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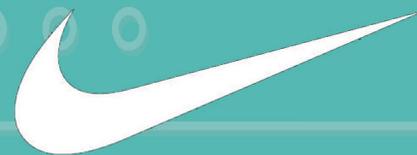


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POOL A

ATHLETES FIRST

One of the best parts of the Elite Youth Basketball League is the regular turnover these teams undergo from year to year. Unlike in the NBA and in a way the NCAA, teams have to recoup and retool very quickly if they want to repeat or delete whatever happened in the prior season.

There's no team more happy about this way of the league than Athletes First. After a tough 3-15 in 2013, Athletes First gained a few extra pieces in preparation to the season but still stuck to the course of giving Allonzo Trier full control. The strategy worked wonders and Athletes First is now on its way to its first Peach Jam ever.

Through the season, Athletes First relied heavily on their top-option Trier to get the offense moving. In return, Trier blessed them with 441 total points of his own, leading the league in that category as well as points per game (29.4). But it was a collective defensive effort that helped boost Athletes First to a 12-4 season. They held opponents to under 63 points per game and just 42 percent shooting. Better yet, Athletes First really forced opposing offenses to rely on

difficult shots from the perimeter. Opponents shot just 28 percent from three-point territory against Athletes First this season.

The team statistics tell the story of Athletes First's terrific season. On top of their impressive defensive marks, they were never ones to give up in any game, especially the close ones.



Of the four games Athletes First lost during the regular season, they were only beat by an average of 3.5 points per game. Meanwhile, they themselves proved to be clutch down the stretch of games by winning nine of their games by six points or less. A big

key to Athletes First's success this season and during the Peach Jam is the play of their backcourt.

Getting to Trier a little bit later, Athletes First will look to its supporting guards for a big boost. Jakolby Long, a 6-foot-4 combo guard out of Edmond, Oklahoma, was the second leading scorer for Athletes First during the regular season. Averaging 11.1 points per game in 15 games this summer, Long was clearly the second-best option on offense to Trier. With a team-best 31 three-pointers made, Long is the perfect compliment to Trier's diverse offensive repertoire.

Also, Curran Scott, another combo-guard from Edmond, Oklahoma, will play a big part alongside Trier in the backcourt. He only played in two of the sessions this season but has shown that he can carry a bulk of the scoring when needed. Scott is less of a shooter than Long is but can take the pressure off of Trier -- who's likely going to see plenty of double and maybe even triple teams.

Scott can take advantage of a misaligned or overcompensated defense quite easily, which gives Athletes First a clear advantage over any team looking to pressure Trier into getting rid of the ball or forcing bad shots.

Rounding out the backcourt is Micah Speight and Marcus Dickin-

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son. Both played reserve minutes with Dickinson seeing over three times as many minutes as Speight but both will likely see some time as the true point guard running next to a combo of Long, Scott and Trier.

Dickinson may be a tad short but he's awfully quick. One thing that his teammates have to love is Dickinson's ability to get to the free throw line. He was third on the team behind Trier and Scott in free throws made. That's going to be something they will have to rely on if Trier can't get things going.

As for the big guys, sadly, that's where Athletes First is lacking a bit. Outside of Kristian Doolittle, Athletes First doesn't have any truly reliable big guys to go to on offense. But that doesn't mean they're completely lacking size up front.

Chris Miller is a solid forward on both ends of the court. He's a hustle guy, thru-and-thru, and at 6-foot-7, provides Athletes First without enough length and size inside on both sides of the ball.

Then Diallo Aboucar and Kamore Mamadru are where Athletes First gets their real rim-protectors from. Neither played much during the

regular season but got at least enough of a taste to make a difference during the Peach Jam.

But as for Doolittle, he may be the second most important player

**2014
RECORD**
12-4 (6-3)

**TRIPLE
THREAT**
ALLONZO TRIER

29.4 PPG, 4.2 RPG

KRISTIAN DOOLITTLE
7.3 PPG, 6.6 RPG

JAKOLBY LONG
11.1 PPG

2014 PPP
OFF: 1.078
DEF: 1.038
PPP PROVIDED BY: GROUPSTATS

on Athletes First. Because of his athleticism, Athletes First can push the floor and not rely so much on Trier in the halfcourt.

Doolittle provides a great option as a slasher both on the break and in the half-court. Doolittle was also their best rebounder during the season, which they'll definitely need to improve at, if they want to make a deep run.

In the end, Athletes First's Peach Jam hopes rests on the shoulders of Trier. The EYBL's leading scorer has grown into an unstoppable force on the offensive end.

As a four-year veteran of the EYBL, Trier knows what it takes to get the job done. And although he's never had a taste of the Peach Jam just yet, he's the type of player the can and will do anything in his power to will and grind his team to victory. In order for Athletes First to make a push, they'll need a near-perfect performance from Trier game in and game out. The thing is he can definitely do it and will most certainly try.

Trier has proved to many this season that he's capable of leading his team to a win, which should certainly boost his stock as a prospect of the 2015 class. There are very few players that can improve the way he has from season to season, which is why he's such a big part in Athletes First's chances in becoming Peach Jam champions. But if you're rooting for Athletes First, you have to like your chances.

CIA BOUNCE

Canada's lone representative in the Nike EYBL, CIA Bounce bounced back in a big way from a disappointing 2013. After their run to the Peach Jam Championship in 2012, which was led by recently-drafted Andrew Wiggins and Tyler Ennis, the program had reached new heights. Last year was a challenge, but it set up for a rebuilt and rejuvenated squad in 2014.

Only returning one player who played meaningful minutes from last season, Head Coach Tony McIntyre unleashed a barrage of new talent on the league. A rotation featuring multiple underclassmen, CIA Bounce is not only a dark-horse championship candidate this year, but their future looks to be even brighter. All 11 rostered players see the floor, with eight getting the majority of the run. Balanced minutes has led to balanced statistics across the board, as Bounce plays lock-down defense and fundamental offense. A trio of Dillon Brooks, Montaque Gill-Caesar and Jamal Murray make up over 50 percent of the scoring, a



season in which all three stepped up as leaders both on and off the court.

Their point guard and floor general is the sophomore Murray. A star at Athlete Institute in Orangeville, Ontario, Murray is needed for scoring, but his impact on the game is not measured by that. Touted as

the next elite point guard to be rooted in Canada, Murray is the definition of a do-it-all contributor.

He passes every eye test, displaying an on-court swagger that screams confidence. He has excellent size (6-foot-5, 190) and plays with controlled physicality, turning the ball over less than two times a game. That statistic looks modest upon reading

it, take attention often he has the ball in his hands, it becomes quite an efficient statistic.

In 16 games, Murray averaged 11.4 points, 4.7 rebounds, 3.4

assists and 1.1 steals, and is a much better passer than his assist numbers imply. He truly is one of the top true point guards on the circuit, and his Peach Jam performances could catapult his already soaring stock. He's obviously pivotal to any success that Bounce has in July, and this experience will pay huge dividends when he returns to the circuit in 2015.

Dillon Brooks is his backcourt mate. The swingman possesses all of the necessary skills for a guard, and plays with as much physicality as any player in his class. At 6-foot-6, 200-pounds, the Ontario-native made a tremendous rise during the regular season. Playing behind Rashad Vaughn, Kelly Oubre and Craig Victor as a sophomore at Findlay Prep, Brooks has used the EYBL to show off his true potential. Numbers don't lie, and the averages are impressive for the runner up in the Most Improved Player category: 13.3 points, 48.3 field goal percentage, 4.3 rebounds, 1.6 assists and 1.1 steals. Brooks has turned himself into a consistent contributor game in and game out, and the same consistency will be expected come Peach Jam time.

The rest of the backcourt is made up of five players averaging between 2.6 to 4.4 points per game, combining to average 16.4. The top scorer off the bench is Jalen Poyser. He only averages 13.1 minutes per game, and has definitely deferred to his talented

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teammates. He tends to blend in, but that's not a knock, as he has great on-court chemistry with his teammates and always seems to make the right play. Three of the remaining four rotation players attend Athlete Institute - Elijah Long, Josiah Riley and Jelani Mofford. Andrew Anderson is the other, calling St. Edmund Champion home in Ontario. All four contribute in different ways, all earning minutes due to their defensive mentality. Long, Anderson and Riley all play around one-third of the game, so if they made progress during the break, that could pay huge dividends for McIntyre and company.

Labeled as the best high school player in the country by Andrew Wiggins, Montaque Gill-Caesar gladly took on the expectations of his former Bounce and Huntington Prep teammate. Going by the nickname "Teki", Gill-Caesar is one of the best forwards in the country. Blessed with all the physical tools needed to be a college star and future pro, Gill-Caesar pares his potential with an intelligent, aggressive style of play. He's likely to be labeled as a guard as his career progresses, but the 6-foot-5, 205-pound athlete is more than physical enough to bang inside with the EYBL's best. Aside from having debatably the

best name in the EYBL, Teki also has a case to be labeled as the best perimeter defender. He's very physical, extremely quick for his size and doesn't give you an inch to breathe.

**2014
RECORD
10-6 (6-3)**

**TRIPLE
THREAT
MONTAQUE
GILL-CAESAR**

13.5 PPG, 4.9 RPG

**JAMAL MURRAY
11.4 PPG, 4.7 RPG**

**DILLON BROOKS
13.3 PPG, 4.3 RPG**

**2014 PPP
OFF: 1.047
DEF: 1.008**

PPP PROVIDED BY: GROUPSTATS

Allow Gill-Caesar turn his defense into offense, running the floor with his talented guards and all of Pool A will be in trouble.

CIA Bounce is one of a few teams with limited depth on the interior. Their frontcourt is raw, but filled with plenty of promise.

Eddie Ekiyor, a sophomore listed at 6-foot-9, 215-pounds, is their starter at center. He impressed as an underclassmen, battling some of the nation's finest interior players on his way to averaging 6.8 points, 4.5 rebounds and a block per game in 15 starts. His ceiling is unlimited, as he possesses ideal size and strength for a frontcourt prospect. All of his production is self-made, as he hardly ever has his number called offensively.

Two more Athlete Institute products make up the rest of the frontcourt. 6-foot-10, 200-pound Kyle Alexander plays around 10 minutes a game, using his rebounding talents as his means of contribution. 6-foot-11, 215-pound Selvedin Planincic plays sparingly but has the necessary size to slide in and play meaningful minutes.

Entering the Peach Jam, CIA Bounce is a prime dark-horse candidate to make a run. They have two Peach Jam favorites in their pool, Playaz Club and E1T1, as well as the task of facing MVP Allonzo Trier and Athletes First. They definitely have their work cut out for them, but McIntyre has already proven more than capable of making a run.

E1T1

Before the season even began, the coaches and players from Each 1 Teach 1 knew they had a target on their back. They were coming off a wildly successive – a damn-near dominant season from beginning to end – and were blessed with the title of Peach Jam Champs.

Despite only returning a few players from that great run last season, E1T1 was still on the radars of many to return to dominant form. We were no different. We ranked E1T1 our Preseason favorites as well as first in the D1 Circuit Power Rankings after the first session, where they went 3-0. Ben Simmons and Antonio Blakeney were the perfect scoring combination, while E1T1's size and length down low struck fear into the rest of the league.

Well, it didn't exactly last too long. E1T1 did finish the Dallas Session at 3-1 but then lost two games in both Hampton and Minneapolis. They were still a strong team but the wins weren't coming as easily as they did last year or even earlier in the regular season.

The win-loss record doesn't tell the entire story of E1T1's 2014 run, though. They led the EYBL in total team scoring, finished second in field goals made and field

goal percentage and fifth in both total rebounds and assists. Clearly E1T1 is dominant offensively and will clean up the boards game in and game out.

Statistically, E1T1 may be the most complete team in the EYBL.



have to imagine that they learned from their errors and quickly moved forward to fix them.

That is what makes them an awfully dangerous team throughout the Peach Jam, as they look to become back-to-back champions

this summer.

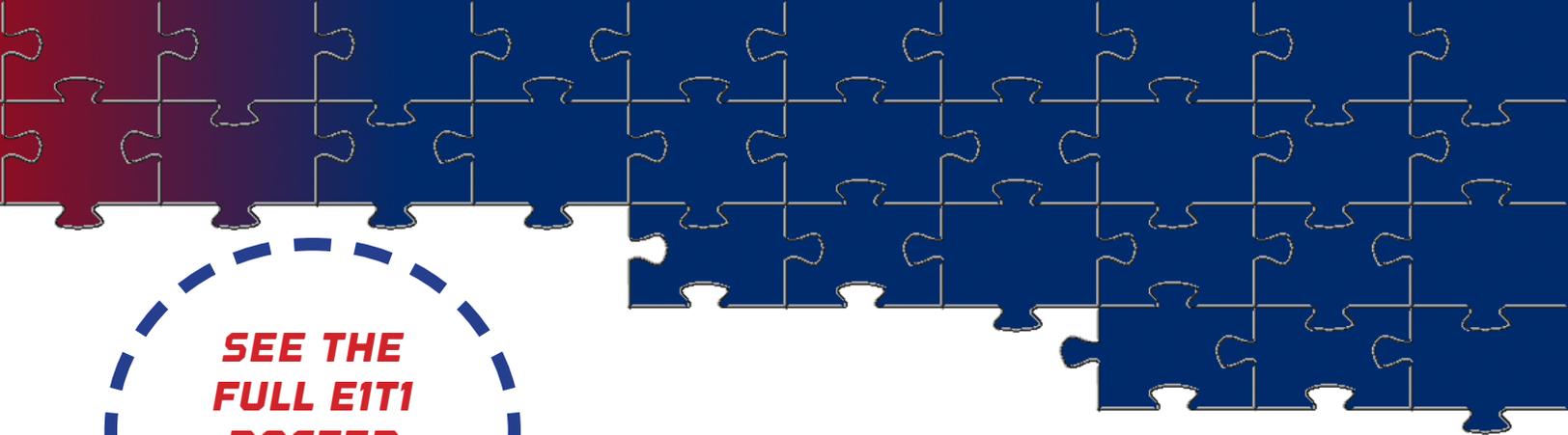
One of the keys to E1T1's success is their backcourt. They have boasted a strong backcourt ever since last year, when Joel Berry and Grayson Allen graced the E1T1 red and blue.

This year it was more of a committee of point guards playing alongside Blakeney that got the job done.

Obviously, the success started with Blakeney running the show. As E1T1's primary scoring option, Blakeney was able to lead the team in scoring with 19.5 points per game, which was good enough for sixth in the EYBL (He actually finished fifth in total scoring with 312 points).

Blakeney is extremely explosive and athletic. He's up there with the likes of Malik Newman and Allonzo Trier in terms of athletic ability from the shooting guard position, and will attack the rim without fear. Then he also has a pretty good jump shot, where he can beat you from three if you play with too much slack. Wherever he is on the court, he's going to be a tough guard, and he was all season. There's no reason to think things will be any different at Peach Jam.

Back to the other rotation of guards, E1T1 gave solid minutes to Barry Brown, Keyshawn Evans



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and Fletcher McGee to play alongside Blakeney.

Brown and Evans both split time at the point for the duration of the season. Neither player separated themselves from the other but, for E1T1, that's a good thing. Having confidence when either guard is running the point is the foundation to any team's depth. Evans is typically the sound starter, whereas Brown is the jumpstart scoring guard when Evans/Blakeney come off for a breather.

Then you have Fletcher McGee. The 6-foot-4 shooting guard from Orlando has deep range, and can get his shot off from the perimeter better than anyone on E1T1. He'll be a threat as a three-point specialist but can also surprise you and get to the hoop on occasion.

More so than last year's champion team, E1T1 has a plethora of bigs that are strong on both ends of the court.

