

## Curry member of USA National Team

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Former Davidson College basketball standout Stephen Curry is currently a member of the USA National team.

Curry, who set the college basketball world on fire when he led Davidson to the Final Four in 2008, turned in a strong rookie campaign in the National Basketball Association. Selected by the Golden State Warriors in the first round of the NBA draft (seventh player selected overall), Curry was a runner-up for rookie-of-the-year honors. He averaged 17.5 points-per-game, shot 46% from the floor, 44% from the three-point line and he shot 89% from the foul line. He was also a plus-229 in assist-turnover ratio.

He will join Team USA at training camp in Las Vegas July 19-24. He will be among 21 players in training camp for the National Team.

Curry, who is the all-time leading scorer at Davidson and in the Southern Conference, is joined on the National team roster by Rajon Rondo of the Boston Celtics, Chauncey Billups of the Denver Nuggets, Gerald Wallace of the Charlotte Bobcats and Lamar Odom of the world-champion Los Angeles Lakers.

In all, there are 27 players, including 11 Olympians on the roster. Training camp will also feature a Blue-White intra-squad game that will be played July 24 at the Thomas & Mack Center on the campus of UNLV.

Following a short break, selected USA National team players will reassemble in New York City to take part in the first-ever World Basketball Festival, a four-day celebration hosted by NIKE Inc., and USA Basketball. The festival tips off Aug. 12 in Times Square with a special showcase featuring the USA Basketball Men's National Team and moves uptown to Harlem's legendary Rucker Park basketball courts on Aug. 13 and 14.

The USA will play France in the first game of an exhibition doubleheader, while China will meet Puerto Rico in the second game. In addition to the game against France at Madison Square Garden, Team USA will also play three world basketball powers in exhibition games in its preparation for the 2010 FIBA (International Basketball Federation) World Championships. The Americans will play Lithuania on Aug. 21 and Spain on Aug. 22 in Madrid, Spain. They play Greece in Athens on Aug. 25.

The FIBA World Championships will be held in Ankara, Istanbul, Izmir and Kayseri, Turkey August 28-September 12. Twenty-four teams will compete in the 2010 FIBA World Championships; the USA will begin the preliminary round paired up with Brazil, Iran, Croatia, Tunisia, and Slovenia.

Team USA is led by Duke University's Hall of Fame coach Mike Krzyzewski, and features as USA assistant coaches, Hall of Fame coach Jim Boeheim of Syracuse University, head mentor Mike D'Antoni of the New York Knicks and head coach Nate McMillan of the Portland Trail Blazers.