

# 2009 EUROLEAGUE BASKETBALL NIKE INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

THURSDAY APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup> – SUNDAY MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2009  
VELODROM, BERLIN, GERMANY



## Introduction

2009 will see the seventh edition of the Euroleague Basketball Nike International Junior Tournament come to Berlin, where eight teams featuring the best that Europe has to offer at the U18 level will battle it out over four days to return home as the sole European Champion. As part of a project that Euroleague commenced to implement in 2003, three different classification tournaments have been held around Europe this year, with the finalists of each qualifying for the event in Berlin.

The first classification tournament was the "Torneo Citta di Roma", organised by Stella Azzurra from December 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> in Rome, Italy. La Caja de Canarias Gran Canaria defeated Montepaschi Siena 68-57 in the final. The second classification tournament was the "Torneig de Basquet Junior Ciutat de L'Hospitalet", organised by CB L'Hospitalet from January 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> in L'Hospitalet, Spain. Lietuvos Rytas defeated Unicaja 87-70 in the final. The third classification tournament was the "Euroleague Basketball Nike International Junior Classification Tournament Belgrade", organised by FMP from February 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> in Belgrade, Serbia. FMP defeated KK Hemofarm Stada 77-63 in the final. The last two participants are Euroleague representatives ALBA Berlin and Union Olimpija Ljubljana.

Future stars that may well write their next chapter in Berlin include returning All Tournament Team selection Dejan Musli of FMP, the inside outside duo of Simone Centanni and Nika Metrevelli of Montepaschi Siena and the U16 MVP of the 2008 European Championships Jonas Valanciunas of Lietuvos Rytas, although should history repeat itself, new players will step up and make a name for themselves.

The winning team will not only be crowned the kings of Europe, but in the process will book their place in the Nike Global Challenge, taking place in Portland, USA in August 2009. There they will represent Europe against teams from USA, Canada, Senegal and the rest of the world, hoping to defeat the best the rest of the world has to offer and prove that the old continent is basketball's true home.

On paper the favourites to win their groups and make it to the Final are Lietuvos Rytas and FMP, but it is guaranteed that the other six teams will be raring to go and eager to upset their rivals. When all is said and done thirteen great games will have been played, making the 2009 Euroleague Basketball Nike International Junior Tournament the perfect complement of the Final Four.

## Competition System

The eight participating teams were randomly drawn into two groups of four teams. Each team will play a total of three games against the opponents in their groups. The 1<sup>st</sup> placed team from each group will play each other in the Final. All group games will be played in the Velodrom, whilst the Final will be played in the O<sub>2</sub> World.

## Groups Composition

GROUP A	GROUP B
UNION OLIMPIJA LJUBLJANA	UNICAJA
LIETUVOS RYTAS	FMP
LA CAJA DE CANARIAS GRAN CANARIA	MONTEPASCHI SIENA
KK HEMOFARM STADA	ALBA BERLIN

## Game Schedule

DATE	TIME	TEAM A	TEAM B
THU APR 30 <sup>TH</sup>	14:00	UNION OLIMPIJA	LA CAJA DE CANARIAS
THU APR 30 <sup>TH</sup>	14:45	LIETUVOS RYTAS	KK HEMOFARM STADA
THU APR 30 <sup>TH</sup>	16:15	UNICAJA	MONTEPASCHI SIENA
THU APR 30 <sup>TH</sup>	17:00	FMP	ALBA BERLIN
FRI MAY 1 <sup>ST</sup>	12:00	UNION OLIMPIJA	LIETUVOS RYTAS
FRI MAY 1 <sup>ST</sup>	12:45	LA CAJA DE CANARIAS	KK HEMOFARM STADA
FRI MAY 1 <sup>ST</sup>	14:15	UNICAJA	FMP
FRI MAY 1 <sup>ST</sup>	15:00	MONTEPASCHI SIENA	ALBA BERLIN
SAT MAY 2 <sup>ND</sup>	12:00	LIETUVOS RYTAS	LA CAJA DE CANARIAS
SAT MAY 2 <sup>ND</sup>	12:45	KK HEMOFARM STADA	UNION OLIMPIJA
SAT MAY 2 <sup>ND</sup>	14:15	FMP	MONTEPASCHI SIENA
SAT MAY 2 <sup>ND</sup>	15:00	ALBA BERLIN	UNICAJA
O <sub>2</sub> WORLD			
SUN MAY 3 <sup>RD</sup>	12:00	1 <sup>ST</sup> PLACE GROUP A	1 <sup>ST</sup> PLACE GROUP B

