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Kentucky Alum Willie Cauley-Stein to Join La Familia Roster for TBT 2024

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

Lexington, KY (April 4, 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 Willie Cauley-Stein.

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

Cauley-Stein played at Kentucky from 2012-15, and helped lead the Wildcats to two Final Four appearances, an SEC regular season championship, and an SEC tournament championship. He received several accolades during his time in Lexington as well, earning SEC Defensive Player of the Year and consensus first-team All-American honors in 2015.

Selected with the sixth overall pick in the 2015 NBA Draft, Cauley Stein spent seven seasons in the league with the Sacramento Kings, Golden State Warriors, Dallas Mavericks, and Philadelphia 76ers. He most recently played in Italy during the 2023-24 season.

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 will go on sale at a later date. To be the first to secure tickets for the event, fans can sign up [at thetournament.com/tbt/tickets](https://thetournament.com/tbt/tickets).

For more information on this year's TBT or La Familia, visit TheTournament.com.

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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

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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.

The Lexington Opera House, built in 1886 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is one of the premier performing arts centers in the region. Since its opening, the Opera House has played host to such famous stage performers as W.C. Fields, The Marx Brothers, Al Jolson, Julie Harris, Steve Martin, Brian Wilson, and Graham Nash. It has undergone two major renovations and remains a cultural destination in downtown Lexington.

The Central Bank Center holds over 200 meetings, trade shows, and special events annually. It just completed a transformative \$310 million expansion, featuring a dramatic, light-filled architectural design that offers over 200,000 SF of flexible meeting and event space.

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