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Six Prep Stars Added To 2010 USA Basketball Men's U18 National Team Training Camp Roster

-- USA U18 National Team To Begin Training June 14 In San Antonio --

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (June 9, 2010) -- Six of the nation's top 18-and-unders have been added to the 2010 USA Basketball Men's U18 National Team training camp roster, bringing the list of prep stars who will train June 14-16 at the University of Texas at San Antonio to 19. The training camp will be used to select the 12-member team that will represent the USA at the 2010 FIBA Americas U18 Championship. The USA U18 National Team will remain in San Antonio June 17-25 to continue training prior to the start of the 2010 FIBA Americas U18 Championship, which will be held June 26-30 in St. Mary's University's Bill Greehey Arena in San Antonio. The invitations were issued by the USA Basketball Men's Junior National Team Committee.

Added to the USA U18 National Team training camp roster were: **James Bell** (Montverde Academy, Fla. / Orlando, Fla.); **Michael Gbinije** (Benedictine H.S. / Chester, Va.); **Kyrie Irving** (St. Patrick's H.S. / Elizabeth, N.J.); **Tony Mitchell** (L.G. Pinkston H.S. / Dallas, Texas); **LeBryan Nash** (Lincoln H.S. / Dallas, Texas); and **Desmond Simmons** (Salesian H.S. / Vallejo, Calif.).

The University of Oklahoma's **Jeff Capel** has been named as head coach of the 2010 USA U18 National Team, while Georgia Tech head coach **Paul Hewitt** and University at Buffalo head coach **Reggie Witherspoon** will serve as assistant coaches.

Acting as court coaches during the June 14-16 training camp are collegiate head coaches **Ken Ammann**, of Concordia University, **Randy Bennett** of Saint Mary's College, **Francis Flax** of Brown Mackie College, **Brad Stevens** of Butler University and **Brooks Thompson** of the University of Texas at San Antonio.

Announced on March 18 as accepting invitations to attend the 2010 USA Basketball U18 National Team training camp were: **Tracy Abrams** (Mount Carmel H.S. / Chicago, Ill.); **Keith Appling** (Pershing H.S. / Detroit, Mich.); **Vander Blue** (James Madison Memorial H.S. / Madison, Wis.); **Trevor Cooney** (Sanford H.S. / Wilmington, Del.); **Abdul Gaddy** (Washington / Tacoma, Wash.); **Joshua Hairston** (Montrose Christian School (Md.) / Fredericksburg, Va.); **Mikael Hopkins** (DeMatha Catholic H.S. / Hyattsville, Md.); **Sheldon McClellan** (Bellaire H.S. / Pearland, Texas); **Quincy Miller** (Quality Education Academy / Winston-Salem, N.C.); **Jereme Richmond** (Waukegan H.S. / Waukegan, Ill.); **Austin Rivers** (Winter Park H.S. / Winter Park, Fla.); **Amir Williams** (Detroit Country Day / Detroit, Mich.); and **Patric Young** (Providence School / Jacksonville, Fla.).

Additionally, Michael Chandler (Lawrence North H.S. / Indianapolis, Ind.); P.J. Hairston (Dudley Senior H.S. / Greensboro, N.C.); Tobias Harris (Half Hollow Hills West H.S. / Brookville, N.Y.); Joe Jackson

(White Station H.S. / Memphis, Tenn.); Terrence Jones (Jefferson H.S. / Portland, Ore.); Meyers Leonard (Robinson H.S. / Robinson, Ill.); Joshua Smith (Kentwood H.S. / Kent, Wash.); and T.J. Taylor (Denison H.S. / Denison, Texas), who were originally slated to attend the USA U18 National Team training camp, have withdrawn and will not attend training.

Training camp will get underway at UTSA's Convocation Center on June 14 at 6:00 p.m. (all times listed are local, CDT). On June 15 the invitees will practice twice at the Convocation Center, beginning at 9:30 a.m. and at 4:30 p.m. The final training session will get underway at 8:30 a.m. on June 16. Following the June 16 announcement of the 2010 USA U18 National Team that will compete in the FIBA Americas U18 Championship, the squad will train that afternoon starting at 4:00 p.m. The team is scheduled to remain in San Antonio and train twice a day starting at 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., with scrimmages scheduled against the 2010 USA Basketball Men's U17 World Championship Team in the afternoons of June 21 and 22, and against the Brazil U18 National Team on June 23.

