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NINTH USA ALL-STAR FINDS A PERMANENT HOME IN IBL

Portland, OR – The USA All-Stars, a developmental team in the International Basketball League, has had another member of its ranks called up for a roster spot on a permanent IBL team. The Jazz of Tacoma have announced that 6’3” combo guard Greg Hendricks has been added to the roster. Hendricks is the ninth USA All-Star to be called up this season.

The Jazz know first hand that the All-Stars have produced some outstanding talent this season. Former USA All-Star and current Portland Chinook Marc Williams recorded a triple-double in a win over the Jazz on April 9 (29 points, 12 rebounds, 10 assists).

Listed below are the eight USA All-Star players that have been ‘called up’ to date:

LeBraun Andrews	6’7”	Grand Rapids Flight
Tywan Gonzales	6’7”	Snohomish County Explosion
Shane Thorson	6’6”	Grand Rapids Flight
Shohn Williams	6’5”	Gary Steelheads
Walter Waters	6’11”	Grand Rapids Flight
Marc Williams	6’4”	Portland Chinooks
David Fisher	6’6”	Portland Chinooks
Devin Smith	6’9”	Portland Chinooks
Greg Hendricks	6’3”	Jazz of Tacoma

About the USA All-Stars

The IBL has created a new team to further the league’s goals of developing players and assisting those players in maximizing their opportunities in professional basketball—both domestically and overseas. This developmental team, called the USA All-Stars, will serve as a season-long opportunity for players to improve their game against outstanding competition as well as showcase their abilities to IBL teams, and the growing list of international teams the IBL has developed relationships with. Ultimately, this team will give undiscovered talent another avenue to be discovered, while also creating the unprecedented opportunity for players that are on the cusp of being good enough to ‘make it’ the chance to improve by competing in actual professional basketball games.

The USA All-Stars will play a full IBL schedule against IBL teams across the country. The line-up will change frequently. For many, the dream of playing professional basketball will likely end with the All-Stars, which is healthy—it can be painful, but a player coming to terms with the truth that pro basketball is not their calling is, ultimately, a good thing. For others, the USA All-Stars will be the first step in making their quest to play professionally a reality. Interested players should send a short basketball resume to agency@ibllhoopsonline.com.