

TEAM USA SELECT READIES FOR ALBERT SCHWEITZER



The Albert Schweitzer Tournament has been held in even numbered years in Mannheim, Germany since 1958. The United States has won the most titles (10) but has not won it since 1996. Notable tourney alums include Magic Johnson, Vince Carter, Tim Duncan, Dirk Nowitzki, and Tony Parker. The tournament, considered an unofficial youth world championship for the under-18 age group, is well attended by scouts and fans---upwards of 30,000 spectators are expected over the course of the event.

The USA team has been placed in Group C and will square off against Chile in their opening game on April 19. Also in the group are teams from Ukraine and France. The championship is slated for Saturday, April 26.

The eleven man U-18 USA squad features players from six states. 6-9 Tim Delaney (Pitman, NJ) is headed to Villanova while 6-7 wing Ethan Happ (Taylor Ridge, IL) is a Wisconsin signee. Guards Mike Williams (Brooklyn, NY) and Shavar Newkirk (Bronx, NY) are committed to Rutgers and St. Joseph's respectively. 6-5 forward Scott Lindsey (Oak Park, IL) will play at Northwestern while 6-9 unsigned 2015 post Elijah Burns (Troy, NY / Blair) will draw scouts attention. High Point commit Austin White (East Orange, NJ) and Salt Lake City (UT) standout Brock Miller are accomplished combo guards. Seattle-area(Hazen)guard Connor O'Hearn, Livingston, NJ guard Kahlil Garnes, and Cazenovia, NY wing Ross Gerber round out the squad.

An experienced coaching staff will guide the team. Kimball Union (NH) Academy head coach Mike Olson leads the squad. He is assisted by Blair (NJ) Academy veteran Joe Mantegna, Erik Olson, who is head coach of FSU Academy in Iceland and Vermont Tech head coach Chris Leazier.

While most of the 16 teams in the field operate as junior national teams, the US squad will meet for the first time at the JFK terminal in New York. How fast the team gels will likely determine how much success the team can find. One thing is certain however, the AST boasts talent and tradition---and the US Select team will have it's hands full in attempting to secure that elusive 11th title.

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2014 A.S.T USA SELECT ROSTER

The United States Select U-18 team for the upcoming Albert Schweitzer Tournament has been announced. The team includes 11 players from six states. The USA Select team opens play April 19 against Chile.

- ◆ #4 Shavar Newkirk 5-11 Guard Cardinal Hayes HS / Bronx, NY
- ◆ #5 Austin White 6-0 Guard St. Peter's Prep / NJ
- ◆ #6 Connor O'Hearn 6-0 Guard Hazen HS / Renton, WA
- ◆ #7 Kahlil Garnes 6-2 Guard Livingston HS / NJ
- ◆ #8 Mike Williams 6-3 Guard Bishop Laughlin / Brooklyn, NY
- ◆ #9 Tim Delaney 6-9 Forward Pitman HS / NJ
- ◆ #10 Ethan Happ 6-7 Forward Rockridge HS / Taylor Ridge, IL
- ◆ #11 Brock Miller 6-5 Guard Brighton HS / Salt Lake City, UT
- ◆ #12 Elijah Burns 6-8 Forward Blair Academy / Troy, NY
- ◆ #14 Scott Lindsey 6-5 Forward Fenwick HS / Oak Park, IL
- ◆ #15 Ross Gerber 6-4 Guard Cazenovia HS / NY

Coaches:

Mike Olson Kimball Union Academy / New Hampshire

Joe Mantegna Blair Academy / New Jersey

Chris Leazier Vermont Technical College / Vermont

Erik Olson FSu Academy / Iceland