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### **Kentucky Alum Marquis Teague to Join La Familia Roster for TBT 2024**

*Teague joins Willie Cauley-Stein, Reid Travis, Eric Bledsoe and Doron Lamb on Kentucky's alumni team roster*

**Lexington, KY** (May 1, 2024) – La Familia, the Kentucky alumni team hosting The Basketball Tournament's (TBT) regional at Rupp Arena July 19-23, today announced the roster addition of former Wildcat and NBA first-round draft pick Marquis Teague.

Teague now joins Willie Cauley-Stein, Eric Bledsoe, Doron Lamb, and Reid Travis among the players committed to La Familia's inaugural roster.

A former McDonald's All-American, Teague spent one season at Kentucky from 2011-12, helping the Wildcats win a national championship alongside La Familia guard Doron Lamb and general manager Twany Beckham. Teague was selected with the 29th pick in the 2012 NBA Draft by the Chicago Bulls, and spent two seasons with the team from 2012-14.

Teague also had stints with the Memphis Grizzlies and Brooklyn Nets, in addition to multiple seasons in the G League and overseas. Teague most recently played in Greece in 2023.

Additional roster announcements will be made over the coming months via La Familia's social media pages, @LaFamiliaTBT.

La Familia will be joined in the Lexington Regional this summer alongside seven other teams, all vying for TBT's \$1 million grand prize.

Tickets for the 2024 Lexington Regional are now on sale at [thetournament.com/tbt/tickets](https://thetournament.com/tbt/tickets).

### **About The Basketball Tournament**

The home of the Elam Ending®, The Basketball Tournament has grown from a unique idea among friends to one of the most exciting and engaging events on the summer sports calendar, with national exposure, social media buzz and regional championships across the country - culminating in a winner-take-all \$1 million game. Every year it attracts some of the best players in the world. For more information on TBT's tenth season, visit [www.thetournament.com](https://www.thetournament.com)

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### **About Rupp Arena**

Located in Lexington, Kentucky, the Lexington Center Corporation (LCC) is a not-for-profit 501c3 corporate agency of the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government. It was established in 1974 to manage and maintain Rupp Arena at Central Bank Center, the Central Bank Center (formerly Lexington Convention Center), Triangle Park, and the Lexington Opera House. One of the nation's most storied entertainment destinations, Central Bank Center venues collectively welcome an average of 1.3 million patrons annually.

Since 1976, **Rupp Arena at Central Bank Center** has served as the home court of the University of Kentucky men's basketball team, regularly leading the national attendance average. Rupp Arena has hosted legendary artists such as Justin Timberlake, Paul McCartney, Garth Brooks, Chris Stapleton, and many more. Since 2018, Oak View Group and Live Nation Arenas have provided booking services to Rupp Arena. During the last 18 months, Rupp Arena has broken all previous audience attendance and revenue records in its storied 43-year history.

### **About Oak View Group**

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