger. The World Select Team roster is expected to be announced in March.

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The USA Basketball Men’s Junior Development Committee, chaired by Showalter, also includes AAU appointees William Anderson (AAU YMOCA, Memphis, Tenn.), William Brown (AAU Boo Williams, Norfolk, Va.) and Rod Seaford (AAU Charlotte Royal, N.C.); National Federation of State High School Associations appointees Todd Buller (Pacific Grove H.S., Calif.) and Eric Flannery (St. Edwards High School, Ohio); as well as athlete representatives Kermit Homes (1999 USA Pan American Games and 1997 USA Tournament of the Americas teams) and Jimmy Oliver (1998 USA World Championship Team).

The World Select Team will consist of the world’s top players who are 19-years-old or younger, with the approved sanctioning of the International Basketball Federation (FIBA), the world governing body of international basketball. The World Select Team will consist of 11 players from FIBA's five geographic zones: FIBA Africa, FIBA Americas, FIBA Asia, FIBA Europe and FIBA Oceania.

2008 USA Basketball Junior National Select Team

Nine of the 10 2008 USA Junior National Select Team members participated in the 2007 USA Basketball Men’s Youth Development Festival. Helping the USA Red Team to a 5-0 record and gold medal were Aminu, Davis and Gordon; playing for the USA Blue Team, which captured a 2-3 record and silver medal, were Anderson, Holiday, Hopson and Lee; while Evans and Monroe were members of the USA White Team, which finished with a 3-2 record and in possession of the bronze medal.

Six of the nine athletes that competed in the Festival left an impression on the USA Basketball Men’s Youth Development Festival record book. Among all-time competition records, Evans now ranks tied for first in total field goals made (59) and second for field goals attempted (104). Also listing second are Holiday for assists (40), and Monroe for blocked shots (18).

Three players produced scoring averages high enough to rank among the Festival’s all-time leaders. Evans ranks third (29.8 ppg.), followed by No. 11 Monroe (24.0 ppg.) and No. 12 Hopson (22.4 ppg.). Additionally Monroe lists fifth for rebounding average (12.6 rpg.), followed by No. 8 Aminu (11.4 rpg.) and No. 10 Davis (10.6 rpg.).

In all-time single-game rankings, Evans lists first for field goals made (18 vs. Red) and second for points scored (43 vs. Red); and Holiday ranks second in single-game assists (12 vs. Blue).

Gordon and Evans gained additional USA Basketball experience as trials participants. Gordon attended the 2006 USA Basketball U18 National Team Trials and was named as one of the team’s finalists, and Evans participated in the 2007 USA Basketball U19 World Championship Team Trials.

Eight of the 10 U.S. players have signed national letters of intent with prominent NCAA Division I basketball programs, with five players headed to the Pacific-10 Conference in the fall of 2008. Anderson, Gordon, Holiday and

Lee signed with UCLA; DeRozan signed with USC; Aminu signed with Wake Forest; Davis will head to North Carolina; and Monroe will play for Georgetown. Evans and Hopson remain undecided.

Selected to play in the March 26th McDonald's All-American Game were East Team members Aminu, Davis and Evans; and West Team members DeRozan, Holiday, Hopson, Lee and Monroe.

Additionally, invited to play in the 2008 Jordan Brand Classic on April 19 were: Aminu, Davis, DeRozan, Evans, Gordon, Holiday, Hopson, Lee and Monroe.

All of the named U.S. players rank among Rival.com's Rivals Top 150. Monroe is the top ranked player at No. 1, followed by No. 2 DeRozan, No. 3 Holiday, No. 6 Evans, No. 9 Hopson, No. 11 Aminu, No. 13 Ebanks, No. 20 Davis, No. 48 Anderson and No. 49 Gordon.

Douglas Mitchell, USA Head Coach

Mitchell's 2008 appointment, his first head coach assignment with USA Basketball, follows three stints as a USA assistant coach. Mitchell has tallied a 7-4 overall record in USA competitions, collecting two golds and one silver medal.

"It's an honor to wear U-S-A across your chest, and it doesn't get much better than that for a high school coach," said Mitchell. "I learned a lot last year as an assistant coach for Pat Fitterer, and I take this responsibility very seriously. I am looking forward to working with these kids, and I will do me best to help this team reach its full potential. The time frame is short, but with the help of Coach Olive, we can get it done."

In 2007, Mitchell served as the Nike Hoop Summit assistant coach, helping the USA to a 100-80 win over the World Select Team. In addition, he was an assistant coach at the 2003 and 2005 USA Basketball Men's Youth Development Festivals. In 2005 he helped USA White to a 5-0 record and gold medal, and in 2003 he assisted USA North to a silver medal.

Also an assistant coach for the 2002 and 2003 McDonald's High School All-American games, Mitchell has served as head basketball coach at Indianapolis' North Central High School for more than a decade (1993-94 through present), compiling a 222-111 record (.666 winning percentage) through the 2006-07 season. He has one Indiana Class 4A state title to his credit, which he captured with North Central in 1999.

