

# DREAM TEAM

## **The problem...**

The US Olympic Committee is in the need of a quick solution to a pressing issue concerning the country's basketball team. Just recently, a rule change declared current NBA (or professional) players ineligible for international competition. You have been contacted by the US Olympic committee to help them form the best possible team for their next competition on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. The committee has narrowed the talent pool to all the players on 8 of the teams in the Sweet 16 of the current NCAA basketball tournament. Your task is to analyze the data from the 8 teams and their players, and then pick your "Dream Team." Your team must consist of 6 players and you must support your selections with *specific statistical data* and a *written statement* of your reasoning for choosing those players. There is no "correct answer" for the best 6 players, but you must be able to defend your selections. You may not be a basketball fan, so it is important to know that you want a well-rounded group of players both offensively and defensively. However, you may choose to pick a team more inclined to offense or a team more inclined to defense. Either way you choose, you must support your choices with correct statistical data.

## **KEY:**

MIN = minutes played

FGM = field goals made

FGA = field goals attempted

FG% = field goal percentage

FTM = free throws made

FTA = free throws attempted

3PM = 3-pointers made

3PA = 3-pointers attempted

3P% = 3-point percentage

PTS = total points scored

OFFR = offensive rebounds

DEFR = defensive rebounds

REB = total rebounds

AST = assists

TO = turnovers

STL = steals

BLK = blocks