It starts with their 2013 returnee Alex Owens. The big man out of Oak Ridge High School is a very physical player. He's not overwhelmingly athletic but that's where his brute strength comes in. He'll ground and pound you all game long when he keeps his

motor running. Pound-for-pound, he's on the the best rebounders in the entire circuit.

Then there's Daniel Giddens. Giddens might be one of the very few pure centers in the league with great size (6-foot-10, 230 lbs). His offensive game is still developing

**2014
RECORD
11-5 (5-4)**

**TRIPLE
THREAT
ANTONIO BLAKENEY
19.5 PPG, 3.7 RPG**

**BEN SIMMONS
19.4, 6.1 RPG**

**BARRY BROWN
9.4 PPG, 2.9 RPG**

**2014 PPP
OFF: 1.112
DEF: 1.017**

PPP PROVIDED BY: GROUPSTATS

but he's always good for an easy clean up around the basket. But he's definitely the team's best shot blocker (2.6 BPG this season) because of his size and athleticism.

Finally, you can't mention E1T1's big men without disclosing the biggest one of them all, the 7-foot-5, Tacko Fall. As you'd figure, he doesn't move the best for a basketball player, but when you use up so much space in the paint, it's hard to hijack any room for rebounds. He's not going to blow you away with his game but he's a mountain to climb if you're looking to win the rebounding battles.

E1T1 clearly has an incredibly deep roster, but if they're going to make a real run at a consecutive championship, they'll need the best stuff from their best overall player: Ben Simmons. The LSU-commit is a unique blend of a true ball-handler in a forward's body. He's 6-foot-9 and plays his best with the ball in his hands on the perimeter. Simmons demonstrated this year that he can create opportunities for himself and teammates almost effortlessly. He's a difficult player to defend because he can do so many things on offense. Double-teaming and zones might not even be enough to prevent Simmons from making a play.

The offensive firepower is there, but if E1T1 really wants to make a run for consecutive titles, they'll need to ramp things up on the defensive end. E1T1 will need a collective effort on defense to push forward. Judging off last year's run, it shouldn't be too big of a problem for them to handle.

PLAYAZ

At the conclusion to the 2014 NBA Finals, it became pretty clear that a team-first mentality will get you much further than a gameplan revolving around an individual.

That's exactly what the Playaz resembled this past season. Led by their fearless leader Isaiah Briscoe, Playaz locked into a team-first mentality and ran away with the EYBL.

They captured a 13-3 season to win Division C outright over some impressive squads such as Athletes First, CIA Bounce, E1T1 and more.

Playaz play both sides of the ball to near perfection. They finished the season ninth in total scoring and second in opponent's total points, laying testament to their balanced style of play. Many teams in the EYBL get their bulk of scoring from just one or two players but the Playaz had three players (Isaiah Briscoe, Temple Gibbs, Myles Powell) average double-digit scoring while just two (Moustapha Diagne, Trevon Duval) missed narrowly.

Sometimes Playaz just knew how and when to turn up the heat, which is why they're going to be so dangerous throughout the Peach Jam. In their 13 wins this season, they won by an average

point differential of over 13 per game.



So if you're not able to pressure the Playaz into making mistakes, forcing turnovers or poor, contested shots, then you may have a tough time hanging with them through the course of an entire game because they're not afraid to step on the pedal.

The biggest key to the Playaz season-long success was the strong play – and depth – of their entire backcourt. Obviously things start with their EYBL-vet and team leader Briscoe but others wearing

the red and yellow stepped up big-time all season long.

Because Briscoe plays a lot of point guard, the Playaz needed guys who could shoot for efficiency and take off some of the pressure that Briscoe naturally attracts. The first guy to do that is Temple Gibbs Jr. As the Playaz second-leading scorer, Gibbs Jr. did both of those things all season long. Although undersized to play the shooting guard position full time, Gibbs Jr. thrived playing alongside Briscoe because of the space he was given to do so.

Never trying to do too much, Gibbs Jr. takes what's in front of him and makes the right play, which, more often than not, is to take the shot in front of him. You also have to love that he only turned the ball over less than once per game.

Next up is Myles Powell. Although even smaller than Gibbs Jr., Powell found his role in the Playaz backcourt rotation because of his ability to flat-out shoot the ball. Taking the most three-pointers on the whole team by far, Powell proved it was his shot to take by nailing 37-86, good for 43 percent from beyond the arc. Since Powell commanded such attention on the perimeter, the other Playaz guards were able to attack the hoop more freely with the defense stretched thin in the halfcourt.

Then there's Trevon Duval. The team's fifth leading scorer still managed to put up 7.5 points per

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game and as also second in total assists. Even as a freshman, Duval plays with a real poise, something quite uncanny in the EYBL, which is why Playaz coaches awarded Duval with the team's fourth-most minutes played.

Even behind those guys there is Elijah Cain, who, despite having a rough go at it in 2014, was a solid rotational player for the Playaz in 2013. He's a kind of guy who can give them good minutes off the bench and not have to worry about losing a lead or getting too far behind while the starters catch a break.

In the front court, it's all about Moustapha. Diagne stands 6-foot-9 with an impressive reach, which helped him become a top-notch rebounder on both ends of the court. He led the Playaz in total rebounds and also finished tied for ninth in offensive rebounds. Diagne is the mainstay in the Playaz defensive schemes because he's just so physically imposing. He's a big time shot-blocker and versatile defender because he's instinctively quick on that end despite his stout, physical build. In other words, if you're going to score in the paint, you're going to have to do it over Diagne, which is no easy feat.

Another forward the Playaz rely on is Shakur Juiston. Although not known for any one particular thing on the court, Juiston is a solid player on the wing because he has great size.

**2014
RECORD**
13-3 (8-1)

**TRIPLE
THREAT**
ISAIAH BRISCOE
18.2 PPG, 6.9 RPG
5.5 APG

TEMPLE GIBBS
14.2 PPG

MOUSTAPHA DIAGNE
9.4 PPG, 7.6 RPG

2014 PPP
OFF: 1.129
DEF: 0.967
PPP PROVIDED BY: GROUPSTATS

Juiston shot nearly 63 percent from the field because he gets most of his looks not far from the basket, and averaged 7.3 rebounds per game during the season. That's exactly what you want in your other starting forward.

Even with all those guys and the depth that the Playaz have, everything revolves around the one-and-only Briscoe. A self-dignified point guard, Briscoe plays a unique style of basketball that is beautifully balanced. He is strong and cut, a greatly physical player, especially for a combo guard with a score-first mentality. He'll get to the rim with very little resistance, which is where he does a lot of his damage scoring-wise. But Briscoe has already proven that he's not just a one-trick pony. He led the Playaz in assists per game (5.5) and also grabbed a phenomenal 6.9 rebounds per game this season as a guard.

If all goes as planned for the Playaz, they would ride Briscoe off into the sunset and claim the Peach Jam championship. But, as usual, nothing is that easy. Instead it'll take a collective team effort on both ends to get it done. Luckily, they've already proved that that's their game and style of play. They have good depth and a collective group of players that are not afraid to shoot the basketball. Then they also have some terrific individual defenders that fit within their system.

Throughout pool play you're going to see the Playaz play some inspiring team ball led by their go-to star, Briscoe, and it'll be as pretty as the Spurs' victory in the NBA finals. It was their formula to a terrific season and should be to a magical Peach Jam run.

TEAM TAKEOVER

When you play for a coach as demanding as Keith Stevens, a lot is expected from you. That's solely the reason why Team Takeover is widely considered one of the strongest teams year to year. It's not because of their roster – which has actually lacked pure stars or big-time names for the last couple years. Rather, it's the type of fast-paced, high-pressure basketball they play as a unit on both ends of the court.

We saw a lot of that in last year's Team Takeover squad. With a strong backcourt and some deadly shooters, Takeover was simply dominant all year long. Unfortunately, their season ended with an early ousting from the Peach Jam but it was no reason to hang their heads.

This year, Takeover carried a similar-type roster, with a lot of their strength coming from an athletic backcourt that loved to push the pace in transition and play at a high tempo. The win-loss totals were a tad different than last year but they're back in a familiar place with a chance to make a big run at the championship.

A team that endures a lot of wear from its coaching staff is going to instill that into their games. That's why playing Team Takeover can become a bit of a grind.



Collectively, they can dominate on defense and then get out and run the open court with their talented guards at the helm. As a result, Takeover was fifth in total scoring, eighth in field goals attempted and third

in field goal percentage. With that strong backcourt, they move the ball really well, looking for the

best shot, which landed them atop the EYBL in total assists with 254, which is 10 better than second place.

Conversely, Team Takeover might give up a lot of points per game because of the pace they like to play at but it's kind of a "controlled chaos" type of situation; they'll force you into a lot of mistakes. They forced opponents into turnovers with 129 steals this season, good enough for fourth in the EYBL.

As stated, Team Takeover's strength is its backcourt. Again, there's no real star or go-to guy, which makes them difficult to guard and predict. Bryant Crawford, Kevin Dorsey, Frank Howard, Justin Jenifer and Josh Reaves. That's five players that all offer their own unique abilities to gel into the greater style of play coach Stevens wants to play.

Crawford and Jenifer are your set-up men. Both of these guards are extremely quick with the ball and have great bursts on the dribble. They're looking to get up and down the court quickly after a turnover or bring it right into the teeth of the defense to find an open guy down low or kick it out to the perimeter. They combined for eight assists per game and were the reason why Team Takeover finished atop the league in that category.

Then there's Dorsey, Reaves and

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Howard, Dorsey and Reaves were the first and fourth leading scorers on the team respectively. They play more of a combo-guard role, looking to find their own

shot a little more than Crawford and Jenifer. They managed to combine for over 23 points per game.

As for Howard, he only played in nine games this year but at 6-foot-6, the Syracuse commit is one of the most physically gifted guards in the EYBL. Considering he didn't play a big role for much of the season, he's a player that you can't sleep on. Some believe that if he were entirely healthy during the regular season, he would've been a shoe-in to score at least 16 points per game. That's something to look forward to as Team Takeover takes on some pretty offensively-minded squads from Pool A.

You'd think that with such a strong, deep backcourt just one of them would be a dagger from three-point territory. Instead, it's actually Team Takeover's starting power forward who plays the role of their best deep threat.

EYBL-vet Marcus Derrickson has a special touch from the three-point line, where he shot nearly 42 per-

cent on 41 attempts this season. That helped him become the third-best scoring option on the team as well as a guy who can stretch the defense. Giving respect to his shot from deep opens things up inside for himself and others.

**2014
RECORD**
9-7 (6-3)

**TRIPLE
THREAT**
KEVIN DORSEY
12.5 PPG, 2.9 RPG

BRYANT CRAWFORD
11.8 PPG, 3.9 APG

**MARCUS
DERRICKSON**
11 PPG, 5.5 RPG

2014 PPP
OFF: 1.039
DEF: 1.026
PPP PROVIDED BY: GROUPSTATS

He's a big reason why Team Takeover possesses such a diverse offense that can beat you in so many ways.

The other guy Derrickson's long ball is opening things up for down

low is Georgios Papagiannis. The 7-foot-1 center from Greece has elite size. Evidently he was the team's leading rebounder and shot-blocker and he actually does a nice job of staying out of foul trouble, which can be a vice to a lot of big men out there. Papagiannis is very raw offensively, in fact he only shot about 49 percent from the field, where nearly all of his attempts comes at or near the hoop, which is a tad alarming. But his size alone is enough to make an enormous impact defensively.

Team Takeover is surprisingly deep, which is great for how they play. In order to escape pool play, they'll need everyone on the roster to be at their best.

Because Stevens wants to push an up-tempo offense and also wreak havoc and cause turnovers on defense, then they'll need a healthy bunch of players that are in shape to get up and down the court. By pushing the tempo, Team Takeover can take advantage of a lot of the slower teams out there or even push some of the better shooting teams into bad shots and fatigue very quickly.

But it all depends on how well they can run themselves. If you're judging by how well they did it during the season, then things are looking okay. Sadly, just okay isn't quite good enough at the Peach Jam, so Team Takeover better be ready for the challenge ahead.

TEAM CP3

Last season, Team CP3 just about had it all.

They had tons of momentum moving forward into the Peach Jam and throughout. They had a deep roster full of extremely talented players, headlined by small forwards Theo Pinson and L.J. Peak. And then they did what they wanted by reaching to the championship. The only thing that stood in their way of becoming last year's champion was a very tough Each 1 Teach 1 squad, who ended up being a much bigger hurdle than they had thought.

As the story goes, Team CP3 lost in the final game and had to watch as a lot of faces went on to the final stages of their high school careers. The bulk of that team can be seen at mid and high majors around the country during the next collegiate season, which left Team CP3 looking to retool its team and replenish the talent pool.

At the start of the season, things were looking positive. They had a really strong roster up and down with one of the best players in the country, Harry Giles III, being the new top-dog donning black and red Jordan-sponsored threads.

Of course nothing happens perfectly, and what was supposed to

be a season backed by revenge and determination to get back to the championship game and win this turned sour in a hurry. Giles wasn't ready to play until the Minneapolis session

due to brutal knee injury that tore his ACL, MCL and meniscus. The

rest of the squad were left to pick up the slack but struggled to find any rhythm offensively and couldn't really find anyone to step up.

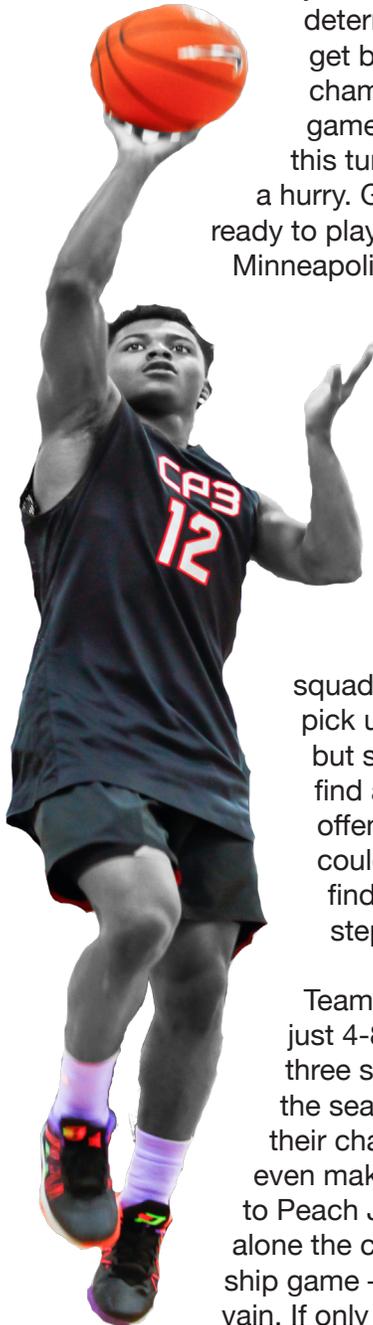
Team CP3 went just 4-8 in the first three sessions of the season and their chances at even making it back to Peach Jam – let alone the championship game – were in vain. If only they could win-out in Minneapolis and have a chance... And that's exactly what happened.

With Giles returning, Team CP3 clicked on all cylinders and did exactly what they needed to do to keep their Peach Jam hopes alive. Even though they're real chances rely on a play-in game with The Family, Team CP3 should be commended for what they did to overcome a disappointing season and turn it around last minute.

A good portion of Team CP3's success in Minneapolis was due to their backcourt, despite Giles' long-awaited return to the court. As they struggled all season long, there were three guys that did their best to hold the team together.

