



## WALKER TO LEAD USA TEAM TO GREECE

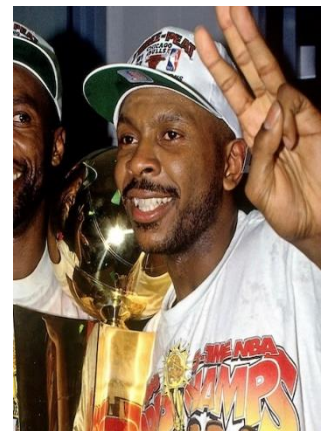
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For Immediate Release – USA East Coast Basketball once again has one of basketball’s most successful coaches leading its team of all-stars this summer. The University of Arkansas at Little Rock’s Darrell Walker, a champion as both a player and a coach, will lead a group of collegiate all-stars to Athens, Greece.

USA East Coast, in cooperation with [Moneyball Sportwear](#) and [Cleveland Brothers – CAT](#), will be conducting a two-day training camp at Columbia University in New York City before heading to Athens for games against some of Greece’s top pro teams. The USA team, comprised of players from all three NCAA levels, will be guided by basketball great Darrell Walker. Walker is the only active coach with head coaching experience at the NBA, WNBA, Division-I, and Division-II levels. After one season at the University of Arkansas Fort Smith Walker transitioned to the University of Arkansas where he was seemingly unstoppable. A two-time defensive player of the year, Walker was named the SWC Player of the Year in 1983, beating out NBA Hall of Famer Clyde Drexler. He led the Hogs to two NCAA Sweet-16 appearances and was the 12<sup>th</sup> pick in the 1983 NBA Draft by the New York Knicks. The following year he was selected to the 1984 NBA All-Rookie Team and finished his 10 year playing career in style by winning the 1993 NBA Championship with the Chicago Bulls. The Chicago native’s success did not go unnoticed as he was quickly scooped up as an NBA and WNBA coach for another 19 seasons, including head coaching stints with the Toronto Raptors, Washington Wizards, and Washington Mystics. Walker’s winning ways quickly moved to the NCAA level, leading Clark Atlanta to a Division-II Championship. Most recently, Coach Walker led the Trojans of Arkansas Little Rock to one of the greatest turnarounds in history. With a 2018-19 record of 10-21, and



Head Coach Darrell Walker



Walker with his Chicago Bulls 1993 NBA Trophy

chosen in the preseason of 2019-20 to finish 11<sup>th</sup> in the conference, the team went 21-10, winning the Sun Belt Conference season title.

Assisting Walker will be Western Connecticut State University Head Coach Guy Rancourt, recently named one of the Top 50 College Coaches in the country by Barstool U., Doug Thibault, a highly respected 25-year collegiate coach currently with global powerhouse IMG Academy, and Mark Marino, a standout in player development and two-time USA Coach earning medal-round finishes in both 2010 and 2011. St. John's University's Luke MacDougall will serve as the team's Director of Basketball Operations while Boston University's Greyson Kaye-Fleming has been named Assistant Director of Basketball Operations. Court Coaches for the Athens-2022 Training Camp will be Jamie Procino from Western Connecticut State University and Nolan Meehan from Quinnipiac College.



Walker's record was 45-18  
at Clark Atlanta



Larry Brown USA East Coast Coach 2017 and 2018

The USA team heading to Athens will be well balanced as talented players from the ACC, Big Ten, WAC, Colonial, and Sun Belt Conferences come together with top players from the Division II and Division III levels. Following a two-day Training Camp at Columbia University, the team will depart for Athens. The Americans will then train for two days before playing three consecutive games against some of Greece's top professional clubs. USA East Coast Basketball was founded in the summer of 2006. In what Slam Magazine writer

Matthew Caputo called, "...college basketball's version of study abroad..." it's participants have gone on to professional playing careers, front office positions, and coaching positions in the NBA, Europe, Australia, Asia, NCAA, and NJCAA. For more information on USA East Coast Basketball go to [www.USAEastCoast.com](http://www.USAEastCoast.com) or contact us at [usaeastcoastbasketball@gmail.com](mailto:usaeastcoastbasketball@gmail.com).