## Awards Ceremony

Immediately following the Final a trophy will be presented to the winning team, as well as a trophy to the MVP of the tournament, and gifts to the five members of the All Tournament Team. The Awards Ceremony will be repeated immediately following the 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Game in the Final Four.

## Nike International Junior Tournament Quick Facts

Location.....Berlin, Germany  
 First Tournament.....2003  
 Teams.....8 (ALBA Berlin, FMP, KK Hemofarm Stada, .....La Caja de Canarias Gran Canaria, Lietuvos Rytas, ..... Montepaschi Siena, Unicaja, Union Olimpija Ljubljana)  
 Champions.....2003, 2007 Zalgiris Kaunas .....2004, 2005, 2006 PBC CSKA Moscow, 2008 FMP  
 Organisation.....Euroleague Basketball  
 Title Sponsor.....Nike  
 Coordinator.....Eduard J. Scott  
 Venue.....Velodrom  
 Capacity.....1,000  
 Media Relations Manager.....Diego Fernandez  
 Email.....diego.fernandez@euroleague.net  
 Mobile Phone.....+34 660 481 909

# 2009 EUROLEAGUE BASKETBALL NIKE INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

THURSDAY APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup> – SUNDAY MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2009  
VELODROM, BERLIN, GERMANY



## About Euroleague Basketball

Europe's premier basketball competition, Euroleague Basketball, was founded in 2000 under a private organizational model that is considered a breakthrough for European professional team sports. The competition features 24 clubs from 12 or more countries per season and crowns its champion each spring at the Euroleague Final Four, one of the signature events of European sports. The 2009 Euroleague Final Four will take place in Berlin, Germany, May 1-3.

## About Nike

Nike first sold footwear in Europe in 1978. Two years later, the first Nike European Headquarters opened. Then, in 1994, Nike centralised European distribution at the Laakdal (Belgium) Customer Service Center. The current EMEA headquarters, a state-of-the-art complex designed by William McDonough + Partners, opened in 1999 in Hilversum, The Netherlands.

In terms of revenue, the EMEA region is Nike's second largest region; it is the third largest in terms of manufacturing.

## Illustrious Alumni

The past six editions of the event have seen many elite players who have gone on to play in the NBA, Euroleague and Eurocup. Below is a list of some (but not all) who have during the 2008-09 season played in the Euroleague (A-Z):

- Luksa Andric
- Mirza Begic
- Omri Casspi
- Luigi Datome
- Zygimantas Janavicius
- Mantas Kalnietis
- Jonas Maciulis
- Dusan Sakota
- Milos Teodosic
- Sarunas Vasiliasuskas
- Luca Vitali

## 2008 MVP & All Tournament Team

The following players were selected to the 2008 Euroleague Basketball Nike International Junior Tournament All Tournament Team (A-Z):

- Andrija Milutinovic (FMP)
- Donatas Motiejunas (Zalgiris Kaunas)
- Dejan Musli (FMP) MVP
- Dani Perez (AXA FC Barcelona)
- Tomislav Zubcic (Cibona Zagreb)

## Velodrom Site Info

Paul-Heyse-Strasse 26, 10407 Berlin  
Phone +49 30 443 045

## O<sub>2</sub> World Site Info

O<sub>2</sub> Platz 1, 10243 Berlin  
Phone +49 20 607 080

## Classification Tournaments – Did You Know?

- 31 different teams participated in the three tournaments
- 13 different countries were represented
- Nikola Mirotic registered 35 points, 23 rebounds 9 steals and 6 blocks in a game vs. FMP in L'Hospitalet
- The Euroleague are working to include a fourth Tournament in the 2009-10 season