Zaqwuan Matthews was probably the most consistent player on Team CP3 all season long. He finished second on the team in points per game with 11.2 but shot an outstanding 52 percent from the field, which also included nearly 45 percent from three-point territory. The unheralded shooting guard from Charlotte, North Carolina is very deliberate in his game and doesn't stray far from what he does best. Keeping things simple and in control is why Matthews remained Team CP3's rock all season and will continue to be, if they defeat The Family.

Another strong player in Team CP3's backcourt is Terrence Phillips. Phillips is a prototypical point guard with a great burst of speed at the point of attack. He's an active distributor, which helped him finish second in the EYBL in



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total assists only behind Jalen Brunson of Mac Irvin Fire. Phillips is another reason why Team CP3 kept their hopes alive going into the final session. He is very good at drawing fouls and getting to the line, where he took and converted nearly twice as many free throws as anyone else on Team CP3.

Then there's Ronshad Shabazz. Without a real go-to scorer, Shabazz took that role upon himself. He was the one that was going to get a shot up if no one else had a look. Because he assumed that role, his field goal and efficiency numbers weren't all that impressive but he was still able to post the team's most total points. After all, sometimes you just need a guy to shoot the ball and take a chance. He proved in Minneapolis in two games that he's capable of leading this team on offense when they need him most. His calling could very well come early during the game against The Family. If Team CP3 struggles offensively, look for Shabazz to create his own shot and do what it takes to keep the offense moving at the very least.

As for the forwards, Giles is the guy to watch but Team CP3 is going to need some bigger contributions from others in order to advance.

Xavier Hill-Mais may be one of the more underrated power forwards in the EYBL. He started in every game he played this season on an average of 19 minutes per game.

**2014
RECORD**
8-8 [7-2]

**TRIPLE
THREAT**
RONSHAD SHABAZZ
11.8 PPG, 2.9 RPG

TERRENCE PHILLIPS
10.1 PPG, 5.9 APG

HARRY GILES III
6.6 PPG, 6 RPG

2014 PPP
OFF: 0.908
DEF: 0.975
PPP PROVIDED BY: GROUPSTATS

At 6-foot-7, 240 lbs., Hill-Mais is a beast on the boards, best on the team statistically. And he can also be a motor guy on defense with the ability to defend the paint and the baseline very easily.

Also in the front court is Connor Shorten. Limited during the season, playing in just eight games, Shorten still got his fair share of burn by playing high minutes when he was available. Like Hill-Mais, Shorten has great size (6-foot-8, 230 lbs.) for the power forward position, and will be a nightmare on the boards.

Things really boil down to how well – and healthy – Giles plays, though. He's arguably the best player from the 2016 class. With great size, he's already a defensive monster. But what makes him one of the country's best is his all-around game on offense. He doesn't have any go-to moves in the post but possesses great touch around the basket and can pass from the post better than anyone else.

Giles can just about do it all, which is why Team CP3 is going to be a real test for The Family in the initial play-in game. Beyond that, if Team CP3 can find some momentum, they could be a meddling team that fights its way through the Peach Jam hurdles. Everything rides on Giles' health – which seems to be fine at the moment – and the backcourt's ability to keep the ball in their possession and not fire up too many poor, contested shots. Those are all big "ifs" at this point, but if the Minneapolis session was any indication at what we might be looking for, Team CP3 is in good hands.

THE FAMILY

A play-in game to even just make it into the Peach Jam is never a position you want to be in. However, despite their best efforts, that's where The Family sits right now. In order to play out their Peach Jam dreams, The Family has to get by a momentous Team CP3 first before pool play even begins.

But when you're fighting for your life in the playoffs, big-time players will come up in the clutch, and The Family have their fair-share of guys with that kind of potential.

It was an up-and-down season for the marauders from Michigan. Filled with "one step forward, one step back" moments, The Family finished the season at 8-8, tied with Jackson Tigers for fifth in Division A. In fact, if they would've beaten Jackson Tigers in Minneapolis, they wouldn't be in this position at all. But in fact here they are and ready to play.

The Family doesn't do any one thing great in particular. Actually, across the board, they're very sound in just about every team statistics category. The Family is at its best when they're getting easy looks around the basket from their big men, while their perimeter guys create shots off the dribble. They were tenth in field goal percentage in the EYBL, and they will force you into some turnovers on the other end. They finished the season tenth in total blocks and fourteenth in total steals.

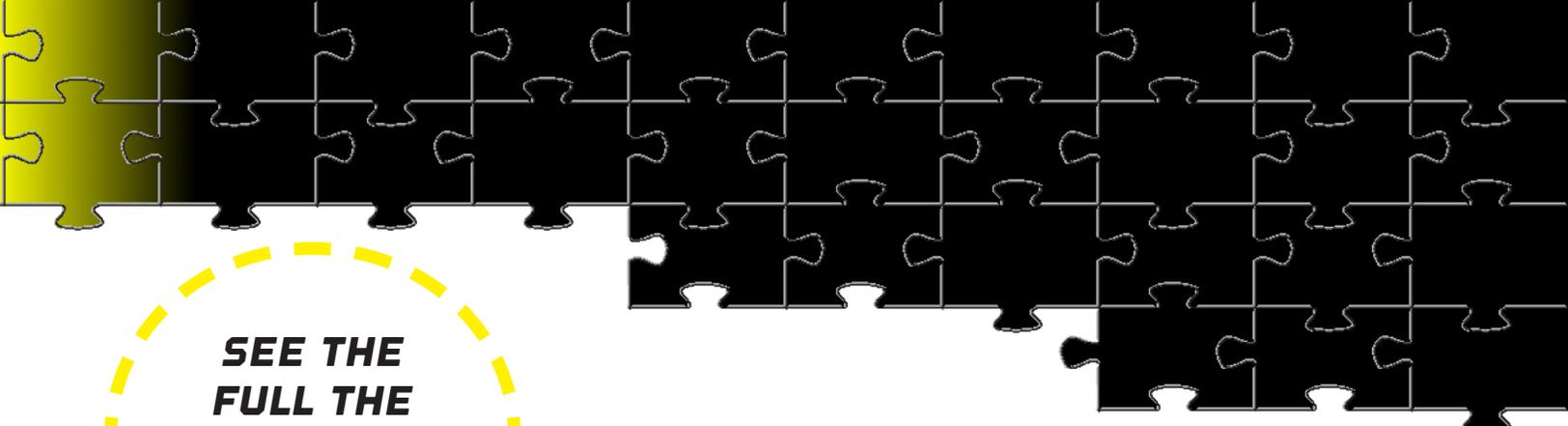


Otherwise, they're just a solid team that isn't going to "wow" you in any one area but will beat you if you don't bring enough to the table.

In terms of the individuals, The Family have a couple stars they can rely on. The first being the 6-foot-3 combo-guard Eric Davis. Davis was by far The Family's best offensive weapon. He's an inside-out guard with moves that will sting you from anywhere on the court. Even with a slight, wispy frame, Davis can and will attack the hoop with some sneaky athleticism that looks like it comes out of nowhere because of his quiet on-court demeanor. Davis isn't a dangerous shooter from deep but it's not entirely safe to test him from that distance because he can still beat you with good lift on his jumper.

Also in the backcourt is A.J. Turner. With tremendous size, Turner can get his shot off from just about anywhere. Turner received a good amount of minutes during the season with the role of incumbent scorer when Davis might be off. He filled that role very nicely, scoring 9.8 points per game in 12 games this season. That kind of production will definitely be a key moving forward through the Peach Jam to provide some depth in scoring to their offense.

Jaire Grayer is another player to keep your eye on. Just like Turner, Grayer has fantastic size for the



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guard position. He's a little less of an efficient shooter than

Turner might be but still does a good job of creating his own shot. He will be another player who gives The Family some strong depth in the backcourt.

In the front court, interestingly enough, The Family have two fantastic, top-notch rebounders but managed to finish just 33rd in total rebounds and just 39th in offensive rebounds. That's a head-scratcher indeed.

The first worth noting is Miles Bridges. Bridges is just a sophomore from Huntington Prep with a lot of room for his game to grow but already showing the potential he has left to tap. He finished second on The Family in total points (225) and points per game (14.1) behind Davis. Then he also finished first in total rebounds (107) and rebounds per game (6.7) by a long shot. Bridges is a combo forward with a lot of versatility to his game, including a three-point shot. He's an underrated passer and ball-handler, which can make him a nightmare to defend in man-to-man situations. Bridges is very similar to Boris Diaw, who just won the NBA Championship with

the Spurs. That's good company to be in.

The other great rebounder from The Family is Trevor Manuel. Now, Manuel didn't start the season with the team but he sure finished with a strong season. In 12 games,

**2014
RECORD
8-8 (5-4)**

**TRIPLE
THREAT
ERIC DAVIS**

17.1 PPG, 3.2 RPG

**MILES BRIDGES
14.1 PPG, 6.7 RPG**

**TREVON MANUEL
8.4 PPG, 6 RPG**

2014 PPP

**OFF: 1.006
DEF: 1.062**

PPP PROVIDED BY: GROUPSTATS

Manuel was good enough to be the team's fourth-leading scorer and second-leading rebounder. He can sometimes play out of his strengths, like hanging out on the perimeter a little too often, but when you catch him on a game

he's focused on the task at-hand, he can become a pest in the paint on both ends of the court.

If The Family wants to make it past Team CP3 in the initial play-in game, they're going to have to do better on the boards. And that's advice worth taking if they do indeed get through Team CP3. With all the size and athleticism that teams have at the Peach Jam, you can't suffice to less than 30 rebounds per game. The Family will have to be better in that area.

As for the offense, you let Davis be Davis and do his thing. He's a pure scorer that can beat you in multiple ways. He'll be the fire-starter for The Family's offense, while Bridges and Manuel clean up the easy stuff on the inside. It's not a recipe for complete success but will certainly catch a few opponents off guard, especially if The Family, behind Bridges and Manuel, can capitalize on the glass.

If you want to become the Peach Jam champs, you have to be much better than average. The Family may have had a tough-go during the regular season, but with a chance at making Peach Jam, they're not going to go down easy. A play-in game, where you have to leave everything you have on the table, might be exactly what the doctor ordered for Michigan's finest.



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2014**



POOL B

HOUSTON HOOPS

In 2013, Houston Hoops featured an embarrassment of riches, seeing seven seniors sign D1 scholarships, five of those being high-major; Justin Jackson (UNC), Justise Winslow (Duke), Kelly Oubre (Kansas), Khadeem Lattin (Oklahoma) and Leon Gilmore (Creighton). Going into 2014, an almost completely revamped Hoops roster had a lot to prove.

De'Aaron Fox, a freshman contributor on last year's super squad and the only returnee, was given the keys to the driver's seat. Still only a sophomore, Fox led a talented Houston Hoops squad to a 10-6 record this season. Hoops fought off a slow start but proved to be a well-coached squad as the season wore on, winning nine out of their final 13 games.

They feature a nice blend of talent, featuring weapons at every position. They have very good size and length in the frontcourt, and have the best arsenal to throw at the Soldiers, the top frontline in Pool B.

Fox is their go-to player overall, and paces the tempo of the entire squad. He plays a team-high 25.3 minutes per game, and for good reason. The 6-foot-3 combo guard is most comfortable with the ball in his hands, using an ultra-quick first step to attack the basket and create. He shot 50 percent from within the three-point

line, making it clear that his best asset is currently driving the lane.

Fox, like many other athletes in the EYBL, has the ability to put you on a poster whenever he drives the lane. His dunks often completely change the dynamic of a game. Many have been witness to his on-court baptisms, and it would be shocking if he didn't throw down at least one rim-rattler during pool play.



Jordan Hunter is a true point guard for Hoops, a 5-foot-10 speedster, who is verbally committed to New Mexico. His biggest impact comes at the defensive end as a very impressive perimeter and on-ball defender. He uses his speed and quickness to hound opposing point guards, impacting the game much more than his numbers imply. 6.5 points, 2.9 assists and 2.1 rebounds per game can definitely be improved upon, and we look for Hunter to do so in North Augusta.

Fox's high school teammate, Nick Garth, at Cypress Lakes (TX) joins himself and Hunter in Hoops' backcourt. Garth is an undersized (5-foot-10) shooting guard, but his stroke from distance was greatly beneficial all season long.

On a squad that lacks pure shooters, Garth stepped up big time. He hit a team-high 24 three-pointers for Houston Hoops, which accounted

He only shot 28.6 percent from distance and 60.3 percent from the stripe, so improvements in those categories during the six-game Peach Jam run would be greatly beneficial.

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for nearly one-third of their three-pointers made. This is a team that struggles to find points from their backcourt, so having Garth outperform his 8.7 point per game average would be a huge advantage. He scored in double figures in five out of 15 games this year.

Christian James is also a factor in the backcourt, averaging 7.7 points, 4.5 rebounds, 1.3 assists and 1.0 steals in 11 games played. The 6-foot-4 combo guard is being heavily recruited, and for good reason. He's a strong, physical guard who makes the most of the minutes he's given. He's also rebounds tremendously well for a guard, grabbing one rebound every three minutes he's on the court.

Two other backcourt contributors are junior Juwan Williams and sophomore A.J. Lawson. They combine to average six points and three boards. Both give Houston Hoops some solid depth during the oft-times grueling pool play, while Lawson has a lot of promise in the 2016 class, so this Peach Jam experience will be a big building block for next year's hopes.

While limited in numbers, this frontcourt has a lot of talent. The

6-foot-9 paint-enforcer is Samir Sehic, the team-leader in rebounds (5.9 rpg) and blocks (1.0 bpg). He has risen on the recruiting boards throughout the spring, displaying a noticeable improvement in his game on both ends. He's their biggest body and he

**2014
RECORD**
10-6 (6-3)

**TRIPLE
THREAT**
DE'ARON FOX

14.1 PPG, 3.5 APG

SAMIR SEHIC

11.9 PPG, 5.8 RPG

JORDAN HUNTER

6.5 PPG, 2.9 APG

2014 PPP

OFF: 1.025
DEF: 0.989

PPP PROVIDED BY: GROUPSTATS

rebounds it well, so it is imperative that he plays up to his abilities.

He shares the frontcourt with fab-freshman Jarred Vanderbilt. A 6-foot-7 swingman, Vanderbilt is scary potential. Averaging 8.7

points, 4.5 rebounds and shooting at a 49.5 percent clip as a freshman is nothing to scoff at, as he is one of only eight members of the 2017 class to play in the Peach Jam.

He not only vastly improves the Hoops chances by playing well, but he also has a chance to make a case for No. 1 in 2017.

Paul Thomas and Dorian Chatman do the dirty work for Hoops, filling in their roles effectively. They both play strong defense, with Thomas showing the ability to expand his game outside of his assigned role. They are certainly better players than their minutes imply, but they should have ample opportunity to prove their worth.

Houston has been difficult to get a read on all year. Some games they look great, others they struggle mightily. What they do have is balance. They can throw numerous bodies at you from each position, making it hard to tire a defense. Like many teams, their success will start with their defense. If they can remain consistent on that end, they are a few offensive outbursts from advancing to pool play. The question is - will it be De'Aaron Fox who gets hot, or one of his running mates?

HOWARD PULLEY

The Howard Pulley Panthers have never been better. That may seem optimistic considering they had to replace Tyus Jones. A three-year do-it-all player for the Panthers, Jones and his MVP-winning self are off to star at Duke, leaving a giant hole in the lineup for 2014. For three years, Coach Antwan Harris and Director Rene Pulley could sit back with comfort, knowing their floor general would create play after play. He was a coach's dream, as he made everyone else on the court a better player. Also gone from the 2013 Peach Jam qualifier was big man Reid Travis, an MVP-candidate in his own right, who will play for Stanford in the winter.

