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Sharman White, Scott Fitch and Stan Waterman to Lead USA Nike Hoop Summit Team

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado (Jan. 16, 2020) – With a combined 70 years of experience as high school head coaches and 10 years of experience with USA Basketball teams and training camps, three gold-medal winning coaches will lead the 2020 USA Nike Hoop Summit Team, headed by **Sharman White** (Pace Academy, Ga.) with assistants **Scott Fitch** (Fairport H.S., N.Y.) and **Stan Waterman** (Sanford School, Del.).

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. The 2020 Nike Hoop Summit will return for a 13th straight year to the Moda Center in Portland, Oregon, at 7 p.m. (PT) on Friday, April 10.

Tickets are on sale at Ticketmaster.com or the Rose Quarter Box Office. Courtside seats are available for \$60, and lower bowl seating starts at \$10. Applicable service charges apply.

USA head coach White, most recently helped the 2019 USA U16 National Team to a 6-0 record and gold medal as an assistant at the FIBA Americas U16 Championship in Brazil, will serve in his ninth coaching role with USA Basketball. White also was an assistant coach for the gold-medal winning 2015 USA U16 National Team, and he served as a court coach at the 2014, 2015, 2018 and 2019 USA Basketball Men's Junior National Team October minicamps, as well as the 2019 USA MJNT July minicamp and the 2018 USA U17 World Cup Team training camp.

White is in his 22nd season overall as a high school head coach and his second at Pace Academy in Georgia. So far in 2019-20, he has led Pace to an 15-4 record.

"To be able to coach the best high school players and represent the USA against the world, I think it is an incredible honor, and I am very humbled by it and looking forward to the opportunity and challenge of it," White said. "I have had the pleasure and honor of working with both Scott and Stan. They bring an awesome experience to the team. They have won gold medals as well as last year's Nike Hoop Summit, and they know what we are trying to accomplish."

In his first campaign in 2018-19, he led the Knights to a 20-9 overall record and the first round of the state tournament.

Through the 2018-19 season, he had compiled a 393-100 (.797) overall record as a high school head coach.

In 2016-17 and 2017-18, White was an assistant coach at Georgia State University, where he helped the team to a 44-24 record during his time, including an appearance in the 2018 NCAA Tournament.

Prior to Georgia State, he was the head boys basketball coach at Miller Grove High School in Georgia for 20 seasons (1996-97 to 2015-16), where he led his team to six-straight state titles, including Georgia 4A titles from 2009-2012 and 5A titles in 2013 and 2014.

Fitch, the head boys basketball coach at Fairport High School in New York, will undertake his eighth USA Basketball coaching assignment as an assistant coach.

Previously, he led the USA to a win as head coach of the 2019 USA Nike Hoop Summit Team, and he was one of four lead coaches at the 2019 USA Basketball Men's Junior National Team July minicamp. He also served as a court coach at the 2017, 2018 and 2019 USA Basketball Men's Junior National Team October minicamps, and he was an assistant coach for the gold-medal winning 2018 USA Men's U17 World Cup Team and 2017 USA Men's U16 National Team.

Fitch has been the head boys basketball coach at Fairport for 19 seasons (2001-02 to present).

Through the 2018-19 season, in which he led his team to a 15-7 record and the Section V Class 2A semifinal game, he had compiled a 305-95 overall record (.772 winning percentage).

So far in 2019-20, he has led Fairport to a 6-5 record.

"I am very excited," Fitch said. "Having the opportunity to coach in the Nike Hoop Summit game last year was something I will always remember. I loved the connections we were able to make with the players. It was a special group.

"I also learned what a challenging game this is for USA basketball. You have a very limited time to prepare to play against a very talented World Team. It is a challenge we look forward to. Lastly, I can't wait to work with Sharman and Stan this year. Both are coaches I have a high level of respect for, and I look forward to learning from. Every time you are asked to represent USA there is a sense of pride that comes over you. That never gets old. I cherish every USA basketball experience."

In 2017-18, Fitch and his Fairport team finished 16-6 and reached the Section V Class AA semifinals. In 2016-17, Fitch led Fairport to a 22-2 record, a section title and the state championship game.

Five times he has been honored as the Monroe County Coach of the Year, twice as the Section V Coach of the Year and as the 2007 All Greater Rochester Coach of the Year. He led his team to back-to-back Section V Championships in 2006 and 2007, and to the state final four in 2007.

Waterman, the head boys basketball coach at Sanford School in Delaware, will serve in his fifth USA Basketball coaching assignment at the 2020 Nike Hoop Summit.

Previously, he was an assistant coach for the victorious 2019 USA Nike Hoop Summit Team, he served as a court coach at the 2018 USA Basketball Men's Junior National Team October minicamp and he was a gold medal winning assistant coach for the 2018 USA Men's U17 World Cup Team and the 2017 USA Men's U16 National Team.

Waterman currently is in his 29th season (1991-92 to present) as the boys basketball head coach at Sanford School in Delaware, where he has been the dean of students since 1993 and also is the assistant athletic director.

So far in 2019-20, he has led Sanford to an 8-3 record.

"I am excited and delighted to be returning as an assistant coach for the 2020 Nike Hoop Summit," Waterman said. "To have the opportunity to work with some of the best coaches and basketball minds in the world, while coaching the best high school players in the United States and from around the world is an awesome experience. Any opportunity you have to represent your country is a proud and amazing opportunity. I look forward to the teaching, learning, networking and relationship building that happens during this event. Many of the players participating in this game will be stars in the NBA in the very near future. I am truly blessed to have this opportunity."

In 2018-19, Waterman guided Sanford to a 20-4 record and a Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association state title – his seventh state championship overall.

In 2016, after leading his team to a sixth state championship, he was honored by the Delaware Sportswriters and Broadcasters Association as the recipient of the Tubby Raymond Award as the Delaware Coach of the Year.

He also led Sanford to state titles in his inaugural campaign in 1992, in 2002 and for three-straight years from 2010-2012.

The 2020 USA Nike Hoop Summit Team athletes and coaches are selected by the USA Basketball Men's Developmental National Team Committee.

The roster of U.S. athletes is expected to be announced in February.

The 2020 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 15-7 series advantage in the Nike Hoop Summit.

In 2019, the USA got 25 points from current University of North Carolina freshman **Cole Anthony** to help the Americans to a 93-87 win, despite 28 points from the World Team's **Nico Mannion**, who is a freshman at the University of Arizona in 2019-20.

An incredible 229 Nike Hoop Summit alumni have been drafted by NBA teams, including 12 players in the 2019 NBA Draft. And, as of Nov. 6, 2019, a remarkable 115 Nike Hoop Summit

alumni were active in the NBA, including 79 former U.S. players and 36 former World team members.

Additionally, 35 former Hoop Summit players are competing on the collegiate level in 2019-20, including 22 U.S. players and 13 World Team athletes.

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