Mitchell has collected a pair of Metropolitan Interscholastic Conference (MIC) titles (1997, 1999) and seven times his teams have advanced to the state sectional (1995, 1997, 1999, 2004, 2005, 2007 and 2008).

This 2007-08 season, Mitchell has led his team to a Sectional 10 Championship and a 17-7 record (as of March 3). North Central will open regional play on March 8.

In 2006-07, Mitchell led North Central, which featured the 2007 Indiana Gatorade State Player of the Year Eric Gordon, who now stars at Indiana University, to a 21-5 finish and the 2007 Indiana Class 4A state title game.

For his accomplishments while at North Central, Mitchell has been named the 1999 Indiana Class 4A Coach of the Year by the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association and was the MIC Coach of the Year in 1997 and 1999.

Mitchell has seen more than 40 of his athletes compete in the NCAA. Eleven former players currently compete at the collegiate level, including three athletes at Indiana, Gordon, A.J. Ratliff and Adam Alhfeld. The 2003 NCAA Tournament featured four of Mitchell's protégés, including Jason Gardner (Arizona), Nick Gardner (Butler), Marcus May (IUPUI) and Josh Murray (IUPUI).

A three-year letterwinner (1976-77 through 1978-79) at Butler University (Ind.), Mitchell was a team captain as a junior and senior and earned 1978 All-Indiana Collegiate Conference (ICC) first team honors. He helped the Bulldogs to a pair of ICC titles in 1977 and 1978 and paced his 1977-78 squad in free throw percentage (.875) and assists (78 / 3.0 apg.). His free throw accuracy still ranks ninth among Butler's all-time single-season records in that category. Additionally, Mitchell was the recipient of Butler's 1979 Hilton U. Brown Mental Attitude award.

After acting as a high school assistant coach for two years, Mitchell returned to his alma mater, Butler, where he was a six-year assistant (1987-88 through 1992-93). Involved in recruiting and scouting, Mitchell helped the Bulldogs to a pair of NIT appearances (1991, 1992) before accepting the varsity position at North Central.

John Olive, USA Assistant Coach

Olive returns for his second USA Basketball coaching position, after coaching the USA White Team to a 3-2 record and silver medal at the 2007 Youth Development Festival.

"I would jump at any opportunity to coach for USA Basketball because it's a valuable experience, and I'm

honored to be selected,” Olive said. “I worked with most of these kids in the 2007 Festival, and I think this USA roster is a strong combination of athletes, shooters and big men. This is a well-rounded squad. Our job will be to put them in the best position to win.”

The head coach at Torrey Pines since 1997-98, Olive has piloted the school to five league titles and one state sectional championship in 2001. During his time at Torrey Pines, Olive was tabbed the 2001 North County Coach of the Year.

This past season, Olive helped Torrey to a 22-8 record and the 2008 California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Division I San Diego Sectional semifinals.

In 2006-07, he also led Torrey Pines to the semifinals of the 2007 Sectional, finishing with a 24-7 record.

Prior to taking the job at Torrey Pines, Olive was the head coach at Loyola Marymount University (Calif.) for five seasons (1992-93 through 1996-97). Perhaps his best season was in 1995-96 as the Lions went 18-11, a turnaround from the previous year’s 13-15 mark, and Olive was honored as the 1996 West Coast Conference Coach of the Year.

He began his coaching career as an assistant coach at his alma matter, Villanova University (Pa.) for the 1985-86 season. During his seven-year stint (through 1991-92) with the Wildcats, Olive aided the program to a 129-104 (.554 winning percentage) and six postseason berths. Competing in four NCAA Tournaments (1986, 1988, 1990, 1991) and two NITs (1987, 1989) during that span, the Wildcats advanced as far as the 1988 Elite Eight and the 1989 NIT quarterfinals.

After playing two years (1978-79 and 1979-80) for the Los Angeles Clippers, Olive was called upon by the Clippers for three years between 1982-83 and 1984-85 to play a pair of off-court roles for the franchise: community relations director and college scouting director.

A four-year starter for Villanova (1973-74 through 1976-77), as a senior Olive helped catapult the Wildcats to a 23-10 mark and the 1977 NIT Final Four. He graduated from Villanova with a bachelor of arts in economics and has been enshrined in the Villanova Athletic Hall of Fame.

Nike Hoop Summit History

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

The premiere event for high school seniors, 74 former USA and World Select Hoop Summit team members have been drafted by NBA teams, including 14 players in the 2007 and 2006 drafts.

Hoop Summit alum Kevin Durant was selected No. 2 in the 2007 draft by Seattle, while World Team member Yi Jianlian was chosen sixth by Milwaukee. Also selected in 2007 were Brandan Wright (8th-Charlotte Bobcats); Spencer Hawes (10th-Sacramento Kings); Thaddeus Young (12th-Philadelphia 76ers); Julian Wright (13th-New Orleans Hornets); and Petteri Koponen (30th-Philadelphia 76ers).