It wasn't easy, but Coach Harris managed to not only replace Jones and Travis, he debatably has his strongest Peach Jam contender yet. Replacing the production, intelligence and experience of Jones and Travis was a complete team effort, which resulted in Pulley surpassing all expectations. Finishing with a 10-6 record can be attributed to two things; their defense and balance. Their ball-hawking defense is a direct result from the man in charge. Harris preaches hustle and defense, taking advantage of every last bit of talent from his players.

Pulley does not have ideal size for a league like the EYBL, so they need to make up for it in different areas of the game. Their balance is extremely impressive, boast-

ing eight scorers that average between 5.5 and 11.8 points per game.



Many of their players are adapting to different roles than their high school coaches require, so their ability to form cohesively does not

go unnoticed.

The depth begins in the backcourt with starters Sacar Anim and Jarvis Johnson. Teammates at DeLaSalle in Minneapolis, the two athletic guards share an on-court chemistry that is among the tops in the EYBL. Both contributed on last year's Peach Jam squad, so they will definitely be relied upon to shoulder the load.

Anim took his game to another level this spring, using his slashing ability to lead Pulley in scoring at 11.8 points per game. He plays with a visible chip on his shoulder and relies on his ability to outwork his opponent, a trait that has paid off big time for the 6-foot-4 junior.

Meanwhile, Johnson struggled this season based on expectations statistically, but he embraced a role in the offense that even limited his numbers. Operating as a facilitator, Johnson deferred to his weapons during the regular season. If Pulley has a weakness, it's scoring the basketball, so the Panthers could definitely use a more aggressive mindset from Johnson. He did lead the team in steals, which will be needed against exceptional ball-handlers like Jalen Brunson and De'Aaron Fox in pool play.

Amir Coffey, the brightest prospect on the roster, is the third starter in the backcourt. Coffey stands 6-foot-6, blessed with terrific size for a 2016 product. He is used to

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being 'the man' on his in-state powerhouse Hopkins Royals. The EYBL has proven one thing about Coffey's game; it's extremely versatile. He is Pulley's only player to average more than three rebounds (4.4 rpg) and assists (3.1 apg), which go along with his 9.3 points per game. His scoring was up and down all season, so a lift in that category during their five pool play games could prove beneficial.

The Panthers deploy two other guards in their rotation, Bjorn Broman and Joe Rosga. The diminutive Broman proved to be a huge help in replacing EYBL Hall of Famer Tyus Jones. In 16 games, he averaged 7.0 points and a team-high 3.7 assists, putting together a five-game stretch in which he scored 10, 11, 9, 15, and 14 points in each respective game. He is a deadeye shooter and is only easing into his comfort level as a player at a high level, so the best of Broman is likely yet to come.

Rosga is the other sharp-shooter, a specialist who is third on the team in made three-pointers (24), closely behind Broman and forward Alex Illikainen (26). He plays strong defense and hits enough shots to remain effective. Cretin sports two players on

Pulley's roster, the second being swingman Sam Neumann. A shooting guard for his high school, Coach Harris has asked to play out Neumann to play out of his true position for the past two years. The move has proven to be highly beneficial for Neumann's

**2014
RECORD**
10-6 (7-2)

**TRIPLE
THREAT**
SACAR ANIM

11.8 PPG, 3.5 RPG

AMIR COFFEY
9.3 PPG, 4.4 RPG

ALEX ILLIKAINEN
10.6 PPG, 4.8 RPG

2014 PPP
OFF: 1.060
DEF: 0.990
PPP PROVIDED BY: GROUPSTATS

stock, as he has show the ability to rebound and defend from the small forward position. He mentioned rebounding is an area of focus, which is evident by his team-high 6.2 rebounds per game. The aforementioned Illikainen is

their most impressive frontcourt player, showing off a perimeter game that has soared his stock to new heights.

The 6-foot-8 forward recently announced his intent to transfer from Grand Rapids (MN), Brewster Academy. That transition should only further the improvement he's shown in the EYBL, as he has shown the ability to stretch the floor and put it on the deck. He hit from distance at a 44.8 percent clip, one of the most impressive statistical outputs from a forward on the circuit. He needs to be more efficient around the basket, but that aspect of his game should develop as he adjusts to being surrounded by high-level talent.

Brock Bertram is the backup big man, providing the biggest interior presence on the team. The 7-foot sophomore is ever-improving and already registered over 60 percent shooting during his first EYBL season. He needs to be active off the bench and keep his focus while playing limited minutes.

They have their work cut out for them, but they're certainly a sleeper in Pool B. They already have a blowout win over Team Final, the top-ranked team in the D1 Power 10, and they match up well with The Travelers and Houston Hoops. This pool looks to be wide open, and a blitz from Pulley's balanced squad could lead them well past pool play.

MAC IRVIN FIRE

A year removed from being the home of one of the best frontcourts in AAU history, the Mac Irvin Fire surprised many in 2014, producing similar on-court success on their way to a Peach Jam berth. Having to replace their core of Jahlil Okafor, Cliff Alexander, Josh Cunningham and Miles Reynolds was no easy task, but Coach Mike Irvin does not rebuild - he reloads.

Relying on the stellar play of their star combo-guard Jalen Brunson, the Fire took a completely different game plan heading into this season. In a complete turnaround from last season, the Fire are very guard-heavy this year - four of their top five leading scorers are members of the backcourt. Like always, the Fire play with energy and flair, relying on their fast-pace and high-flying dunks to set the tone. Missing out on bracket play last year was an absolute killer for Coach Irvin and crew, so you can be sure that that they will be well-prepared this time around.

As mentioned before, the backcourt is anchored by EYBL-veteran Brunson. The winner of the Fan's Choice MVP, Brunson was spectacular all season long, improving his scoring average by nearly six points per game from a year ago. Putting up averages of 17.2 points, 6.9 assists, 3.7 rebounds and 2.7

steals, Brunson has a great case to be labeled as the EYBL's most complete player.

He brings it on both ends of the floor, displaying elite quickness and enviable handles. If he has a knock to his game, it's his three-point shooting. His percentage (22.7) is not indicative of how skilled he is from behind the arc, as he shot at a much higher clip during his high

school season at Stevenson in Lincolnshire, Illinois.

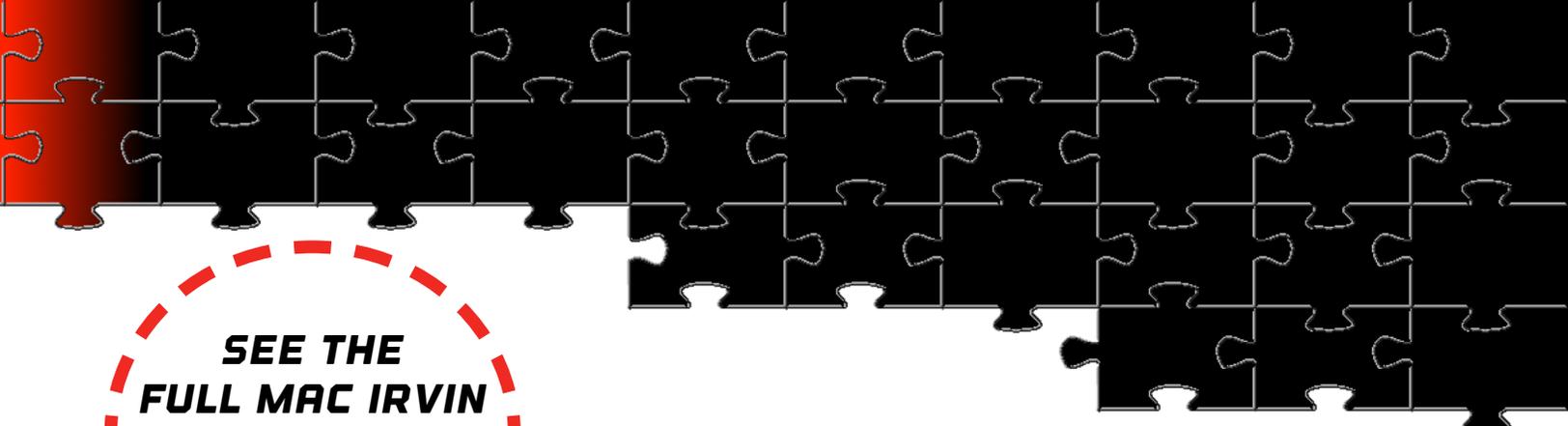
The most impressive part of his game might be his vision. He led the EYBL in assists (104) and assists per game (6.9), dishing out 14 more than second-place C.J. Walker. His passing ability opens up his scoring and vice versa. Brunson put up double-figures in every game but one, so it's evident that as Brunson goes, so goes the Fire.

His backcourt counterpart is Luwane Pipkins, hands-down one of the most underrated guards on the circuit. Coming off an electric season at Bogan High in Chicago, Pipkins maintained his productivity upon transitioning to compete against the nation's top guards. While a bit small (5-foot-10, 160 pounds) for an off-guard, Pipkins makes up for it with elite quickness and smooth shot.

His stroke from distance is crucial for the Fire, as Pipkins hit 43 three-pointers, one less than the rest of the team combined. He is more than capable of operating the point, but gladly accepted the role as the primary scorer next to Brunson. Pipkins made 3-plus three-pointers in eight games this season, so his stroke is a necessity for the Fire to win.

The third guard in the Fire's rotation is Brunson's sidekick at





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Stevenson, Connor Cashaw.

Known for his shot and general scoring ability, Cashaw provided the Fire a scoring kick off the bench. Three of their losses came when he scored five points or fewer, so the need for his scoring is obvious.

Cashaw eased into his comfort zone as the season wore on, but looking at his game log, it is clearly hit-or-miss for the 6-foot-5 junior. The numbers tell us if he is scoring, then Mac Irvin Fire is winning.

The Fire are a tad shallow in the frontcourt with the bulk of the productivity coming from the undersized Ed Morrow. The forward from Simeon Academy in Chicago, Morrow has taken after his talented predecessors, turning into debatably the best big man in the city. He led the EYBL in field goal percentage, shooting an ungodly 68.1 percent from the field en route to 14.1 points per game. He scores in a variety of ways, but sheer hustle and determination is his biggest tool.

Morrow uses every bit of his 6-foot-7, 210 pound frame, implementing a very physical style of play underneath the basket. Adding to his importance, Morrow led the team in rebounds (7.6 rpg) and blocks (1.8 bpg). This should be said very simply - the Fire will not find success in Pool B if their big man has an off game.

Joining Morrow in the frontcourt is Davon Dillard, one of the highest-flying athletes in the country. Standing at 6-foot-5 while

literally possessing the ability to jump straight over someone, Dillard is an absolute nightmare in transition.

He puts up 10.7 points and 4.6 rebounds, providing most of his value on second-chance opportunities and breakouts with Brunson. If you want your jaw to drop at least once a game during the Peach Jam, pay attention to No. 8 in orange.

**2014
RECORD**
10-6 (5-4)

**TRIPLE
THREAT**
JALEN BRUNSON
17.2 PPG, 6.9 RPG

LUWANE PIPKINS
14.6 PPG, 3.9 RPG

ED MORROW
14.1 PPG, 7.6 RPG

2014 PPP
OFF: 1.116
DEF: 1.043
PPP PROVIDED BY: GROUPSTATS

He is a perfect compliment to his teammates, providing at least one spark per game with a highlight reel of athleticism.

The rest of the frontcourt crew provides plenty of girth. Julian Torres, Lamous Brown and Weisner Perez combined to average 37.9 minutes per game, accumulating 9.7 points and 8.8 rebounds each contest. Their job in the middle is to open up the floor for their guards, while providing the Fire with the necessary size and physicality on defense. It's rare that Brown (6-foot-10, 240) or Torres (6-foot-8, 240) ever leave the painted area, and their presence alone will be key to disrupting the Pool B opposition.

Their pool is definitely lacking big men, so the Fire got a very favorable draw. They will likely have trouble against the stacked frontline of the Oakland Soldiers, a team which they already beat. but their guards give them the ability to offset that weakness. They went 2-0 against their pool during the regular season, so the Brunson-led Fire should have plenty of confidence heading into North Augusta.

With the right combination of a Brunson-led defense and a fast-break heavy pace on offense, there's no reason to think that Mac Irvin Fire will be alive once pool play is all said and done.

SOLDIERS

One of the most accomplished teams in the EYBL year in and year out finds itself in a familiar place - the Peach Jam. There have been four different champions in EYBL history, with the Soldiers taking home the title in 2012 behind strong play led by the recent fourth overall pick in the NBA draft Aaron Gordon and 2013 EYBL Peach Jam top scorer Stanley Johnson.

This year's team returns Max Hazzard, Oscar Frayer, Chimezie Metu and Ivan Rabb who participated in last year's Peach Jam squad, and are hoping that their experience at the EYBL's premier event will pay dividends for the team just like in 2012.

The Soldiers this year finished the regular season at 10-6, an automatic qualifier out of Division B behind division champs All Ohio Red.



The best way to explain their season would be "inconsistent," as at times the Soldiers looked to be the cream of the crop, while at others looked like a non-Peach Jam squad. Part of this was due to a grueling schedule, in which the Soldiers played 10 Peach Jam teams in their 16 games. The good? Wins over top teams like All Ohio Red and Team Penny. The bad? Losses to non-Peach Jam team Playground Elite, and five other losses to Peach Jam qualifiers.

Because of the up and down nature of this squad, its hard to get a beat on which team will ultimately show up in Augusta. Their point differential wasn't impressive -- just plus-three -- and neither were any of their shooting

percentages. Where they made up for a slow-paced offense was on defense where they finished second in the EYBL in total blocks and also cleaned the glass as effective as Windex. Because of that they still managed to will their way to a 10-win season and an automatic bid to Peach Jam.

The team was led this season by two of the premier big men in the country, and their success relies heavily on the pairs performance in the Peach Jam. Rabb, an EYBL veteran, led the team in scoring (15.2 ppg) and rebounding (9.9 rpg) at the forward position. He was joined in the frontcourt this season by Stephen Zimmerman, a seven-footer from Las Vegas who averaged 8.6 ppg and 7.9 rpg. This combination of size is virtually unmatched among other Peach Jam teams and is a huge advantage for the Soldiers. This size advantage will certainly be utilized against guard-heavy teams in their pool such as Team Final and The Travelers.

While it's certainly easy to assume that the Soldiers will survive and advance solely based on the performances of their big man duo, in actuality, it probably comes down to how consistent their guard play will be.

The Soldiers know what to expect from their big men - it is the backcourt that is an x-factor. Outside of Rabb and Zimmerman, wing Rex Pflueger is the only other player to

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start more than a dozen games. So all season long the starting guards were ever-changing for this squad. Guards Bernard Ward, Jordan Ford, and Max Hazzard all started games for the squad this season. However, the Soldiers tended to go forward-heavy the majority of the time, utilizing 6-foot-5 Oscar Frayer, 6-foot-5 Carlos Johnson, 6-foot-10 Metu, and 6-foot-6 Pflueger heavily alongside Rabb and Zimmerman. If the Soldiers hope to advance past these guard-heavy squads in Pool B, Ward, Ford, and Hazzard will have to play to the best of their abilities.

Hazzard is the guard to watch for the Soldiers. In addition to being their most experienced backcourt member, he also was their best scoring guard at 9.2 ppg and their best three-point shooter at 42.9% this season.

Oakland already struggled with Pool B opponents Mac Irvin Fire and Houston Hoops to end the regular season, losing by 5 and 19 points, respectively.

Against Mac Irvin, it was a matchup that could have gone either way. They lost the turnover and rebounding margins, though not by much, and had more second

chance points than Mac Irvin. However, the Fire dominated the fast break, and if the Soldiers can prevent this in their Pool B rematch, they could get the victory.