The FIBA Americas Men's U18 Championship will feature eight national teams from North, South and Central America and the Caribbean. On March 5 the draw was held to determine the first round groups, and the USA was placed into Group A, along with Argentina, Mexico and the Virgin Islands. Group B includes Brazil, Canada, Puerto Rico and Uruguay. The U.S. will open preliminary play against the Virgin Islands on June 26 at 7:00 p.m. (all times listed are local, CDT). On June 27 the USA will face Mexico at 7:00 p.m. and will close preliminary play against South American rivals Argentina on June 28 at 7:00 p.m. The semifinals are slated for June 29, and the finals will be held June 30.

Not only will a gold medal be at stake, the top four finishing nations will qualify for the 2011 FIBA U19 World Championship. Players eligible for this competition must have been born on or after Jan. 1, 1992.

Syracuse University head coach and Naismith Basketball Hall of Famer Jim Boeheim, an assistant coach for the 2009-12 USA Basketball Men's National Team, chairs the USA Men's Junior National Team Committee. The Committee also includes NCAA appointees Lorenzo Romar, University of Washington head coach; Bruce Weber, University of Illinois head coach; and University of North Carolina head coach Roy Williams; while 2002 USA Basketball World Championship Team member Jay Williams serves as the athlete representative.

FIBA Americas U18 Championship For Men

Originally known as the FIBA Americas Junior World Championship Qualifier, the tournament was held every four years from 1990 through 2006. FIBA changed its calendar, however, and in 2008 FIBA Americas began conducting tournament every other year, followed in the next summer by the FIBA U19 World Championship.

USA men's teams are 33-2 in the U18 / Junior World Championship Qualifiers and have won gold in 1990, 1994, 1998 and 2006, while capturing silver in 2008 and bronze in 2002. Hosts of prior U18 championships are: Formosa, Argentina in 2008; San Antonio, Texas in 2006; Isla Margarita, Venezuela in 2002; Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic in 1998; Santa Rosa, Argentina in 1994; and Montevideo, Uruguay in 1990.

A number of talented athletes have competed on the USA U18 National Teams, including Shareef Abdur-Rahim (1994); Carmelo Anthony (2002); Michael Beasley (2006); Chris Bosh (2002); Dee Brown (2002); Nick Collison (1998); Jonny Flynn (2006); Spencer Hawes (2006); Grant Hill (1990); Allan Houston (1990); Andre Iguodala (2002); Stephon Marbury (1994); Mike Miller (1998); Quentin Richardson (1998); Kyle Singler (2006); Kemba Walker (2008); and Deron Williams (2002).

Additionally, top international players in past U18 tournaments included: Leandro Barbosa (Brazil) in 1994; Jose Barea (Puerto Rico) in 2002; Gregory Echenique (Venezuela) in 2008; Juan Fernandez (Argentina) in 2008; Todd MacCulloch (Canada) in 1994; Jamal Magloire (Canada) in 1994; Peter Ramos (Puerto Rico) in 2002; Luis Scola (Argentina) in 1998; Tiago Splitter (Brazil) in 2002; and Jesse Young (Canada) in 1998.

