

1992 USA Basketball 'Dream Team' Unveiled

USA Basketball President Dave Gavitt unveiled on NBC national television on September 21 the first 10 members of the historic 1992 USA men's National basketball team, appropriately coined the "Dream Team." The 10 players are all current standouts in the NBA. The 1992 USA National team 12-man roster, which will include amateur and professional players, will be finalized in the spring of 1992.

The 1992 USA National team will attempt to qualify the USA men for the 1992 Barcelona Olympics at the June 27-July 5, 1992 Basketball Tournament of the Americas in Portland, Oregon. If the U.S. team finishes among the top four at the qualifying tournament, then the U.S. will qualify to compete in the 1992 Olympic men's basketball competition.

The "Dream Team" 10 is virtually a Who's Who in the NBA. Accepting official USA Basketball invitations to become members of the 1992 USA National men's basketball team were: Charles Barkley (Philadelphia 76ers); Larry Bird (Boston Celtics); Patrick Ewing (New York Knicks); Earvin "Magic" Johnson (Los Angeles Lakers); Michael Jordan (Chicago Bulls); Karl Malone (Utah Jazz); Chris Mullin (Golden State Warriors); Scottie Pippen (Chicago Bulls); David Robinson (San Antonio Spurs) and John Stockton (Utah Jazz).

"This is a historic announcement," acknowledged Gavitt. "For the first time all of the citizens of the United States were eligible to be selected for the Olympic team and for the first time we're on an equal basis with all countries. I've said this numerous times, but I don't think the Olympic dream has been diminished. What probably has happened is that the dream has been postponed four years. Pat Ewing, Michael Jordan and Chris Mullin were all members of our 1984 Olympic team and had professionals been eligible then, it's very likely they would not have made that 1984 team. But they would have for sure been on the 1988 USA Olympic team and probably the 1992 team as well."

"I'm absolutely delighted with the level of cooperation that has existed since day one between the collegiate Olympic Subset members and the NBA members. This was very much in evidence in the work of the committee and C. M. (Newton) as chair of the Subset

has done a great job. There's no question that the selection process was as fair and as honest as it could be and the results speak to that," said Gavitt.

"As chair of the Olympic Subset, going into the selection process I had a lot of anxiety because basically we were plowing new ground," said Olympic Subset chair C. M. Newton. "Right now I couldn't be more proud of the commitment and total effort given by the Olympic Subset members in this project. This subset was very responsible and really took the charge very seriously, that charge being the selection of the Olympic coaching staff and the Olympic team. Of course it's not finished, but this is a big step."

"The selection process itself was a very difficult one, but one that ultimately I think was very fair and extensive. The committee's duties are not over; we will complete the selection of the team in the spring of 1992, but this is an exciting and an excellent step."

"I'm excited about the challenge to return the Olympic gold medal to the USA," remarked 1992 USA Olympic men's head coach Chuck Daly. "The Committee has selected an outstanding group of world class basketball players, all 10 are previous NBA All-Stars and nine participated in the 1991 NBA All-Star game."

Four of the 10 players selected, Ewing (1984), Jordan (1984), Mullin (1984) and Robinson (1988) were members of past USA Olympic teams. In the history of USA Olympic basketball, only two players have been members of more than one USA Olympic team, Burdette Halderson (1956, 1960) and Robert Kurland (1948, 1952). Jo-

dan (17.1 ppg.), Mullin (11.6 ppg.) and Ewing (11.0 ppg.) were the top three scorers on the 1984 USA Olympic team that went 8-0 and captured the gold medal in Los Angeles. Robinson (12.7 ppg. and 6.7 rpg.) was the USA leading rebounder and second leading scorer on the 1988 USA team that compiled a 7-1 record and earned the bronze medal in Seoul, South Korea.

For the first time in international basketball history, NBA players were eligible for selection to the USA Olympic basketball team. Previous international rules forbade NBA players from being eligible to compete in the Olympics, however on April 7, 1989 at a FIBA (Federation Internationale de Basketball) World Congress, the FIBA member countries in attendance voted overwhelmingly, 56-13, for "open competition" making all basketball players worldwide eligible for international competition.

Because of another FIBA rule change, the Americans must first qualify for the 1992 Olympic basketball competition. Portland, Oregon will be the site for the Basketball Tournament of the Americas, one of five Olympic qualifying zone tournaments that will be used to determine the 12 teams who will compete in the '92 Barcelona Olympics. The Basketball Tournament of the Americas will be held June 27-July 5, 1992 and feature 10 teams from North, South and Central Americas. The top four finishers will qualify for the 1992 Barcelona Olympics. The 1992 Olympic basketball competition is scheduled for Badalona, Spain from July 26 through August 8, 1992.