Against Houston Hoops, they failed in a number of aspects of

**2014
RECORD
10-6 [7-2]**

**TRIPLE
THREAT
IVAN RABB
15.2 PPG, 9.9 RPG**

**STEPHEN
ZIMMERMAN
8.6 PPG, 7.9 RPG**

**REX PFLUEGER
9.3 PPG, 4 RPG**

**2014 PPP
OFF: 1.004
DEF: 0.948
PPP PROVIDED BY: GROUPSTATS**

the game, most primarily - and surprisingly - on the boards. Despite their huge size advantage, Oakland was outrebounded by Houston by 18 boards. Zimmerman disappeared in that matchup and if they have any hopes of tak-

ing down Houston in the rematch, Zimmerman will have to elevate his game and utilize his 7-foot frame to dominate the glass.

Team Final, Howard Pulley, and The Travelers all present interesting matchups for the Oakland Soldiers, and it most likely come down to which team can execute with their advantage best. If Oakland's frontcourt can come together and dominate the paint, its likely that most teams, even beyond Pool B, don't have the pieces to stop them.

However, if opposing teams can utilize a quick and strong backcourt while succeeding in holding back Rabb and Zimmerman to a certain degree, the Soldiers could be facing an early exit. They definitely showed they have a weakness during the season despite a lot of preseason hype because of the Rabb/Zimmerman duo.

But if all goes to plan -- Hazzard can lead the backcourt in scoring, Pflueger can shoot lights-out and Rabb and Zimmerman continue to dominate the paint and the glass, -- and pool play becomes just a formality, look for the Soldiers to make a potentially deep run. There's a lot that needs to go right for the Soldiers in a highly competitive Pool B, which includes Team Final, the outright winner of the regular season, but there's no counting out the Soldiers because they've been there before.

TEAM FINAL

2014 was a year to remember for the Philadelphia-based Nike squad. Following up a Peach Jam Final Four berth, even higher expectations were in play for this year's squad. Unfortunately, Team Final had to replace every player from that squad except for their star Malachi Richardson. They made it look easy, finishing 14-2 and winning the EYBL regular season outright.

Perhaps the most guard-oriented team on the circuit, EYBL Coach of the Year Aaron Burt used his pieces perfectly. They play fast and free, utilizing a frantic 2-1-2 press to force their opponents to play at their pace.

Team Final utilized their speed and quickness efficiently at both ends of the court. That 2-1-2 zone has helped Team Final in becoming one of the EYBL's top defenses by finishing 12th in total points allowed.

As for their offense, their top five leading scorers come from their backcourt, and it's highly likely that all five go to high-major colleges. Each player has bought into their role, as their unselfishness has paid huge dividends



leading up to the Peach Jam. They enter the EYBL Finals as the top-ranked team in the D1 Power 10 rankings, a slot which they held for the last two sessions, and a heavy favorite to move well past pool play into contention for the championship.

As previously mentioned, the backcourt is loaded.

Leading the way is their highest-rated recruit and Syracuse-commit the aforementioned Richardson. A star for Trenton Catholic in New Jersey, Richardson crosses state lines to be the feature player for Philly's finest. A gifted-scorer

from all areas on the floor, Richardson averaged a team-high 17.4 points per game.

The future Orangeman was a huge cog in Team Final's system during last year's run, a seven game performance which saw him average nearly 15 per contest. During last year's run, he had the luxury of leaning on stars JaQuan Newton and Miles Bridges. This year will be his turn, and he has proven to be more than up for the challenge. At 6-foot-6, 190 pounds, Richardson has all the makings to be a matchup nightmare for the opposing backcourts of Pool B.

The other three starters in their four-guard backcourt are Donte Divincenzo, LaMarr Kimble and Levan Alston.

Already locked in with a verbal commitment to Villanova, Divincenzo never showed his full potential during the regular season. He is very gifted on the offensive end but his 8 points per game didn't exactly prove it. He is returning from a badly sprained ankle in the Minneapolis session, so his health, or lack there of, will be a factor.

Alston had one of the biggest breakout springs in the country, catching fire in numerous outings while opening up the eyes of countless potential college suitors. He is a constant threat from deep, shooting 42.9 percent, en route to a team-leading 30 three-pointers. He had outings of 25, 28 and 33

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points during the regular season, proving that he

is capable of going off in every game. He benefits greatly from decreased defensive pressure, taking advantage of the focus his teammates receive. Aside from his offense, he was an absolute pest on the defensive end of the floor. He averaged 2.6 steals per outing, totaling 41 steals in 16 games, good for second in the EYBL.

LaMarr Kimble is their point guard, developing into one of the most underrated floor generals on the circuit. A tough, physical point guard, Kimble has also taken advantage of his talented teammates. He averaged just a hair under four assists per game, showing the ability to consistently get past his defender in the open floor.

Just like his teammates, Kimble excels in transition, dropping numerous eyebrow-raising dimes. He can be a bit careless with the ball at time, but Coach Burt will gladly take the tradeoff for his playmaking ability. Team Final's impressive record proves his ability to effectively control an offense, so their 6-foot point guard is almost invaluable.

Not that they need any more depth, but Team Final runs out another guard, who just so happened to lead the state of New Jersey in scoring as a junior.

The frontcourt runs four juniors deep; TreVaughn Wilkerson and Ahmad Gilbert both average slightly over 13 minutes per game, with Dennis Tunstall and Derrick Woods each averaging nine minutes.

All four blend into Team Final's playing style differently, with the 6-foot-7 Gilbert averaging a frontcourt-best 6.5 points and 3.4 rebounds per game.

Woods (6-foot-8) and Wilkerson (6-foot-7) are their best interior defenders, and they will need to use their size and athleticism to be effective in pool play.

Tunstall needs to channel the nice stretch of games he had midway through the year, as he has proven more than capable of performing when given minutes.

Team Final has one of the best resumes heading into North Augusta, so it will be interesting to see if the momentum carries over.

They play a style of basketball that is very difficult to prepare for, and ultimately rely on playing an up-and-down pace that sees them getting numerous shots up per minute. Anything short of advancing to bracket play would be a disappointment, but they are simply too good not to make noise - and perhaps a run to the title - at the EYBL Finals.

**2014
RECORD**
14-2 [8-1]

**TRIPLE
THREAT**
**MALACHI
RICHARDSON**

17.4 PPG, 5 RPG

LEVAN ALSTON JR.
14 PPG, 4.1 RPG

LAMARR KIMBLE
8.1 PPG, 3.9 APG

2014 PPP
OFF: 1.048
DEF: 0.925
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That player is Trey Lowe, a lanky 6-foot-6 scoring guard from Ewing, New Jersey.

He provides a nice scoring kick, putting in 10.4 points per game.

THE TRAVELERS

The game of basketball isn't all that simple but it's general goal certainly is; score more points than your opponent in regulation and earn the victory.

Straight-forward? Absolutely. Easy? Not even close.

But when you have a team that's keen on putting up big numbers on offense each and every game, it makes accomplishing that end goal a lot easier. That's where the Travelers come in.

Hailing from the Midwest, where basketball is the second-most common practice next to farming, the Travelers have developed a top-notch program to harness that talent and compete against the top grassroots programs from coast to coast. Despite lacking in household names and highly-rated players with high-end potential, the Travelers seemed to have unlocked the formula to not only compete with the other squads but also win their fair-share of games in the process.

The Travelers finished the EYBL regular season just 8-8 and barely snuck into a Wild Card berth at the Peach Jam despite losing four of their last six to end the season. The final stretch of the season was rough but in it was actually a gem, a five-point victory over Allonzo

Trier and the very impressive Athletes First team. In that game, the Travelers put on an offensive onslaught to combat Trier's precious scoring capabilities and scored 77 points to take the win.



In fact, the Travelers were 6-2 this season when they scored 70 or more points per game, and that's including a heart-breaking loss they suffered to Team Final in the first game of the season. They lost 96-95. The offensive numbers for the Travelers are awfully impressive.

They scored the eighth most total points in the EYBL, while shooting at 46 percent clip, also good for eighth best in the league. They also finished seventh in total field goals made, while still keeping their total attempts down considerably, proving they're not only deadly but also very efficient. In addition to their offensive efficiency, they ranked towards the bottom-half of the league in turnovers.

With a guard-heavy rotation, you'd imagine that the Travelers rely heavily on the three-point shot to get the bulk of their points but it's actually the complete opposite. The Travelers kept their three-point attempts down all season long, taking just 225 attempts, making 80 for a near 36 percent shooting rate, which was good enough for fourth in the league.

Another encouraging sign was their rebounding numbers. Again, even with a guard-oriented lineup, the Travelers finished the season as one of the best rebounding teams in the EYBL, ranking third-best (They finished 10th in offensive rebounds and fourth in defensive boards.)

With an offense that rates so high in efficiency, you need ball-handlers that are great at creating opportunities both inside and out, for himself and teammates. That's what the Travelers really excel at. Thanks in large part to a backcourt chock-full of guards, who

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each bring an integral piece to the offense.

Braxton Beverly is the Travelers starting point guard. With two years of EYBL experience under his belt, he was the primary ball-handler in the offense. Even though he lacks the size and speed to defend very well, he more than makes up for it by being one of the better distributors in the league. His seasonal averages suffered from a slow start to the season but he more than made up for that by dishing out 28 assists in the four games in Minneapolis.

In a well-balanced attack, the Travelers top scorer only averaged 13 points per game. That honor went to Camron Justice. The 6-foot-2 combo guard is the best perimeter shooter they have, draining 20 three-pointers this season. But, as their statistics show, that's not the forté of their offense. That's why Beverly and Justice along with James Bolden and Jalen Perry make up a formidable backcourt that makes a real effort in creating a better, more higher-percentage shot.

Even then, the Travelers frontcourt is still worthy of attention. Similarly to the backcourt, the wings and forwards for the Travelers all offer

something unique to the table and none of the possess a household name.

Andrew McDonald is a 6-foot-7 power forward with some inside-out abilities on offense. He does the bulk of his work on the

**2014
RECORD
8-8 (5-4)**

**TRIPLE
THREAT
CAMRON JUSTICE
13 PPG, 3.1 RPG**

**ANDREW MCDONALD
10.2 PPG, 5.7 RPG**

**BRAXTON BEVERLY
6.9 PPG, 3.6 APG**

**2014 PPP
OFF: 1.058
DEF: 1.022
PPP PROVIDED BY: GROUPSTATS**

glass and in the paint but can -- and will -- step out and bury the 18-footer and beyond. McDonald finished second on the team in points and rebounds per game.

Also in the frontcourt is Carson

Williams. Alongside McDonald, Williams is a major reason why the Travelers play such an efficient style of basketball on offense. He led the Travelers in shooting percentage, connecting on nearly 57 percent of his shots, which all but one came from inside the three-point line.

The connecting factor between Williams and McDonald's games are their exceptional rebounding abilities, which factored heavily into the Travelers overall season stats. But perhaps their best rebounder is Dwayne Sutton. Playing in all 16 games this season, he led them in all rebounding categories and even finished 11th in the EYBL in total rebounding. Inch for inch, Sutton may be the EYBL's best rebounder, standing just 6-foot-5, 190 pounds.

Despite their so-so regular season record, the Travelers can definitely do some damage. With one of the EYBL's most effective offenses, which doesn't settle for bad shots and will terrorize you on the glass, the Travelers can and most likely will make some noise and upset a few legitimate contenders. If they want to do more than that, they'll have to shore up their defense both inside and out and find a reliable scorer to get them out droughts if need be. Will Justice be up to the challenge? Or can Beverly turn around his poor shooting season? Someone will have to step up and those two have the best chance at doing so.

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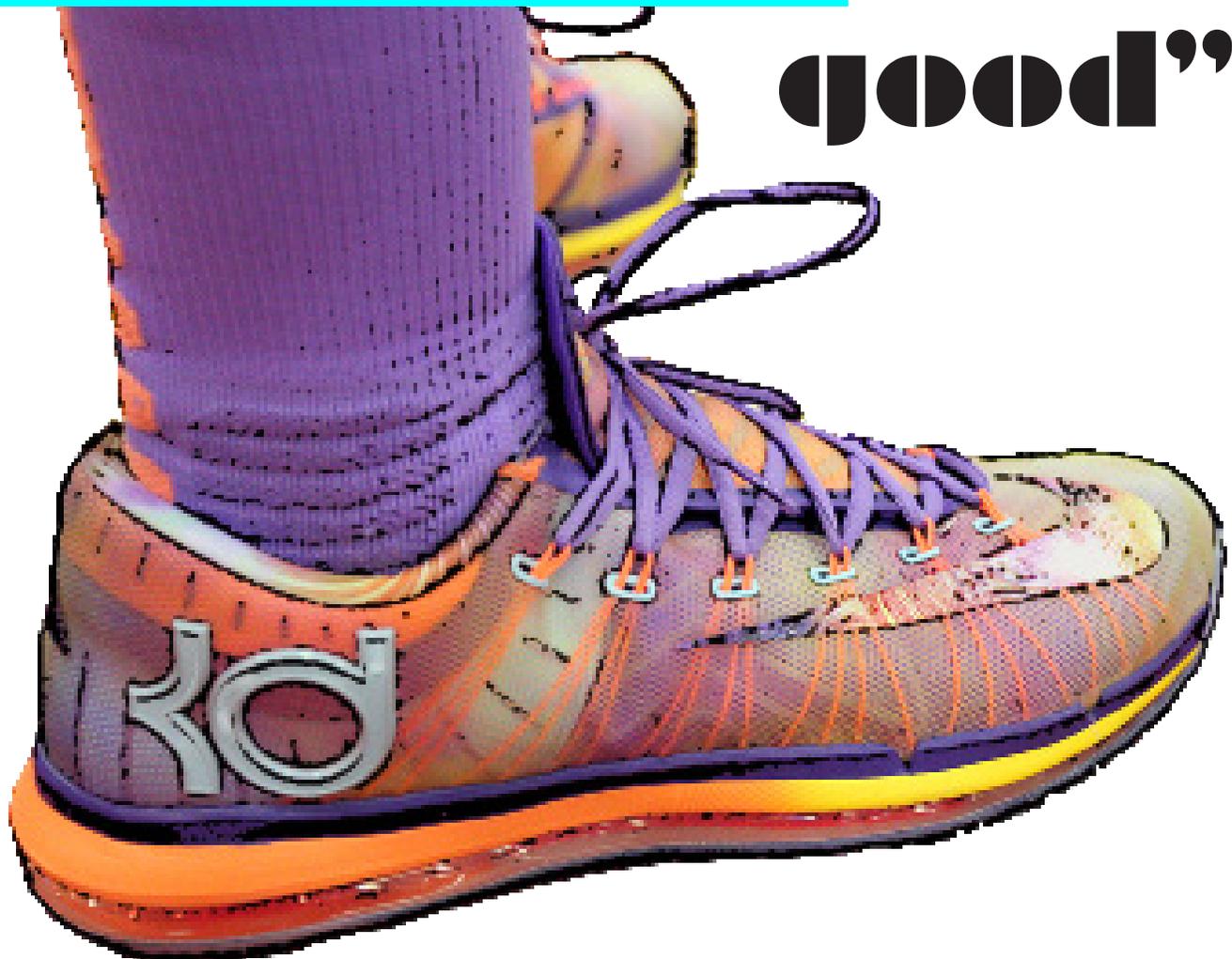
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A coach back in high school once told me, “If you look good, you play good.” The stars of the EYBL follow this like it’s the gospel, donning some of the hottest, freshest kicks each and every game. Here’s just a sneak peak into some of the stylish soles seen throughout the Circuit this season. How many can you identify?

**“If you
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good”**









MEET

MR.

