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USA Basketball Names 2021 USA Nike Hoop Summit Team

Colorado Springs, Colorado (March 25, 2021) – Featuring two gold medalists among a 14-member roster that all have prior USA Basketball experience, USA Basketball today announced the 2021 USA Nike Hoop Summit Team. Due to COVID-19, the 2021 Nike Hoop Summit game will not be played, but the team members joined a video conference on March 25 to learn of their roster selection for the first time.

The 2021 USA Nike Hoop Summit Team includes 2019 FIBA Americas U16 gold medalists **Max Christie** (Rolling Meadows H.S./Arlington Heights, Ill.) and **Jabari Smith Jr.** (Sandy Creek H.S./Tyrone, Ga.), alongside **Patrick Baldwin Jr.** (Hamilton H.S./Sussex, Wis.), **Nate Bittle** (Prolific Prep, Calif./Central Point, Ore.), **Kendall Brown** (Sunrise Christian Academy/Cottage Grove, Minn.), **Kennedy Chandler** (Sunrise Christian Academy/Memphis, Tenn.), **Matthew Cleveland** (Pace Academy/Milton, Ga.), **Jackson Grant** (Olympia H.S./Olympia, Wash.), **Jaden Hardy** (Coronado H.S./Henderson, Nev.), **Chet Holmgren** (Minnehaha Academy/Minneapolis, Minn.), **Trevor Keels** (Paul VI Catholic H.S., Va./Clinton, Md.), **Kaden Perry** (Battle Ground H.S./Battle Ground, Wash.), **Hunter Sallis** (Millard North H.S./Omaha, NE) and **Peyton Watson** (Long Beach Poly H.S./Long Beach, Calif.).

The coaching staff, which also was in place for the cancelled 2020 Nike Hoop Summit, is USA head coach **Sharman White** (Pace Academy, Ga.), with assistants **Scott Fitch** (Fairport H.S, N.Y.) and **Stan Waterman** (Sanford School, Del.).

“Despite the game not being able to be played this year, we are excited to recognize these elite players for their success during such a challenging year,” said **Sean Ford**, USA Basketball Men’s National Team director and chair of the USA Basketball Developmental National Team Committee, which is responsible for coach and athlete selection. “Each of these players are worthy of being part of the 2021 USA Nike Hoop Summit Team, and we look forward to them being part of national teams in the future.”

Ten of the 14 players have signed a National Letter of Intent for the 2021-22 NCAA season, including Baldwin with Duke University; Bittle with the University of Oregon; Brown with Baylor University; Chandler with the University of Tennessee; Christie with Michigan State University; Cleveland with Florida State University; Grant with the University of Washington; Perry with Gonzaga University; Smith with Auburn University and Watson with UCLA.

All 14 players are listed on the ESPN 100 for the class of 2021, including No. 1 Holmgren; No. 2 Hardy; No. 3 Baldwin; No. 5 Smith; No. 9 Bittle; No. 10 Chandler; No. 12 Watson; No. 13 Sallis; No. 15 Christie; No. 19 Keels; No. 20 Brown; No. 30 Cleveland; No. 39 Grant and No. 72 Perry.

USA Basketball teams have compiled a 15-7 overall record in the Nike Hoop Summit.

The Nike Hoop Summit has been held annually since 1995, with the exception of 2001-2003, when the event was being reorganized, and in 2020 and 2021, when it was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In 2019, the USA got 25 points from **Cole Anthony** to help the American team to a 93-87 win, despite 28 points from the World Team's **Nicco Mannion**.

In 2018, the USA could not overcome icy shooting and an international team 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.

As of March 11, 2021, a remarkable 111 Nike Hoop Summit alumni were active in the NBA, including 73 former U.S. players and 38 former World team members.

Additionally, 30 former Nike Hoop Summit players are competing on the collegiate level in 2020-21, including 24 U.S. players and six World Team athletes.

An incredible 244 former USA or World team members have been drafted by NBA teams, including 15 players in the 2020 NBA Draft.

Thirteen Nike Hoop Summit alumni have been chosen as the No. 1 pick, and 82 players have been selected among the first 10 picks.

Recent No. 1 picks include: **Zion Williamson** (injured and did not play in 2019), **DeAndre Ayton** (Bahamas) in 2018, **Markelle Fultz** in 2017, **Ben Simmons** (Australia) in 2016, **Karl-Anthony Towns** (Dominican Republic) in 2015, **Andrew Wiggins** (Canada) in 2014, **Anthony Bennett** (Canada) in 2013, **Anthony Davis** in 2012, **Kyrie Irving** in 2011 and **John Wall** in 2010.

Eight players have gone on to earn NBA Rookie of the Year, including Simmons (2018), Towns (2016), Wiggins (2015), Irving (2012), **Tyreke Evans** (2010), **Derrick Rose** (2009), **Kevin Durant** (2008) and **Elton Brand** (2000-shared).

About USA Basketball

Based in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and chaired by retired Gen. **Martin Dempsey**, USA Basketball is a nonprofit organization and the national governing body for basketball in the United States. As the recognized governing body for basketball in the U.S. by the International Basketball Federation (FIBA) and the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC), USA Basketball is responsible for the selection, training and fielding of USA national teams that compete in FIBA-sponsored five-on-five, 3x3 and esport international competitions, as well as for some national competitions and for the development of youth basketball initiative that address player development, coach education and safety, while promoting, growing and elevating the game.

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2021 USA Nike Hoop Summit Team

NO	NAME	POS	HGT	WGT	YOG	SCHOOL/*COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
15	Patrick Baldwin Jr.	F	6-10	211	2021	Hamilton H.S./*Duke	Sussex, WI
14	Nate Bittle	F/C	6-11	184	2021	Prolific Prep, CA/*Oregon	Central Point, OR
10	Kendall Brown	G	6-7	190	2021	Sunrise Christian Academy/*Baylor	Cottage Grove, MN
4	Kennedy Chandler	G	6-0	159	2021	Sunrise Christian Academy/*Tennessee	Memphis, TN
12	Max Christie	G	6-5	171	2021	Rolling Meadows H.S./Michigan State	Arlington Heights, IL
17	Matthew Cleveland	F	6-6	180	2021	Pace Academy/*Florida State	Milton, GA

16	Jackson Grant	F	6-10	198	2021	Olympia H.S./*Washington	Olympia, WA
6	Jaden Hardy	G	6-4	183	2021	Coronado H.S.	Henderson, NV
7	Chet Holmgren	F	7-0	190	2021	Minnehaha Academy	Minneapolis, MN
9	Trevor Keels	F	6-4	229	2021	Paul VI Catholic H.S., VA	Clinton, MD
13	Kaden Perry	F	6-9	210	2021	Battle Ground H.S./*Gonzaga	Battle Ground, WA
5	Hunter Sallis	G	6-3	165	2021	Millard North H.S.	Omaha, NE
11	Jabari Smith Jr.	F	6-8	190	2021	Sandy Creek H.S./*Auburn	Tyrone, GA
8	Peyton Watson	F	6-6	170	2021	Long Beach Poly H.S./*UCLA	Long Beach, CA

Head Coach: Sharman White (Pace Academy, GA)

Assistant Coach: Scott Fitch (Fairport H.S, NY)

Assistant Coach: Stan Waterman (Sanford School, DE)

** National Letter of Intent.*