2010 USA Basketball Men's U18 National Team Schedule

Monday, June 14 6:00 p.m.	Practice @ Convocation Center	Tuesday, June 22 9:30 a.m.	Practice @ Recreation Center
Tuesday, June 15 9:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	Practice @ Convocation Center Practice @ Convocation Center	4:30 p.m.	Scrimmage vs. USA DNT @ Spurs Practice Facility
Wednesday, June 16 8:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Practice @ Convocation Center Practice @ Convocation Center	Wednesday, June 23 9:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	Practice @ Rec Center Scrimmage vs. Brazil @ Rec Center
Thursday, June 17 9:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	Practice @ Convocation Center Practice @ Convocation Center	Thursday, June 24 9:30 a.m. 5:30 a.m.	Practice @ Rec Center Practice @ Trinity College
Friday, June 18 9:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	Practice @ Recreation Center Practice @ Recreation Center	Friday, June 25 4:00 p.m.	Practice @ TBD
Saturday, June 19 9:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	Practice @ Recreation Center Practice @ Recreation Center	<u>2010 FIBA Americas U18 Championship</u> @ <i>St. Mary's University</i>	
Sunday, June 20 9:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	Practice @ Recreation Center Practice @ Recreation Center	Saturday, June 26 7:30 p.m.	USA vs. U.S. Virgin Islands
Monday, June 21 9:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	Practice @ Rec Center Scrimmage vs. USA U17 Nat'l Team @ Recreation Center	Sunday, June 27 7:00 p.m.	USA vs. Mexico @ St. Mary's
		Monday, June 28 7:00 p.m.	USA vs. Argentina
		Tuesday, June 29 TBD	Semifinals vs. TBD
		Wednesday, June 30 TBD	Finals vs. TBD

NOTES:

- *Practices last approximately two hours and are subject to change.* Please contact Caroline Williams (cwilliams@usabasketball.com or 719-330-3310) if you are planning on attending a practice session.
- Practices are open to credentialed media only.
- All times listed are local, CDT.
- Unless otherwise noted, all practice sessions will be held on the University of Texas at San Antonio campus at the UTSA Convocation Center or the UTSA Recreation Center.

2010 USA Basketball Men's U18 National Team Training Camp Roster

NAME	POS	HGT	WGT	YOG	HIGH SCHOOL / COLLEGE / HOMETOWN
Tracy Abrams	G	6-1	170	2011	Mount Carmel H.S. / *Illinois / Chicago, IL
Keith Appling	G	6-3	180	2010	Pershing H.S. / #Michigan State / Detroit, MI
James Bell	F	6-6	217	2010	Montverde Academy / #Villanova / Orlando, FL
Vander Blue	G	6-3	185	2010	James Madison Memorial H.S. / #Marquette / Madison, WI
Trevor Cooney	G	6-3	180	2011	Sanford H.S. / Wilmington, DE
Abdul Gaddy	G	6-3	185	2013	Washington / Tacoma, WA
Michael Gbinije	F	6-6	200	2011	Benedictine H.S. / #Duke / Chester, VA
Josh Hairston	F/C	6-8	210	2010	Montrose Christian School (MD)/#Duke/Fredericksburg, VA
Mikael Hopkins	F/C	6-9	205	2011	DeMatha Catholic H.S. / Hyattsville, MD
Kyrie Irving	G	6-2	172	2010	St. Patrick's H.S. / *Duke / Elizabeth, NJ
Sheldon McClellan	G	6-5	180	2011	Bellaire H.S. / *Texas / Pearland, TX
Quincy Miller	F/C	6-8	200	2011	Quality Education Academy / Winston-Salem, N.C.
Tony Mitchell	F	6-7	195	2010	L.G. Pinkston H.S. / #Missouri / Dallas, TX
LeBryan Nash	F	6-7	215	2011	Lincoln H.S. / Dallas, TX
Jereme Richmond	F	6-7	195	2010	Waukegan H.S. / #Illinois / Waukegan, IL
Austin Rivers	G	6-3	175	2011	Winter Park H.S. / *Florida / Winter Park, FL
Desmond Simmons	F	6-7	215	2010	Salesian H.S. / #Washington / Vallejo, CA
Amir Williams	F/C	6-10	210	2011	Detroit Country Day / Detroit, MI
Pat Young	F/C	6-9	222	2010	Providence School / #Florida / Jacksonville, FL

Head Coach: Jeff Capel, University of Oklahoma

Assistant Coach: Paul Hewitt, Georgia Tech

Assistant Coach: Reggie Witherspoon, University at Buffalo

Court Coach: Ken Ammann, Concordia University

Court Coach: Randy Bennett, Saint Mary's College

Court Coach: Francis Flax, Brown Mackie College

Court Coach: Brad Stevens, Butler University

Court Coach: Brooks Thompson, University of Texas at San Antonio

Athletic Trainer: David Craig, Indianapolis, Ind.

Athletic Trainer: Mark Powell, Trinity College

#Signed a National Letter of Intent to attend and compete for the school indicated.

*Verbally committed to attend and compete for the school indicated.