M.V.P.



Success stories are the most fun to tell. That's the case of Allonzo Trier. Known as a lethal scorer on the court and one of the most humble students of the game off, Trier was unanimously named D1 Circuit's M.V.P. of the 2014 NIKE EYBL season. As a four-year veteran of the circuit, the odds of him capturing glory may have been inevitable but the Athletes First guard has stayed grounded to his roots, closely secured by a tight-knit support system and always hungry for just a little more every time he steps on to the court.

Written by Alec Kinsky

In 2009, Allonzo Trier was featured on the cover of the New York Times Magazine.

At 13 years of age, he was incredibly young but boasted scary skills. He was traveling all across the country, drawing large crowds on the grassroots circuit, who flocked to see his prodigious talent. He spent his time perfecting ball-handling drills designed by NBA legend Pete Maravich.

It was clear as day - the hype was real for the 5-foot-5, 110-pound 6th grader. He displayed impeccable in-game ball skills and stood out in nearly every camp,

game or drill. Off the court, he even had his own line of clothing, featuring his personal slogan: "When the lights come on, it's time to perform."

Usually, and not surprisingly, these types of stories don't always end well. Too much exposure at an early age can completely unravel a promising career. Once you reach that stage, a strong support system is a must, which is a large reason why a lot of young potential can falter very quickly.

Luckily, Trier has already beaten those odds, and five years after being thrust into the nation-

al spotlight, the Seattle-native achieved two legendary feats this season; he became the NIKE EYBL's career scoring leader and set the single-season scoring record, putting up 29.4 points per game.

A third feat was also achieved, legitimizing every bit of hype that Trier received throughout his early career while cementing his EYBL legacy as the 2014 NIKE EYBL Most Valuable Player.

The Meaning of MVP

Last year's MVP winner was Tyus Jones, who, much like Trier, earned the award by a landslide.

Last year, Jones spoke adamantly of what it meant to be named the top player in the top youth basketball league in the world. Trier took a similar approach, humbly accepting the award and giving credit to the competition that made him the player he is today.

“It’s an amazing thing to do,” Trier said, with noticeable excitement in his tone. “We have the best players in the country from all states. It really shows my honor and hard work to the game.

It’s nice to see my production pay off, anyone could have won it. But it’s a huge honor to be the one to take that award.”

In a barrage of scoring, Trier strides into the Peach Jam with an active seven-game streak of scoring 30-plus points. He averaged just over four points per game as an 8th-grader, 7.3 ppg as freshman, 20.2 ppg as a sophomore and an insane 29.4 ppg this season. Asked if he surprised himself with a second straight huge statistical jump, Trier responded with confidence.

“No, not really,” Trier said. “I know it’s a pretty big jump and it’s a high point total for such a prestigious league. I expect a lot

out of myself. I just give credit to my hard work in the gym and being able to put it to use in the league.”

Living Up to the Hype

Expectations rose exponentially when he was Times’ centerpiece as an early teen. Through it all, Trier’s goals stayed the same as he kept his sights set on what mattered most.



“Yeah, it was definitely great to be on the cover, it was a prestigious type of thing,” the 6-foot-4 scorer explained. “It definitely put expectations on me. It never bothered me about living up to it or not. Through it all I was just concerned about becoming a better basketball player.”

Though it was an opportunity he and his mother couldn’t pass up, Trier did notice a drawback of the extra attention.

“There was a lot of exposure, but there was also a lot of downside to it, as it exposed a lot of things about my life and my family,” Trier stated, citing an expected innocent look on the situation for a kid his age. “It was a heck of an experience, which I don’t think anyone would have ever turned it down. I don’t think I understood what it means, I probably still don’t. I think it’s something I’ll look back on my life and realize how big it was down the road.”

Long, Windy Road To Findlay Prep

As the Times article states, there were worries about how long Trier would stay in his hometown of Seattle. There were many potential suitors around the country that

were scouting his services, so it was only a matter of time before his mother jumped at the right situation.

Before his high school career, Trier and his mother moved to Oklahoma City. He enrolled at OKC Storm, a homeschool program, Trier led the state in scoring as a freshman with 1,043 points. For his sophomore season, Trier transferred again, landing at Tulsa NOAH, another

homeschool program. He led the state in scoring for a second straight season, scoring 1,152 points and finishing as runner-up in the playoffs.

Citing a need to challenge himself, Trier decided to transfer out east for his junior season. He settled on Montrose Christian, a prep school powerhouse in Maryland, which supplied him the competition he desired.

“It definitely was great,” Trier said of his time at Montrose. “Playing a national schedule was very important to me. Being able to play against elite competition

Trier is excited about the opportunity, and made no bones about it – he is striving for a national championship.

“We’ve been talking,” Trier said of his future teammates and coaching staff. “I haven’t spent time in Vegas but I’ve been getting to know the coaches better and the other players. We’ve been talking a lot about what we bring to the table, and what we ultimately need to do to win a national championship. That is my goal this year.”

something, you’re doing something else. As soon as I’m done with a session or camp, it’s time to focus on the next session. Winning makes everything easier though.”

Asked about his current EYBL season, a year in which he completely dominated, leading Athletes First to a 12-4 record, Trier didn’t hesitate to say that it’s been a complete blur.

“You don’t get much time to actually reflect. It felt like the EYBL season just started and now we’re already at Peach. When the season is over, then you can realize

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outside of the EYBL was huge for my game. It’s great for someone like me who wants to get better and wants to compete.”

Last month, Trier announced he was transferring out west for his senior season. His chosen destination is Findlay Prep, a budding powerhouse in Las Vegas and the home to a host of current and future basketball stars. As far as high school competition goes, there is no better option in the west than Findlay. They travel all over the country and play the closest thing to a college schedule that you’ll find in the prep ranks.

The Grind

Trier started to receive attention on the court well before his New York Times Magazine spread, so it’s been a long, determined couple of years. High school, camps, AAU, EYBL, skills academies, all-star games, the list goes on and on. Traveling constantly in the summer while adopting the lifestyle of a prep superstar, Trier doesn’t have much time to sit back and relish in the moment.

“I don’t have much time to do that,” Trier said. “It’s constant. As soon as you’re done with

how much fun you had. When you’re in the moment, it’s tough to grasp it. I guess the biggest thing I’ve realized is I need to grasp the moment and focus on what’s in front of me right now.”

Mother Knows Best

In 2009, the Times’ article hammered home the importance of Allonzo’s mother, Macie Trier. Her importance has never waned, always keeping her son’s best interest in mind with every decision she made. She was quoted as worrying about the expansive spotlight on her son, which ultimately led him to

moving from Seattle to Oklahoma.

Trier, who would happily call himself a ‘momma’s boy,’ gushed about the impact she’s had in his life. He spoke very confidently about the affection he has for his mother, making it clear that she sparks his motivation to be the best.

“She’s great for me,” Trier said, in recap of his explaining his mother. “She’s helped me so much as a basketball player too. Being in the gym with me for hours rebounding for me. She does a great job of keeping me humble, and keeping me out of the spotlight as much as she can.”

She sees her son play more than anyone, and she doesn’t hold back from telling Allonzo when he “does something dumb,” on the court, as Allonzo put it.

“She’s one of my hardest critics, for her I can always do something better. It really helps me stay focused on what I need to get better at, and that I’m not where I need to be yet. I can always get better, she knows that more than anyone.”

The Future of His Game

You name a school, and they would gladly take Allonzo Trier

in their recruiting class. He has the unique luxury to basically pick which school he would like to attend, and he has several possible suitors. Arizona, Oklahoma, Kansas, Georgetown and Minnesota are schools that are most active in his recruitment, but Trier said he doesn’t plan to decide until the fall.

“The biggest thing I’ve realized is I need to grasp the moment and focus on what’s in front of me right now”

“Mostly a fit, I want to be used to the best of their abilities to help the program.” Trier said about choosing a college. “I’d be lying if I said scoring isn’t my best trait, so that’s how I’m going to help out, and that’s how schools are recruiting me.”

Trier is more confident in his ability as a playmaker than he is about anything else in life. He plays with a confidence that he’s lit you up for 30-plus five times already, and give his quickest response upon asking his best tool.

“My ability to make plays,” Trier said. “I think everyone knows my ability to score. That ability opens up a lot for my teammates. For me, passing out of double teams is normal and making the right play allows me to take pressure off [my teammates] and make plays easier.”

Importance of the EYBL

“The best. The best period.”

That was Trier’s answer to how good the EYBL circuit is. Most elite players get one season to compete in the EYBL. A rare breed, Trier played four seasons, preparing himself for nearly everything he’ll face on court in college.

“It’s definitely prepared me.” Trier explained, pointing to exposure the circuit has given him. “It’s allowed me to play against the top, every year. It’s the NBA of high school basketball, and it’s really allowed me to get better every year, and show that improvement on the biggest stage.”

He gave a pause, recapping his thoughts of the league that has been his home for four years.

“Yeah,” Trier said, after a pause. “Nothing comes close to comparable.”

Learn more about Trier and Athletes First on Pages 8-9.

HARRY GILES



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Photo by: Kelly Kline

June 18th, 2013.

Harry Giles will remember that day the rest of his life. On that summer day, Giles and his Team USA Select teammates defeated Argentina, but it came at a huge price.

During the game, Giles suffered a devastating knee injury. When you pull up in excruciating pain clutching at your knee, you instantly know that the pain now is only the beginning to a potentially long, difficult road. The 6-foot-10-freshman phenom knew it was bad, but no one could have predicted just how damaging it ended up being.

Giles tore his anterior cruciate ligament (ACL), medial collateral ligament (MCL) and his meniscus all in one false swoop. The road back for Giles, especially if he intended to remain an elite recruit, was going to test his mental

toughness unlike anything before.

Fast-forward 390 days of blood, sweat and tears along the road to recovery, Giles is prepared to make his long-awaited comeback at the tournament he sorely missed out on last year, the Peach Jam. He remains a top-five ranked player in his class, which is a true testament to his talent level, considering he's only been on the court a handful of times since the injury, participating lightly in EYBL Hampton and EYBL Minneapolis since being cleared on April 1st.

Giles doesn't want to focus on the injury any longer. It's been a long process back, both physically and emotionally. He's put in the time and work, remaining disciplined during his rehabilitation process, preparing to prove his status as one of the country's best.

"I'd say really just getting your

range of motion back." Giles said, giving his opinion on the toughest part of his rehab process. "But really, just sitting on the sidelines and watching everybody play, knowing you should be playing with them. I love to play, so having to sit out was awful."

Ultimately, he wants to look forward to his immediate future – a chance to propel his Team CP3 to a successful run at the EYBL Finals at Peach Jam.

"I'm extremely happy right now, because I get to play at Peach Jam for the first time ever." He said. "I'm blessed for this opportunity again. I'm also extremely excited to see my team play because everybody has been working all of June and now everyone is healthy, including myself, so it's going to be great. We have a challenge too with the play-in game, it's all or nothing in that game. Everybody wants to play in Peach Jam."

The play-in game he speaks of is the Peach Jam opener, pitting Giles and Team CP3 against The Family. Both teams had nearly identical resumes, so Nike decided to let them play for it. Giles, who is “team-first” every second of the day, cannot wait to hit the court with his running mates.

“All of my teammates have impressed me,” he answered, when asked who has stuck out during his absence. “I’m not going to single anyone out, because they all help me out with the hard times, and with the hard times to come. We are all one family. Coach always tells us we are going to win, lose or draw together, so we do it all together.”

Looking forward to the -



play-in game,

Giles and company will have their work cut out for them. The matchup features Giles versus another top frontcourt player in 2016, Miles Bridges. They are friends off the court, but that won’t affect Giles’ mindset.

“I’m just excited to play, but you know it’ll be a good chal

lenge going against Miles,” he said. “We are good friends and he’s a really good player, but I’m not going to get myself too hyped because at the end of the day it’s basketball, and I go at everyone the same way.”

The super-sophomore has heard the doubters. He is well aware that he has a big question mark attached to his current playing status, and that has given him all the motivation he needs.

“I most definitely have a point to prove,” he said. “I always do, but I feel this time it’s more about wanting to see if I’m still the same. People are sleeping on me too, I can see it. But I love that, nothing but motivation.”

He’s worked diligently throughout the Summer, making sure his knee is in the best shape possible before North Augusta.

“Honestly, I’m just making sure -

everything is tight,” he added, citing his versatility as his biggest asset. “All of June was about getting better and getting my knee stronger, gaining more trust day by day.”

Giles says he is “85-90 percent” back to full strength, which should strike some fear into the Peach Jam field because, when healthy, he’s undoubtedly one of the best in the entire country. When asked if the injury was ultimately a blessing in disguise, Giles didn’t hesitate to agree.

“That’s exactly what it is,” he said.



Written by: Alec Kinsky

If you're wondering what it's like to rehabilitate a torn ACL, Frank Howard has all the information you need.

Syracuse University, without having played an organized game over basketball in over a calendar year.

"Hardest thing I've ever had to do."

Widely-regarded as the most debilitating lower body injury in sports, Team Takeover's Howard suffered a torn anterior cruciate ligament during last year's 16U circuit. At the time, the 6-foot-4 combo-guard was quickly rising up the recruiting charts, displaying an on-court versatility that college coaches drool over. However, just like that, his breakout summer -- and his entire junior season -- was over.

Luckily for Howard, his talents greatly outweigh the setback of the injury. This was proven when he verbally committed to Jim Boeheim and -

"I don't take any day I'm on the court for granted."

He's been rehabbing vigorously, appearing in a handful of games in the second and third session. When you tear an ACL at 16 years old, rushing a comeback does a player no good; Howard has taken his time to let his body heal, and is certain the hard work and dedication is about to pay off.

"The knee feels great," Howard said excitedly. "The hardest part I would say was getting back to moving and getting into basketball shape. I do see myself having a breakout [Peach Jam]. I've been working really hard and got used to the grind again, so I have high expectations for Peach Jam. I've been playing very well in the summer league games with my high school team."

His high school team is Paul VI, a powerhouse in Maryland and the home of several of his Team Takeover teammates, including Georgetown-commit Marcus Derrickson and Kevin Dorsey. Howard is the third verbal commitment on Team Takeover, joining Derrickson and former Paul VI teammate Josh Reaves, who recently transferred to Oak Hill. Unlike his teammates, Howard hasn't had the opportunity to show his future fanbase what they'll be getting in 2015.

"I'm very antsy to show them [Syracuse fans] what I can do." Howard said. "Only a few people really know my game, and being with certain teams and situations I haven't been able to show certain abilities. But the Syracuse coaches know what I can do and I'm just ready to show them."

Former Team Takeover assistant Adrian Autry, one of Boeheim's top assistants, primarily recruited Howard. The Orange currently have the top-ranked recruiting class in 2015, as three more EYBL'ers have given their verbal commitment: Moustapha Diagne (Playaz), Tyler Lydon (City Rocks) and Malachi Richardson (Team Final).

"I know all of them really well, ever since our commitments." Howard said about his fellow Orange commits. "We talk through social media and texts. And it's great that we all come from the EYBL, I believe we the best recruiting class in the country. I'm very confident in all of those guys."

In the recent past, Team Takeover has churned -

out several high-major recruits, mainly due to the tutelage of Head Coach Keith Stevens. Howard spoke at length about his coach, and knows his maturity level has risen due to his guidance.

"He's helped me take that step to the next level." Howard said about the 2013 EYBL Coach of the Year. "He's pushed me, and has helped me play both sides of the ball."

Citing versatility and playmaking ability as his two greatest assets, Howard said he sees a seamless transition into college life.

"I see it sitting perfectly." Howard said. "The coaches always compared me to Michael Carter-Williams while recruiting me, so I would be put in situations similar to him."