## Classification Tournaments Stats Leaders

Stats leaders from the Rome, L'Hospitalet and Belgrade Classification Tournaments are:

• PPG	Nikola Mirotic	(Real Madrid)	28.3ppg
• RPG	Nikola Mirotic	(Real Madrid)	13.7rpg
• APG	Joseph Franch	(DKV Joventut)	4.7apg
• SPG	Andrea De Nicolao	(Benetton Basket)	4spg
• BPG	Dejan Musli	(FMP)	3.5bpg
• MPG	Filip Najev	(Split)	39mpg
• 3FG%	Ante Bakovic	(Split)	62.5%
• 2FG%	Nikola Mirotic	(Real Madrid)	84.9%
• FT%	Niksa Nikolic	(Zemun Lasta)	100%

MVPs:

- Rome Oscar Alvarado (La Caja de Canarias)
- L'H Nikola Mirotic (Real Madrid)
- Belgrade Dejan Musli (FMP)

## Past Finals

2003 Barcelona: Zalgiris Kaunas defeated Maccabi Teddy Tel Aviv 87-80, with Rolandas Alijevas (Zalgiris Kaunas) chosen MVP.

2004 Tel Aviv: PBC CSKA Moscow defeated Montepaschi Siena 90-62, with Vasilij Zavoruev (PBC CSKA Moscow) chosen MVP.

2005 Moscow: PBC CSKA Moscow defeated Zalgiris Kaunas 97-64, with Vasilij Zavoruev (PBC CSKA Moscow) chosen MVP.

2006 Prague: PBC CSKA Moscow defeated Zalgiris Kaunas 59-55, with Ivan Nelyubov (PBC CSKA Moscow) chosen MVP.

2007 Athens: Zalgiris Kaunas defeated FMP 78-74, with Donatas Motiejunas (Zalgiris Kaunas) chosen MVP.

2008 Madrid: FMP defeated AXA FC Barcelona 80-70, with Dejan Musli (FMP) chosen MVP.

## First Time Winners?

There will only be one team in Berlin (FMP) who know what it feels like to have won the NIJT in 2008. Three other teams have also participated before (Lietuvos Rytas in 2008, Montepaschi Siena from 2004-2007 & Union Olimpija Ljubljana in 2003 & 2006). ALBA Berlin, KK Hemofarm Stada, La Caja de Canarias Gran Canaria & Unicaja have never featured before at this stage, so the odds of there being a first time winner are one in eight.

## Final Four Parallel Events

- Euroleague Basketball and UNICEF Hospital Visit: Thu April 30<sup>th</sup>
- Euroleague Basketball Final Four Opening Press Conference: Thu April 30<sup>th</sup>
- Euroleague Basketball Institute Symposium: Sat May 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Euroleague Basketball Final Press Conference: Sat May 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Euroleague Basketball Official Awards Ceremony: Sat May 2<sup>nd</sup>

# 2009 EUROLEAGUE BASKETBALL NIKE INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

THURSDAY APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup> – SUNDAY MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2009  
VELODROM, BERLIN, GERMANY



## ALBA BERLIN ROSTER

#	FULL NAME	CM	DOB	Pos	NAT
4	BOGDANOV, MARTIN	180	06/10/92	G	GER
5	GIFFEY, NIELS	200	08/06/91	F	GER
6	KLEIN, KONSTANTIN	185	21/05/91	G	GER
7	ZIEGENHAGEN, MALTE	193	08/04/91	G	GER
8	WENZEL, BRIAN	198	27/03/91	F	GER
9	RAEBEL, GIANLUCA	195	14/03/91	G	GER
10	FULLE, SEBASTIÁN	189	27/07/92	G	GER
11	BRIGHT, KEVIN	198	07/09/92	F	GER
12	LOTZE, FRIEDRICH	205	27/05/91	C	GER
13	MUELLER, ERIK	198	06/03/92	F	GER
14	RAFFINGTON, JUSTIN	205	26/03/91	C	GER
15	VILLARZU, DAWIT	195	16/02/91	F	GER
HC	ROEDL, HENRIK				GER



