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LOUISVILLE SOPHMORE STANDOUT SAMARDO SAMUELS (PF) DECLARES FOR THE 2010 DRAFT

KINGSTON, Jamaica (April 19, 2010):

Samardo Samuels (PF) who hails from the home of Usain Bolt in Trelawny Jamaica has entered this year's NBA Draft.

Samardo is a former MacDonald's All American, USA Today's #1 high School player and a Nike Top 5 with the likes of Brandon Jennings, Tyreke Evans, Joe Holiday, and Greg Munroe. Samardo and Greg are the last two of that batch who will now make their way to the NBA.

Samardo took Louisville to a #1 ranking as a freshman and Final 4 and an NCAA Berth in his sophomore year though the this season's team may have lacked overall talent to have taken them further. He also carried Jamaica's National Team, Coached by Sam Vincent (former Charlotte Bobcats Coach) to the Caribbean Championships in 2009 on their quest to get the Olympics for 2012 .

He is a projected Mid-First to Mid Second Rnd Pick. He has already shed 10lbs and is down to svelte 250, increasing his lateral speed and vertical quickness off the ground. Samardo has stated "I am looking forward to showing GM's across the NBA my total repertoire of skills as a Power Forward and passion for the game."

Sam Vincent "I enjoyed coaching Samardo last summer. I was impressed with his talent and his abilities to play the 4 and score effectively away from the basket. I am confident that due to his work ethic and love for the game that he will excel at the NBA level."

Team Jamaica plays in the Centro Basket Tournament this summer July 7-11, 2010 in Dom Rep.



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