Now that he has his college of choice, Howard can put his sole focus into perfecting his knee and becoming the player he was once.

"A lot of pressure was lifted off my shoulders." he said of his commitment. "It really gave me time to focus on my game and get my knee back."

With the Peach Jam only days away, Howard cannot wait to play. If the injury accomplished one thing for Howard, it was appreciation for the game he loves.

"I don't take any day I'm on the court for granted. That's why I look at the injury as a positive."

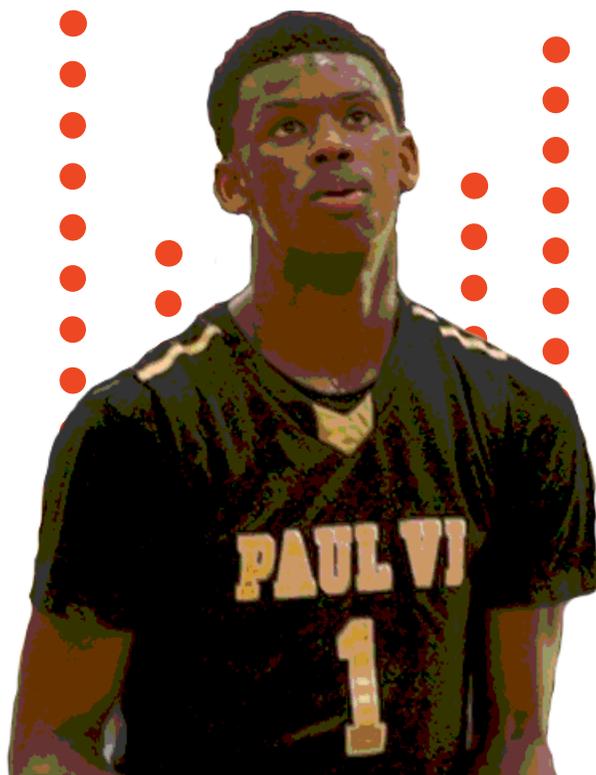


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EVERYTHING'S BIGGER IN TEXAS



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On November 20th, 2013, Tyler Davis got pretty bad news.

That day, Davis was ruled ineligible by the University Interscholastic League state athletic committee. Set to move into a new apartment in the Plano school district, the committee ruled that the sole intention of his transfer was for him to play alongside his friends and not just a general move, so they disallowed him from playing at all. Taking away an entire athletic season may be the harshest possible resolution in the situation, especially when their decision was based on pure speculation of the motives behind his family's relocation.

Despite plenty of backlash from the Davis family, the community and his new high school, the ruling was made, and that meant one thing was certain; the next time anyone would see Tyler Davis compete at a high level of basketball will be in the 2014 Nike EYBL.

Given all of the motivation he needed, Davis went to work in the offseason. Recovering from offseason knee surgery, the 6-foot-9, 270-pound junior was fully healthy by mid-January. He was itching to play while he watched his Plano West teammates from the sidelines, and his second year starring for the Texas Titans in the EYBL didn't disappoint.

"The second year is everything I expected," Davis said. "You play against the top players from all around the country every game and also get to showcase your talent. It's simply the best league you can play in. And a year of experience helps. You already come in to each game knowing that you have to perform at the highest level.

As it turns out, being thrust into the EYBL after not playing your entire high school season is incredibly tough. Davis was there physically, but not mentally.

"Coach Scott (Pospichal) really helped me with the mental aspect of the game," Davis said. "After not playing this year, he noticed I wasn't playing the same and really tried to help me believe in myself and my ability on the court. He knows how big having confidence is. Because of that, each weekend I played better, even though I had some ups and downs."

The EYBL is the only competition Davis has played against in the last calendar year. He recognizes the league's impor-



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tance to his evolution as a basketball player, knowing the EYBL is the place to be in order to withstand the physical rigors of his basketball future.

"Each team has very talented players," Davis explained, turning his attention to his position in particular. "But I think the bigs are most important players on the court, it's a difficult battle for us inside every single game. Every game there's a top big or somebody who wants to outwork you and beat you. Just the battle inside as a whole. Rebounding and fighting for position and all the things we do is tough because you really have to bring it every game. There's no time to play or mess around. Every play is an opportunity to do something good or get embarrassed.

Having 16 games under his belt, Davis and his Titans' teammates have their entire focus on Peach Jam. They will be looking for their second title in three years, taking home the 16U Peach Jam title in 2012. For the first time in a long time, the Titans should enter a tournament fully healthy. A year removed from being eliminated in Peach Jam pool play, Davis guaranteed a different mindset this time out.

"We need to be focused and play the game the right way," Davis explained. "Last year we were too tense and too frustrated, and it really came back to hurt us. And we know that no matter what, as long as we have fun out there, we can execute and play with anybody. We will be mentally prepared this time."

Heading into North Augusta, Davis is a highly-touted recruit. His listed favorites are Kansas, Arizona, Ohio State, Baylor, Texas and Oklahoma State, mentioning that he's still wide open – and not exactly worried about it at the moment.

"I haven't even narrowed it down yet," Davis said. "I've been focused on getting my game right."

Asked if his skill and wherewithal have been tested anywhere else like they are in the EYBL, Davis didn't mince words.

"For sure the toughest league I've played in," Davis said confidently. "It doesn't get any better than the Nike EYBL. You can't find competition and level of play like this anywhere else. It's a privilege to play in this league."



AMIR COFFEY/GUARD

HOWARD PULLEY PANTHERS

Alec Kinsky: Has your experience in the EYBL up to this point been everything you thought it would be?

Amir Coffey: My experience in the EYBL has been great up to this point. Playing against high competition every game and top players in the country has been really fun.

AK: What's the main difference between the EYBL and high school?

AC: In high school, the games you play don't really matter until sections and state. In the EYBL, every single game you play counts.

AK: What specific aspects of your game have you been looking to improve during the circuit?

AC: I've been looking to improve every aspect of my game. Anything and everything I can improve, I want to do it. And the EYBL really helps with that because you're playing against the best players, so it really shows what you need to work on.

AK: How is the preparation going heading into Peach Jam? You and your teammates keeping the chemistry up?

AC: Definitely. We've had a couple of weeks off, but we are getting back on the court this week to put the final pieces together and make any adjustments needed. We will go into Peach Jam prepared and ready to compete.

AK: Which of your teammates would you say has impressed you the most? Anyone stick out just a bit more than others?

AC: I would say Sacar Anim. Dude just has a motor to him and plays every game with a chip on his shoulder. He impressed a lot of people this season, not only myself.

AK: Any new schools come calling after the regular season?

AC: There's been a couple of schools that had me on their radar, but is it mostly the same schools that I talked to during the high school season.

AK: What excites you most about heading to North Augusta for the Peach Jam?

AC: Just competing, and playing to win the whole thing. It's going to be a lot of fun and I'm ready. I'm excited for it.

AK: Explain your sophomore year in the EYBL with one word:

AC: Intense.

JESSIE GOVAN/CENTER

NEW YORK LIGHTNING



Alec Kinsky: This is your second year on the circuit. Was this year everything you expected it to be? Did the experience help out?

Jessie Govan: Yeah, I played last year to get the feel for the EYBL, get more experienced and learn from the older guys. So this year, I was ready to lead this and qualify for Peach Jam

AK: How was it leading this year? You have more of a quiet demeanor on court, has it been difficult to take on that role?

JG: Leading this year was pretty easy. I played with most of these guys before and none of them have an ego or anything. So it wasn't really hard switching into the role. Like I said, I prepared for it last year and my teammates and coaches expect it out of me to show up every game and lead them. And I expect it out of myself.

AK: What would you say is the main difference between high school and EYBL?

JG: Basically the level of competition. Unless you're playing at a prep school that has a national schedule, you're probably 'the man' on your high school team, playing against guys who are 'the man' on their high school team. Each game is going to be tough and you never know what to expect. Someone can go off at anytime.

AK: Speaking of teammates, which Lightning teammate has impressed you the most this spring?

JG: Dimencio Vaughn. He's one of those guys that's going to go 110% each game, and play like it's his last. He does a lot for us. Scores, rebounds from the perimeter, and attacks lanes to break through team's defenses. He's out x-factor most

games, if he's playing well, it opens everything up for me and our shooters.

AK: How much do you guys stay on the court together during this down time? Pretty close knit bunch?

JG: Yeah, we all make sure we go hard during practice during the break, because we're going to have to go hard of every minute of Peach Jam. We're all adding something else to our games to throw at our opponents come game time.

AK: What are you working on in particular leading up to the Peach?

JG: I'm working on making moves out of the mid and high posts. Teams have been packing it in on me so I can't get off, so I have to be able to step out and make moves. I have to make the right play for my team to be successful.

AK: You just committed to Georgetown. You will have TEN EYBL alumni on the squad when you join. Can you talk about the camaraderie you have with the fellow EYBL'ers that are heading to play for Coach Thompson?

JG: It's big, because we're expected to man the paint on defense and produce on offense. That's going to be a big state, especially with Georgetown being known for it's big man history. I really think we're ready for the challenge.

AK: Is it a big weight off your shoulders now that you've committed?

JG: Yeah it is. I feel like I can concentrate solely on getting better, instead of worrying about which college I'll be attending.



REX PFLUEGER/GUARD OAKLAND SOLDIERS

Alec Kinsky: Has playing in the EYBL been everything you expected it to be? Any surprises?

Rex Pflueger: Yes it has, and there have been a lot of surprises. I expected to come play with and against some of the top talent in the nation and I haven't been disappointed. The thing that surprised me most was not only how good the players are, but also how hard it is every single game.

AK: What do you think is the biggest difference from HS and the EYBL?

RP: In high school each good team has at least one or two superstars that lead the team, while in the EYBL every team is good and has at least 4 or 5 superstars that have to learn how to play with each other and adjust to the other's game.

AK: As teammates at Mater Dei and both playing for the Soldiers, did Stanley Johnson give you any advice heading into the season and the upcoming Peach Jam?

RP: He has been like a brother and a mentor to me, he is always lending me advice on how I can be better at certain aspects in my game, he always teaches me through example. He tells me I have to be more demonstrative next high school season, in the fact that it's my team next year and I'm the leader.

AK: Which Soldiers' teammate has surprised you the most/made the biggest impact to you?

RP: That's tough to say, I don't think anyone has surprised me because I expected greatness from all the players and they have all proven to me that they are great basketball players and even better people.

AK: You guys seem to have great team chemistry. How is the preparation going for Peach Jam? You fellas stay on the court together?

RP: It took two sessions to start to gel, but we haven't been together recently. We have a group chat that we constantly talk in, we are starting to become really close friends. We will have a practice weekend before Peach Jam, but I don't know when that's supposed to occur.

AK: What would you say is the most consistent aspect of your game?

RP: My defense and being able to control and stop the best player on the other team.

AK: A coach's dream response. How do you feel about your Peach Jam matchup? What's your number one focus going into each game?

RP: I feel good about any team we play because I feel if we play good basketball, we can beat any team in the nation with our talent. Our number one focus is winning and doing it together.

AK: How's recruitment going? Any new potential suitors come calling after the regular season?

RP: It's going well, and some schools have picked up the recruiting. Stanford, Washington State, Missouri, Florida, USC and some other schools, but all the other schools are very consistent.

AK: If you have to describe your EYBL experience in one word, what would it be?

RP: Intense. Perfect way to describe it.

QUINNDARY WEATHERSPOON/GUARD JACKSON TIGERS



Alec Kinsky: How has your EYBL experience been so far? Was it what you expected?

Quindary Weatherspoon: The regular season was really fun. And yeah definitely, it was everything I expected and more.

AK: Talk about the talent level in the EYBL, what's the mental preparation like?

QW: The talent was face is really good, and it (preparation) wasn't hard, because I knew every game I played I was playing against top talent. That made me want to work harder so I could try and get my name out there.

AK: How important is your confidence that you know you can perform at the highest level of competition?

QW: As the season was going on my confidence was increasing every time I stepped out on the floor. So come July, my confidence is going to be real high.

AK: What would you say is the biggest difference between EYBL and high school?

QW: I would say the competition, the speed of the game and adjusting to the shot clock.

AK: You like the shot clock?

QW: Yeah, I think it should be added to high school basketball.

AK: Which of your teammates has surprised you most?

QW: I'd have to say Shemar Johnson. His shooting really sticks out to me and he's underrated like me.

AK: Which aspects of your game have you been working on most leading up to Peach Jam?

QW: Getting to the rim more. I've been in the weight room like three times a week.

AK: What's it like sharing a backcourt with Malik Newman? How's the chemistry?

QW: It's really fun playing with Malik. The chemistry is getting there from us being around each other a lot.

AK: You had one of the biggest breakout springs in the country. Update us on recruiting...

QW: I have interest from Alabama, Auburn, Georgia, Mississippi State, Ole Miss, Southern Miss, La-Salle, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Tulsa, Wake Forest, Wichita State and Murray State.

AK: Any official offers come in?

QW: Yeah some are. Mississippi State, Murray State and Wichita State



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ALL OHIO RED

There were two divisions that didn't know its official winner until the final game of the season. As for the other two, the top team dominated by finishing three games ahead of the second place team. One of those divisions was Division B and its top dog was the All Ohio Red squad.

All Ohio Red finished the season at 13-3 ahead of Houston Hoops, Oakland Soldiers and Team Penny, who all finished at 10-6. Despite the parity throughout the division, All Ohio Red still managed to finish with the best divisional record at 8-1. The next best was Oakland Soldiers at 7-2, who was the only team to beat All Ohio Red within the division.

Aside from the hiccup to Oakland Soldiers, All Ohio Red was awfully dominant within and outside of its division, despite ranking just above average in total points and opponents total points. They also were only average in terms of shooting percentage and total free throws. So where did they get their points from? That's an easy one: The deep ball.

We've seen the three-pointers per game grow ever-so steadily at every level of the game. From pros to high school, we're seeing more and more three-point shots going up each season as teams accept it's one of the most effective shots in the game considering the reward. But the key always remains the same: making them.

All Ohio Red was the EYBL's deadliest and most accurate team from beyond the arc.

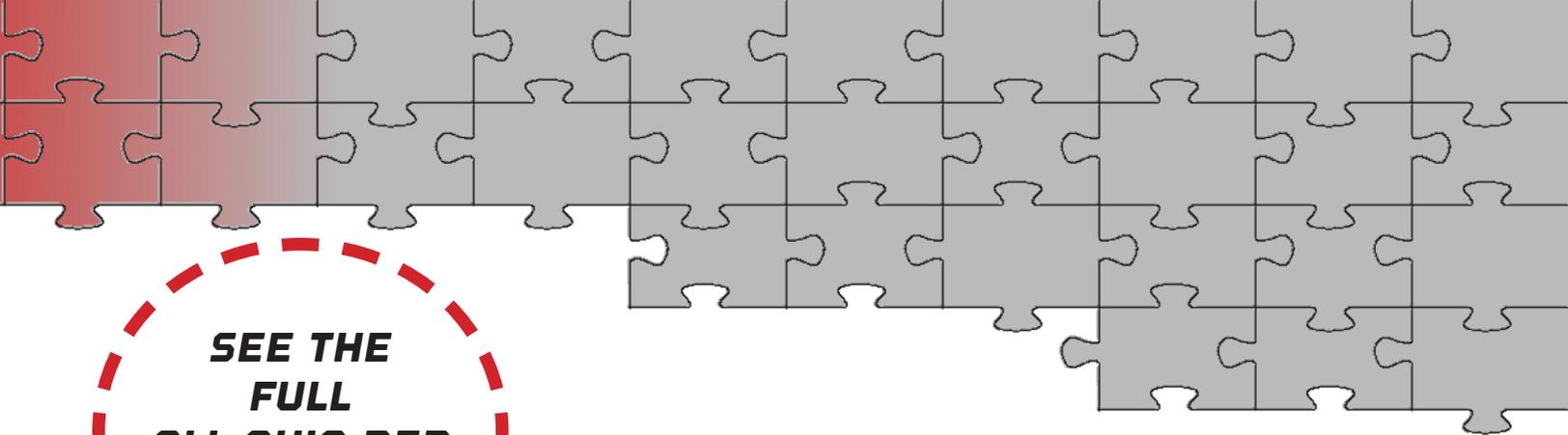


They ended the season third in total three-pointers made but finished first in three-point percentage at a superb 37.7%.