## FMP ROSTER

#	FULL NAME	CM	DOB	Pos	NAT
4	MILJENOVIC, NENAD	194	08/04/93	G	SRB
5	PONJAVIC, ALEKSAND.	198	03/03/91	G	SRB
6	OGNJENOVIC, DUSAN	216	09/01/91	C	SRB
7	DURAN, FILIP	196	04/07/91	G	SRB
8	MLADENOVIC, STRAHI.	197	25/01/92	F	SRB
9	SILADI, NIKOLA	205	07/04/92	F	SRB
10	ZARIC, IVAN	191	11/01/91	G	SRB
11	VUKASOVIC, NIKOLA	190	19/09/91	G	SRB
12	MILOVANOVIC, MILAN	203	07/09/91	C	SRB
13	SPASIC, LAZAR	184	08/04/93	G	SRB
14	DEKIC, BRANISLAV	205	12/08/91	F	SRB
15	MUSLI, DEJAN	212	03/01/91	C	SRB
HC	GUSA, VANJA				SRB



## KK HEMOFARM STADA ROSTER

#	FULL NAME	CM	DOB	Pos	NAT
4	VULIC, MILAN	195	10/04/91	G	SRB
5	LAMBIC, PETAR	195	01/02/92	G	SRB
6	MILOSEVIC, DORDE	196	20/06/93	G	SRB
7	KNEZEVIC, NEMANJA	201	11/03/92	F	SRB
8	SMILJKOVIC, ALEKSAN.	180	01/12/92	G	SRB
9	TRIPKOVIC, MILOS	197	15/09/91	G	SRB
10	ALAVANJA, DORDE	194	28/01/91	G	SRB
11	CIROVIC, MARKO	203	28/06/93	C	SRB
12	PETKOVIC, MILOS	201	29/09/91	F	SRB
13	ANDUSIC, DANILO	198	22/04/91	G	SRB
14	IGRUTINOVIC, LUKA	197	15/02/92	G	SRB
15	NIKOLIC, LUKA	201	13/08/94	F	SRB
HC	MAKSIMOVIC, BRANKO				SRB



## LA CAJA DE CANARIAS ROSTER

#	FULL NAME	CM	DOB	Pos	NAT
4	CAZORLA, JONAY	195	26/03/92	C	ESP
6	JAROS, MILAN	212	09/03/91	C	CZE
7	SANTANA, FABIO	184	09/06/92	G	ESP
9	DELGADO, DAVID	192	26/04/93	F	ESP
10	RODRÍGUEZ, RAFAEL	195	07/03/91	F	ESP
11	KONATE, BAKARY	205	15/12/93	C	MLI
12	LOPEZ, ALEJANDRO	189	08/05/91	G	ESP
13	DOMINGUEZ, SAMUEL	204	14/02/91	C	ESP
14	DIAZ, CHRISTIAN	184	23/03/92	G	ESP
15	LOPEZ, JESÚS	183	17/11/91	G	ESP
17	ALVARADO, OSCAR	184	06/06/91	G	ESP
HC	GARCIA, VICTOR				ESP

# 2009 EUROLEAGUE BASKETBALL NIKE INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

THURSDAY APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup> – SUNDAY MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2009  
VELODROM, BERLIN, GERMANY