As of January 2007, 40 former USA players and 12 former World team members were playing in the NBA. Some of the American NBA standouts boasting of Hoop Summit experience include Shareef Abdur-Rahim (Sacramento Kings); Ron Artest (Sacramento Kings); Shane Battier (Houston Rockets); Mike Bibby (Atlanta Hawks); Elton Brand (Los Angeles Clippers); Nick Collison (Seattle SuperSonics); Baron Davis (Golden State Warriors); Chris Duhon (Chicago Bulls); Mike Dunleavy (Golden State Warriors); Kevin Durant (Seattle SuperSonics); Monta Ellis (Golden State Warriors); Jordan Farmar (Los Angeles Lakers); Kevin Garnett (Boston Celtics); Rudy Gay (Memphis Grizzlies); Daniel Gibson (Cleveland Cavaliers); Al Harrington (Golden State Warriors); Kirk Hinrich (Chicago Bulls); Larry Hughes (Chicago Bulls); Al Jefferson (Minnesota Timberwolves); Jared Jeffries (New York Knicks); Joe Johnson (Atlanta Hawks); Rashard Lewis (Orlando Magic); Stephon Marbury (New York Knicks); Darius Miles (Portland Trail Blazers); Jermaine O'Neal (Indiana Pacers); Zach Randolph (New York Knicks); Quentin Richardson (New York Knicks); J.R. Smith (Denver Nuggets); Josh Smith (Atlanta Hawks); Stromile Swift (New Jersey Nets); Sebastian Telfair (Minnesota Timberwolves); Martell Webster (Portland Trail Blazers); Louis Williams (Philadelphia 76ers); Brandan Wright (Golden State Warriors); Julian Wright (New Orleans Hornets); and Thaddeus Young (Philadelphia 76ers).

World Team Hoop Summit alums now playing for NBA teams include: Andrea Bargnani, (Toronto Raptors); Dan Gadzuric (Milwaukee Bucks); Yi Jianlian (Milwaukee Bucks); Bostjan Nachbar (New Jersey Nets); Dirk

Nowitzki (Dallas Mavericks); Tony Parker (San Antonio Spurs); Vladimir Radmanovic (Los Angeles Lakers); Sergio Rodriguez (Portland Trail Blazers); Mouhamed Saer Sene (Seattle SuperSonics); Louis Scola (Houston Rockets); Darius Songaila (Washington Wizards); and Marcus Vinicius Viera (New Orleans Hornets).

Twenty-six other former Hoop Summit players are currently competing on the collegiate level including five members of the Duke Blue Devils - Gerald Henderson Jr., Greg Paulus, Jon Scheyer, Kyle Singler and Nolan Smith. Three former Hoop Summit players play at North Carolina—Wayne Ellington, Tyler Hansbrough and Tywon Lawson; while three alums are members of the Syracuse Orange, Jonny Flynn, Donté Greene and Paul Harris.

Also playing collegiately are Richard Hendrix at Alabama; Jerryd Bayless at Arizona; Vernon Macklin at Georgetown; D.J. White at Indiana; Brandon Rush at Kansas; Michael Beasley at Kansas State; Patrick Paterson at Kentucky; Derrick Rose at Memphis; Malik Hairston at Oregon; J.P. Prince at Tennessee; Kevin Love at UCLA; O.J. Mayo at USC; and Jon Brockman at Washington.

USA teams have won six consecutive and eight of the previous 10 Hoop Summit match-ups. In the three Nike Hoop Summit games held 2005-2007 in Memphis, the USA claimed wins in each contest. Bettering the World squad 100-80 in 2007, 109-91 in 2006 and 106-98 in 2005, the USA's good fortunes were fueled by impressive efforts by emerging stars like Mayo, Beasley, Love, Ellington, Durant, Hansbrough, Ellis and others.

2008 USA Basketball Men's Junior National Select Team

	<u>POS</u>	<u>HGT</u>	<u>WGT</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>HIGH SCHOOL / HOMETOWN / *COLLEGE</u>
Al-Farouq Aminu	F	6-8	195	09/21/90	Norcross H.S. / Norcross, GA / *Wake Forest
Jerime Anderson	G	6-1	165	10/05/89	Canyon H.S. / Anaheim, CA / *UCLA
Ed Davis	C	6-10	200	06/05/89	Benedictine H.S. / Richmond, VA / *North Carolina
Demar DeRozan	F	6-5	195	08/07/89	Compton H.S. / Compton, CA / *USC
Tyreke Evans	G	6-4	191	09/19/89	American Christian / Aston, PA / Undecided
Drew Gordon	F	6-8	220	07/12/90	Archbishop Mitty H.S. / San Jose, CA / *UCLA
Jrue Holiday	G	6-3	180	06/12/90	Campbell Hall H.S. / North Hollywood, CA / *UCLA
Scotty Hopson	G	6-5	180	08/08/89	University Heights Academy / Hopkinsville, KY / Undecided
Malcolm Lee	G	6-2	165	05/22/90	John W. North H.S. / Riverside, CA / *UCLA
Greg Monroe	F	6-9	200	06/04/90	Helen Cox H.S. / Gretna, LA / *Georgetown

HEAD COACH: Douglas Mitchell, North Central High School (Indianapolis, IN)

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

**Indicates college where the player has signed a national letter-of-intent to play in 2008-09.*