1992 USA MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM SELECTEES

NAME	POS	HGT	WGT	BDATE	TEAM
Charles Barkley	F	6-6	250	02/20/63	Philadelphia 76ers
Larry Bird	F	6-9	220	12/07/56	Boston Celtics
Patrick Ewing	C	7-0	240	08/05/62	New York Knicks
Earvin Johnson	G	6-9	220	08/14/59	Los Angeles Lakers
Michael Jordan	G	6-6	198	02/17/63	Chicago Bulls
Karl Malone	F	6-9	256	07/24/63	Utah Jazz
Chris Mullin	F	6-7	215	07/30/63	Golden St. Warriors
Scottie Pippen	G/F	6-7	210	09/25/65	Chicago Bulls
David Robinson	C	7-1	235	08/06/65	San Antonio Spurs
John Stockton	G	6-1	175	03/26/62	Utah Jazz
Head Coach: Chuck Daly					(Detroit Pistons)
Assistant Coach: P.J. Carlesimo					(Seton Hall University)
Assistant Coach: Mike Krzyzewski					(Duke University)
Assistant Coach: Lenny Wilkens					(Cleveland Cavaliers)

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RECIPIENTS OF THE CBCF'S HIGHEST HONORS WERE from left, top row, Justice Thurgood Marshall, recently retired from the U.S. Supreme Court; Christopher Edley, Sr., recently retired as President of the UNCF, and State Senator Henry J. Kirksey (D-Miss.); and from left, bottom row, Representative Daniel T. Blue, Jr. (D-N.C.), Speaker of the North Carolina House; Mayor Sharon Pratt Dixon of Washington, D.C., and Bill and Camille Cosby.



"EVOLUTION OF A PEOPLE," by sculptor Ed Dwight.

Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Top Honors Now Have Sculptured Award To Show Black Achievements

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The "Evolution of a People," a sculpture depicting the move by African Americans from "slave ships and cotton fields to court rooms, classrooms and the halls of Congress" was unveiled here recently as the symbol of the top honors bestowed on individual Blacks by the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation (CBCF).

Created by renowned sculptor Ed Dwight, and underwritten by Philip Morris Companies Inc., six of the art pieces were presented by the Foundation to outstanding African Americans.

The award recipients were: Justice Thurgood Marshall, recently retired from

the U.S. Supreme Court; Christopher Edley, Sr., recently retired as President of the United Negro College Fund; State Senator Henry J. Kirksey (D-Miss.); Representative Daniel T. Blue, Jr. (D-N.C.); Speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives; Mayor Sharon Pratt Dixon of Washington, D.C., and Bill and Camille Cosby.

"It is important that heroes be honored and it is especially pleasing when the awards they receive are the works of a talented, skilled, committed artist," said George L. Knox III, Vice President, Public Affairs, Philip Morris Companies Inc.

He said: "Mr. Dwight's exceptional

earlier works, 'Black Frontier Spirit in the American West' and 'JAZZ: An American Art Form,' convinced us that he could bring a very special understanding to this project on the struggle of African Americans through the years. We were not disappointed — he created an important work of art that will inspire many generations to come."

Philip Morris has long supported the efforts of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, notably the CBCF Summer Internship Program, which brings college students to Washington every year to gain valuable experience in how government works.



REPRESENTATIVE JOHN LEWIS (D-Ga.), center, with Governor Bill Clinton of Arkansas, left, and Noel Hankin, Director, Market Relations, Miller Brewing Co.



REPRESENTATIVE Donald M. Payne (D-N.J.), left, chats during the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's 21st Annual Legislative Weekend, with George L. Knox and his wife, Gail. Knox is Vice President, Public Affairs, Philip Morris Companies Inc.

Fire Prevention Week: More Than One Week Of Firesafety

Is it surprising that America leads all other industrialized nations in fire casualties? Each year, according to national Fire Protection Association statistics, about 5,000 Americans die in fires, most of them caused by carelessness or ignorance. For all of our technology and resources, we haven't yet solved the problem of fire.

Traditionally fire prevention week has been the time for fire departments to remind Americans of the dangers of fire and how they can be prevented. Now, however, more and more departments are relying on year-round fire safety education programs to teach people what to do in cases of fire and how to keep them from happening.

Tragic fires occur during every season of the year. Home heating fires, the major cause of all residential fires in the United States, dominate the winter months. Late spring, summer and early fall are the times when fires often result from carelessness with gasoline while working outdoors or from carelessness while cooking or camping outdoors. Many fires occur during every season of the year, the result of a cigarette carelessly disposed of or a frayed appliance cord or of other preventable causes.

Recent firesafety efforts have focused on teaching people positive behaviors rather than simply issuing stern warnings of the consequences of fire. As a result, there are incidents in which people are saved because they knew what to do and they did it. For instance, families are saved because they installed smoke detectors, or individuals whose clothing caught fire were saved by the "Stop, Drop and Roll" technique.

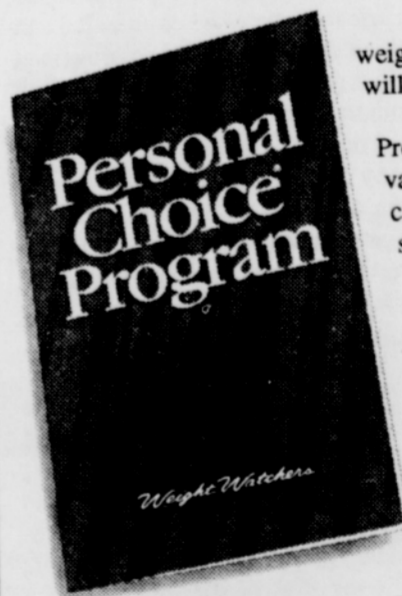
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