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Ten Gold Medalists Headline USA Roster for 2019 Nike Hoop Summit

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado (Feb. 5, 2019) – Featuring 10 players who have captured at least one gold medal and 12 athletes ranked among ESPN's top 53 players in the class of 2019, USA Basketball today announced the 2019 USA Nike Hoop Summit Team that will play in the 22nd annual Nike Hoop Summit at 7 p.m. PST on Friday, April 12 at the Moda Center in Portland, Oregon.

The 2019 USA Nike Hoop Summit Team will feature: **Cole Anthony** (Oak Hill Academy, Va./New York, N.Y.), **Vernon Carey Jr.** (University School/Southwest Ranches, Fla.), **De'Vion Harmon** (John Guyer H.S./Corinth, Texas), **Matthew Hurt** (John Marshall H.S./Rochester, Minn.), **Scottie Lewis** (Ranney School/Hazlet, N.J.), **Tyrese Maxey** (South Garland H.S./Dallas, Texas), **Justin Moore** (DeMatha Catholic H.S./Accokeek, Md.), **Wendell Moore Jr.** (Cox Mill H.S./Charlotte, N.C.), **Isaac Okoro** (McEachern H.S./Powder Springs, Ga.), **Jeremiah Robinson-Earl** (IMG Academy, Fla./Overland Park, Kan.), **Isaiah Stewart** (La Lumiere School, Ind./Rochester, N.Y.) and **James Wiseman** (East H.S./Memphis, Tenn.).

The Nike Hoop Summit is an annual basketball game that pits top U.S. high school senior boys against a World Select Team comprised of elite international players who are 19 years old or younger.

Tickets are available at <u>Ticketmaster.com</u>, the Rose Quarter Box Office or by calling 800-745-3000. Lower bowl seating starts at \$10, courtside seats are available for \$50 and VIP Packages also are <u>available</u>. Applicable service charges apply.

"To coach this team, along with coach (Stan) Waterman, is an incredible honor," said **Scott Fitch** (Fairport High School, N.Y.), who will serve as head coach of the USA Nike Hoop Summit Team. "This is a game coaches and players dream to be a part of.

"Our team is very talented. We have a well-rounded roster that is filled with guys that love to compete. Our success will be largely dependent on how well we can play together and develop chemistry with just a couple days of preparation."

Fitch and USA Nike Hoop Summit assistant coach **Stan Waterman** (Sanford School, Del.) were USA assistant coaches for the gold-medal winning 2017 USA U16 National and 2018 USA U17 World Cup teams. The U.S. athletes and coaches were selected by the USA Basketball Men's Developmental National Team Committee.

Two-time USA Basketball gold medalists Carey, Harmon and Wendell Moore were teammates on the undefeated 2017 USA U16 National Team and the 2018 USA U17 World Cup Team.

Also collecting gold medals at the 2018 FIBA U17 World Cup were Okoro and Stewart, while capturing gold medals at the 2018 FIBA Americas U18 Championship were Anthony, Hurt, Maxey and Robinson-Earl.

Wiseman collected his gold medal at the 2017 FIBA Americas U16 Championship; while Lewis took part in the 2018 USA Basketball Men's U18 National Team Training Camp and the 2016 and 2018 USA Basketball Men's Junior National Team October Minicamps; and Justin Moore participated in the 2018 USA Men's U18 National Team Training Camp and the 2018 USA Men's Junior National Team October Minicamp.

Ten U.S. team members have signed a National Letter of Intent or verbally committed for the 2019-20 NCAA season, including two to Duke University in Carey (verbal) and Wendell Moore; and two to Villanova University in Justin Moore and Robinson-Earl; as well as Harmon (Oklahoma), Lewis (Florida), Maxey (Kentucky), Okoro (Auburn), Stewart (verbal to Washington) and Wiseman (Memphis).

The 12 USA Nike Hoop Summit Team members rank among ESPN's class of 2019, including No. 1 Wiseman, No. 2 Anthony, No. 3 Carey, No. 4 Stewart, No. 10 Hurt, No. 11 Maxey, No. 12 Lewis, No. 19 Wendell Moore, No. 20 Robinson-Earl, No. 40 Okoro, No. 51 Justin Moore and No. 53 Harmon.

The 2019 World Select Team is expected to be announced in March and will draw players from FIBA Africa, FIBA Americas, FIBA Asia and FIBA Europe, with approved sanction of FIBA, the governing body of international basketball.

Overall, the USA holds a 14-7 series advantage in the Nike Hoop Summit. In 2018, the USA could not overcome icy shooting and an international record 60 rebounds and fell to the World Select Team 89-76. **Darius Garland** contributed 16 points and five assists, and **Quentin Grimes** added 15 points, six rebounds and four assists. In 2017, the USA held on for a 98-87 win that saw **Michael Porter Jr.** and **Jarred Vanderbilt** score 19 points apiece.

An incredible 217 former USA or World Select Team members have been drafted by NBA teams, including 14 players in the 2018 NBA Draft.

Twelve Nike Hoop Summit alumni have been chosen as the No. 1 pick, and 76 players have been selected among the first 10 picks.

As of Nov. 6, 2018, a remarkable 118 Nike Hoop Summit alumni were active in the NBA, including 80 former U.S. players and 38 former World Select Team members.

Additionally, 34 former Hoop Summit players are competing on the collegiate level, including 21 U.S. players and 12 World Select Team athletes.

About USA Basketball

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