## LIETUVOS RYTAS ROSTER

#	FULL NAME	CM	DOB	Pos	NAT
4	VALATKEVICIUS, LINAS	182	20/04/91	G	LTU
5	VARANAUSKAS, OVIDIJ.	186	23/02/91	G	LTU
6	PECIUKEVICIUS, AUGU.	190	28/03/91	G	LTU
8	REDIKAS, DOVYDAS	193	11/12/92	G	LTU
9	DAMBRAUSKAS, PAULI.	191	16/12/91	G	LTU
10	NAZAROVAS, DEIVIDAS	195	22/04/91	G	LTU
11	PIPIRAS, DOMANTAS	201	08/12/91	F	LTU
12	VALANCIUNAS, JONAS	211	06/05/92	C	LTU
13	MATULIONIS, OSVALD.	199	19/08/91	F	LTU
14	BRUSOKAS, KAROLIS	202	19/03/91	F	LTU
15	KADZEVICIUS, MANTAS	193	28/03/91	G	LTU
16	DUCHOVSKIS, POVILAS	203	17/01/91	F	LTU
HC	LINARTAS, MARIUS				LTU



## MONTEPASCHI SIENA ROSTER

#	FULL NAME	CM	DOB	Pos	NAT
4	CENTANNI, SIMONE	185	15/02/91	G	ITA
5	INGROSSO, TOMMA.	205	09/06/92	G	ITA
7	METREVELI, NIKA	212	14/01/91	F	GEO
8	LOGI, ANDREA	172	04/05/92	G	ITA
10	SORRENTINO, GIAN.	190	06/04/93	G	ITA
11	RAMENGI, FRANCE.	210	19/11/92	C	ITA
13	MONALDI, DIEGO	182	03/04/93	G	ITA
14	IANNUZZI, ANTONIO	207	21/04/91	C	ITA
16	SEVERINI, GIOVANNI	188	23/04/93	G	ITA
17	UDOM, MATTIA	195	17/11/93	F	FRA
18	SABATINO, NUNCIO	188	18/03/92	G	ITA
19	SGOBBA, GIORGIO	200	04/08/92	F	ITA
HC	GRICCIOLI, GIULIO				ITA



## UNICAJA ROSTER

#	FULL NAME	CM	DOB	Pos	NAT
4	POZAS, JOSE	181	14/05/92	G	ESP
5	DEL RIO, JOSE MARIA	200	17/04/91	C	ESP
6	LIMA, AUGUSTO	205	17/09/91	F	BRA
7	CIANO, NICOLAS	189	02/05/92	G	ESP
8	PEREZ, DANIEL	193	01/06/92	G	ESP
9	FERREIRA, RUBEN	192	21/05/92	F	ESP
10	PINAZO, JORGE MANU.	198	06/02/92	F	ESP
11	SABONIS, TAUTVYDAS	200	01/05/92	F	LTU
12	FALL, MALICK	210	08/12/92	C	SEN
13	LORENZO, MIGUEL	202	15/09/91	F	ESP
14	GUERRA, ALVARO	194	14/02/91	G	ESP
15	ORTIGA, MIGUEL	186	12/01/91	G	ESP
18	FREIRE, RAFAEL	188	11/02/92	G	BRA
HC	LAZARO, JESÚS				ESP



## UNION OLIMPIJA ROSTER

#	FULL NAME	CM	DOB	Pos	NAT
3	MICIC, DORDE	199	27/07/93	G	BIH
4	VONCINA, LUKA	193	27/12/91	G	SLO
5	SARAJLIJA, MIRZA	186	16/06/91	G	SLO
7	GLAVAS, MIHA	195	08/08/91	G	SLO
8	LEBEDINTSEV, AND.	187	11/08/91	G	UKR
9	GRUM, LUKA	194	31/01/92	F	SLO
11	MORINA, GEZIM	202	12/12/92	F	SRB
12	SIRNIK, MATIC	200	28/01/91	F	SLO
14	RADULOVIC, BOJAN	210	31/03/92	C	SRB
15	BUDA, NEJC	210	27/02/91	C	SLO
17	LONCAREVIC, MLAD.	206	09/02/91	F	SRB
22	PETROVIC, FILIP	201	21/02/92	F	BIH
HC	BASSIN, LUKA				