



FIVE-TIME NBA ALL STAR AND OLYMPIC CHAMPION CHRIS MULLINS AND NBA STAR AND OLYMPIC MEDALIST SAM PERKINS WILL JOIN NBA CHAMPION RON HARPER, NY KNICKS ALL-STAR ALLAN HOUSTON AND NEW YORK BASEBALL LEGEND LOU PINIELLA FOR THE T.J. MARTELL FOUNDATION SECOND ANNUAL NEW YORK CLASSIC FISHING TOURNAMENT

*Travie McCoy from Gym Class Heroes to Attend
Thursday, May 9, 2019*

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT CANCER RESEARCH AND PATIENT PROGRAMS



New York, New York – (May 2, 2019) - The T.J. Martell Foundation for Cancer Research has announced that Five-Time NBA All-Star Chris Mullins and NBA star and Olympic gold medalist Sam Perkins will join NBA Champion Ron Harper, New York Knicks All-Star Allan Houston and New York Baseball Legend Lou Piniella for the second annual New York Classic Tournament at North Cove Marina in New York to benefit The T.J. Martell Foundation. The event take place on Thursday, May 9, 2019 and will be hosted by industry powerhouses Bob McLynn of Crush Music and Mark Weiss of 23/7 Global. Mullins, Piniella, Harper and Houston will join other sportsmen for a day of competitive striped bass fishing on the Hudson

River/Raritan Bay followed by an evening at an invitation only after-party at PJ Clarkes at the marina. Gym Class Heroes rapper and singer Travie McCoy will also attend.

(photo above: Chris Mullins and photo right: Sam Perkins)



The New York Classic Tournament will begin at 1:00 p.m. E.T. on Thursday, May 9, 2019 when boats begin to depart from North Cove Marina in downtown Manhattan. Tickets for the after-party are still available and will begin at 6:00 p.m. at P.J. Clarke's located at 250 Vesey Street, New York, NY 10281. The tournament boats are sold out, but fans can still have a chance to mingle with the sports legends at the after-party.

(photo left: Lou Piniella)

Chris Mullin's professional career began when he was selected by the Golden State Warriors with the 7th pick of the first round in the 1985 NBA Draft. In his first few seasons, Mullin was primarily a spot-up shooter, but would break out to become a five-time All-Star, averaging at least 25 points and 5 rebounds per game for five consecutive seasons, from 1988-93. Along with much regular and post-season success in the NBA, Mullin would also help the US win gold in the 1992 Olympics as part of the Dream Team. Mullin was eventually traded to the Indiana Pacers following the 1996-97 seasons. In his first season as a Pacer, the veteran showed that he could still produce as he averaged 11.3 points per game and started all 82 games, helping lead the Pacers to the Eastern Conference Finals. Mullin remained with the Pacers through the 1999-00 season, helping them reach the NBA Finals against the eventual champion Los Angeles Lakers.



He signed with the Warriors the following season, which would be his last as an NBA player.

After his playing days, Mullin joined the Warriors staff as a special assistant and was named Executive Vice President of Basketball Operations in April 2004. He would remain in the position for five seasons, and later become an ESPN analyst. On August 12, 2011, Mullin was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. He previously worked as an advisor for the Sacramento Kings. From 2015-2019, Chris served as head coach of the St. John's University men's basketball team.

(photo left: Ron Harper)

NBA star Sam Perkins (Samuel Bryce Perkins) was selected fourth overall by the Dallas Mavericks in the 1984 NBA draft. He made the 1985 All-Rookie team and played in the NBA finals with three teams: The Los Angeles Lakers, the Seattle SuperSonics and the Indiana Pacers. He won the 1982 NCAA National Championship for the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a Gold medal for Team USA at the 1984 Summer Olympics. He played in the NBA for seventeen years before retiring after the 2000-2001 season.

Since Perkins' retirement he has remained dedicated to community service. He is involved in numerous organizations including the Boys and Girls Club of America, the Big Brothers program, Carolina for Kibera, pediatric AIDS charities in Seattle and Habitat for Humanity. He has represented the NBA at countless NBA Cares events and is a spokesman for Nothing But Nets. As a member of the Sports Envoy for the U.S. State Department, Perkins promotes peace through athletics and has traveled to South Sudan and the London Olympics to lead basketball clinics and participate in service projects. He is currently a board member for the NBA's Retired Players Association and an Ambassador for the Special Olympics.



The NYCT after-party at PJ Clarkes is a highly anticipated post tournament event where fans and guests can mingle with the sports superstars and congratulate the tournament winners. Tickets are still available for the after-party. Visit www.nyfishingclassic.com or www.tjmartell.org for more information.

(photo right: Allan Houston)

ABOUT THE T.J. MARTELL FOUNDATION

The T.J. Martell Foundation is the music industry's leading foundation that funds innovative medical research focused on finding treatments and cures for cancer. The Foundation was founded in 1975 by music industry executive Tony Martell and his colleagues in loving memory of his son T.J., who died of leukemia. The Foundation has provided more than \$280 million for research at flagship hospitals in the United States. For more information on the T.J. Martell Foundation visit www.tjmartell.org.

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