Between that and their rebounding numbers, especially on the defensive end, it is no surprise that All Ohio Red was one of the league's best teams. They were nearly a lock to clean up any rebounds on defense and then could come down to the other end and shoot it right over the top.

Their lethal three-point shooting numbers have a lot to do with the strong backcourt for All Ohio Red. All Ohio Red's impressive three-point barrage all season long was due in large part to their star guard Jalen Coleman. The La Lumiere product out of Indianapolis was without a doubt the most prolific scorer and player on the court for All Ohio Red all season long. He not only led them in total points and points per game, but also finished third in the league in three-point shooting percentage. Coleman, in fact, took 92 three-pointers and made half of them and more than half of his total field goals made came from outside the arc.

The success from All Ohio Red didn't all come from Coleman, though. His backcourt mates, MaCio Teague and Josh Williams both played a big part this season. Teague was the next go-to scorer for All Ohio Red behind Coleman. He wasn't quite the shooter that Coleman was, but that wasn't his role. The soon-to-be senior out of Walnut Hills High School was more of a shot-creator, someone who could move without the ball but



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also be counted on to make things happen off the dribble. Teague got to the free throw line at a higher rate than others in the backcourt where he converted on 81 percent of his attempts.

As for Williams, he played the role of facilitator more than anything else. As the team leader in total assists, Williams played a key factor in the offense when Coleman wasn't running a one-man shooting display. An underrated aspect to Williams' contributions was his defense, where he averaged nearly a steal every game and, despite playing the third most minutes on the team, was one of the team's best at not committing a foul.

The big men on All Ohio Red were led by four-star prospect Esa Ahmad. While Coleman was the go-to scorer, Ahmad was the horsepower behind All Ohio Red's success. At 6-foot-8 and 220 lbs., many may solely consider Ahmad a post presence. In actuality, Ahmad is a multi-dimensional offensive player, with a jump shot from deep in his arsenal. He was second on the team in scoring with 12.6 points per game and also led the team in free throws made and attempted. In addition to that, he was the best all-around rebounder with 6.4 per game – a real bully on

the defensive boards – and even finished second in total assists. The assists are especially impressive because they make up for Ahmad's poor all-around shooting year.

2014 RECORD

13-3 (8-1)

TRIPLE THREAT

JALEN COLEMAN

15.2 PPG, 4.5 RPG

ESA AHMAD

12.6 PPG, 6.4 RPG

MACIO TEAGUE

10 PPG

2014 PPP

**OFF: 1.057
DEF: 0.996**

PPP PROVIDED BY: GROUPSTATS

Ahmad proved to everyone that he is so much more than just a physical presence down low by also being one of the best teammates around who can and will do anything it takes to win a game.

All Ohio Red has another two forwards that helped the team big time during the regular season, Noah Bramlage and Ahmad Wagner. Bramlage is a 6-foot-7 forward who, like Ahmad, fashions himself as a stretch four. He finished the season averaging 5.3 points and 4.1 rebounds per game. As for Wagner, he's more of a traditional power forward. With a similar body type to Ahmad, Wagner carves lanes out of the paint. He's not a terrific defender nor is he a real shot-blocker, but he's another guy that will out-hustle anyone to any ball on the floor. Watch for him to do damage on the offensive boards as he did all season long.

The key for All Ohio Red to advance through the Peach Jam will be to not rely too much on Coleman's shooting and hope that more of a team effort can get the job done. Coleman's season was almost too good to be true, which is why you cannot just rest the whole postseason on his shoulders alone. They'll need efficient production from Ahmad on the offense, while benefitting from the steady play from their supporting cast.

Don't get me wrong; Coleman is one of the best shooters in the EYBL but you don't want to rest your hopes on that. If they can rely on a joint team effort – from starters to reserves – All Ohio Red has a great shot at making a run at the Peach Jam.

BABC

The saying always goes “Offense wins games, defense wins championships.” If you’re looking for a team that truly takes that saying to heart, look no further than this ball-hawking powerhouse, as Head Coach Leo Papille boasts one of the top defensive programs in the AAU landscape. BABC plays a frantic, pressing-style defense that is laced with elite fundamentals and on-court intelligence.

Papille burned a ‘defense first’ mentality into his whole squad and that has helped them find their identity as a team. If BABC prevails, it is because they will break you down defensively and force you into their style of play. Unless you are equipped with the right mindset and physicality, Boston’s finest will eat you breakfast. They graduated numerous pieces of their lineup last year, including Notre Dame-bound stat-stuffer Bonzie Colson, so they needed to retool and reload. Papille did just that, relying on some impressive swingmen and role players to a 9-7 regular season record and a real shot in their division.

The backcourt is led by sophomore combo-guard Bruce Brown. Peeling the layers of his underrated being day by day, Brown had an impressive EYBL regular season, leading BABC in scoring (14.2 ppg) while tying for the lead in assists (2.6 apg). He’s a strong, aggressive guard who shoots it efficiently, knocking down his

Thomas Mobley (3.6 ppg).

Santos is a steady point guard who values the rock, toting a 2:1 assist to turnover ratio in limited minutes. Mobley is the team’s best shooter, hitting a team-leading 15 three-pointers as a specialist from distance. He needs to prepare to let it fly, as his teammates will get him open looks.

Porter, a 6-foot-3 guard, came on strong at the end of the year as he saw extended minutes. He will be asked upon to be the hustle guy on both ends of the floor. Celio Araujo plays very sparse minutes, but seems to blend in nicely with his surrounding parts. Any production out of him would be a tremendous bonus, and the diminutive point guard is more than capable of contributing if called upon.



shot attempts at a 44.5 percent clip. His three-point shooting leaves a bit to be desired, but that is not exactly this team’s calling card.

Brown shares the backcourt duties with three role-players who combine to average 10.9 points per game; Aamahne Santos (3.4 ppg), Franklin Porter (3.9 ppg) and

Terance Mann, while fully-equipped with many guard-like talents, runs as a swingman for Coach Papille. One of the better athletes on the circuit, Mann proved his versatility, leading the team in rebounding (6.9 rpg) while finishing tied for the team lead in assists (2.6 apg). Throw in a steal and a block per game, and

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Mann found ways to affect the game without scoring. He shot 40 percent from distance in a small sample size (10-for-25), but that is definitely enough to keep defenses honest. While talking to him, he says his favorite part of the game is reading the pick and roll - evaluating his options and making a play on the go. He is the type of player that teammates enjoy playing with, as he comes at you with energy and intensity. He has a huge opportunity to take his game to the next level, and there isn't a player in the pool that he can't compete with at a high level.

Tyree Robinson, a second year EYBL veteran, proved to be just as consistent as he was last year. Robinson is a coach's delight due to the fact that he never has to have a play ran for him. He affects the game purely with his hustle and grit, which saw him accumulate a blistering 64.4 percent field goal percentage. He takes advantage of every opportunity given to him and doesn't force the action if it isn't there. He's a terrific rebounder, especially on the offensive side, finishing the season with more offensive rebounds (35) than defensive (33).

Their big man in the middle is 6-foot-9, 220 pound Jeremy Miller.

He got off to a hot start, then began to succumb to the rigors of post play in the EYBL. In 15 games, he put up 8.5 points and 5.2 rebounds, proving more than capable of stepping out and hitting the three-ball. BABC would be best suited for him to use his

**2014
RECORD**
9-7 (4-5)

**TRIPLE
THREAT**
BRUCE BROWN
14.2 PPG, 4.7 RPG

TERANCE MANN
10.9 PPG, 6.9 RPG

JEREMY MILLER
8.5 PPG, 5.2 RPG

2014 PPP
OFF: 1.021
DEF: 0.990
PPP PROVIDED BY: GROUPSTATS

size and athleticism in the paint, as he is their only big man with elite size. He blocks a shot per game, but definitely could go to improve his defensive output. A few big performances from Miller would pay huge dividends for their

chances in pool play.

The final forward in the rotation is Bob Martin Jr., a 6-foot-6 swingman who has shown flashes of brilliance. His inconsistency has led to a fluctuation in minutes, but 15 point and 12 point performances against Boo Williams and Team United respectively is enough to make it evident that Martin Jr. can affect any game.

The fate of BABC lies in the hands of its playmakers. Mann and Brown have to be on top of their game, and they will need several big games from someone outside of the usual suspects. Mann has the opportunity to open the eyes of several college powerhouses who are sitting on the cusp of offering a scholarship.

Lastly, Brown has a great chance to catapult himself into the elite ranks of the 2016 class with a strong showing at Peach Jam. There are advantages to be had against the limited frontcourts in Pool B, so it is on Miller, Mann and Robinson to bully their way into the round of eight.

One thing is for certain - Papille will have this team ready to defend. Brown and Mann are two of the most defensively sound players on the circuit, and that will be their route of success in North Augusta.

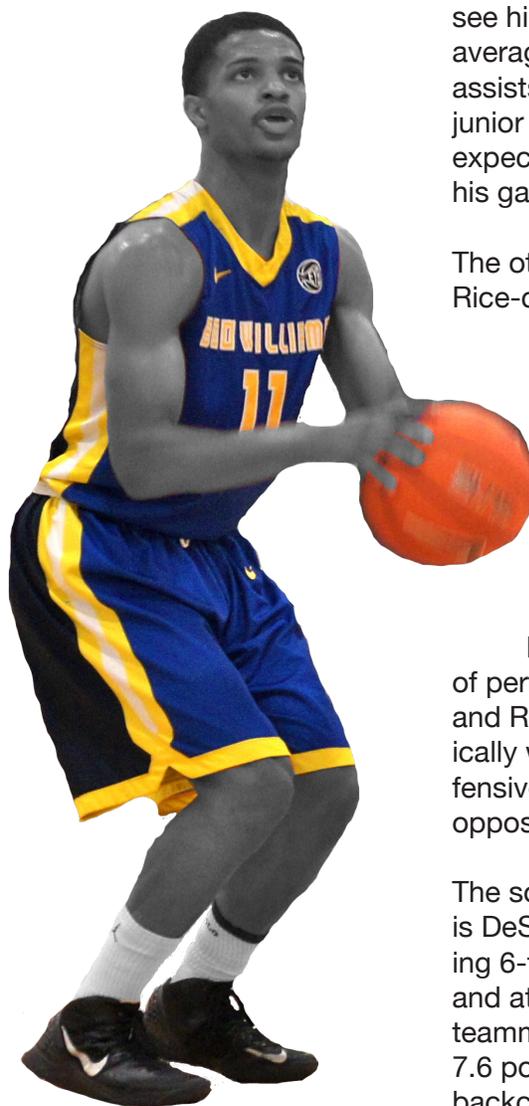
BOO WILLIAMS

One of the most prestigious AAU programs on the planet, Boo Williams should be used as a model to build a top-notch basketball program. Year in and year out, Williams fields a squad filled with the top players in the Virginia and DMV areas. 2014 was no different, seeing a talented squad finish 9-7, while clinching an automatic Peach Jam berth. Like many other squads, Boo developed tremendous balance as the season wore on, depending on rotation of consistent 10 players.

Boo Williams have a great blend of juniors and underclassmen, featuring star players from nine different schools. They are a disciplined squad and don't turn the ball over very often, making it tough to disrupt their pace of play. Relying on forwards Edrice Adebayo and Chris Clarke to do the heavy lifting, it's hard not to like the make-up of Boo's latest squad. They have been placed in a winnable pool, and will look to play their best basketball in July.

Having to replace scoring-machine and Indiana-bound Robert Johnson from a year ago, Boo turned to Kenny Williams, who ended up having a similar breakout season. He averaged 14.7 points per game, shooting a blistering 46.9 percent from deep. He is their lone three-point threat, hitting 27 more threes than the next closest teammate. He contributes everywhere, but he has a main role - making shots within the flow of the of-

fense. Rob Johnson absolutely lit up his pool last year, and Boo will likely be leaning on a similar outburst from Williams.



Alongside Williams are two juniors, a sophomore and a freshman. The juniors are Justin Robinson and

Marcus Evans. Robinson, a highly-touted point guard from Saint James High School in Virginia, battled injury most of the season. We have yet to see him at 100 percent in the EYBL, so it will be nice to see his improvement on modest averages of 5.1 points and 2.1 assists. He as electric during his junior year at Saint James, and we expect to see a stark difference in his game.

The other junior is Evans, a recent Rice-commit who is the team leader in assists (2.9 apg). He struggled shooting the ball during the regular season, managing to add 7.2 points a contest. He's the only player on the roster to average more than a steal per game. This backcourt has shown flashes of performing at a very high level, and Robinson and Evans specifically will have to step it up defensively against tough backcourt opposition in Pool C.

The sophomore in the rotation is DeShawn Corprew, a fast-rising 6-foot-5 combo guard. Long and athletic like most of his teammates, Corprew averaged 7.6 points per game and shot a backcourt best 46.2 percent from the floor. His production is even more impressive when factoring in the amount of time he's on the floor - Corprew only averages 12.9 minutes per game.

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The last contributor in the backcourt is freshman Matt Coleman, widely considered the top player in Virginia's 2017 graduating class. Freshman are few and far between in the EYBL, and Coleman more than proved his worth. He didn't put up big numbers but appeared in 15 games this season, proving his reliability and potential. His presence gives them a real spark off the bench, and his exciting style of play will be welcomed by all fans watching in North Augusta.

Their frontcourt is in good hands, led by sophomore-sensation Edrice Adebayo. Holding offers from countless powerhouse programs, the 6-foot-9, 235-pound enforcer had a dynamic first season in the EYBL, averaging 12.2 points and a team-high 8.6 rebounds per contest. He scored in double-figures in 10 out of 16 games, displaying a vast improvement on the offensive end.

Adebayo is an absolute monster on the boards, an aspect of his game that will definitely have to be on point in North Augusta. He is the only true post player on a team with limited size, so his presence alone will pay big dividends. Shooting 63.7 percent from the field is eye opening, and that type

of production could mean easy buckets for Adebayo, who matches up very well against the frontlines of Pool C.

Alongside him is the best rebounding swingman on the circuit, Chris Clarke. Simply put, this kid can go.

**2014
RECORD
9-7 (4-5)**

**TRIPLE
THREAT
CHRIS CLARKE**

12.5 PPG, 7.6 RPG

**EDRICE ADEBAYO
12.2 PPG, 8.1 RPG**

**KENNY WILLIAMS
14.7 PPG, 3.2 RPG**

**2014 PPP
OFF: 1.072
DEF: 1.040**

PPP PROVIDED BY: GROUPSTATS

He has the ability to dominate games due to his relentless attack on both ends, and has shown the ability to be an elite rebounder on both ends of the floor. At 6-foot-6, 200-pounds, he averages near-

ly eight boards per game while accumulating an impressive rebounding rate. Clarke shoots it at a 60 percent clip, with most of his attempts coming within five feet. It's hard not to be a fan of Clarke, as his playing style and athleticism result in plenty of finishes at the rim. To move past pool play, Boo desperately needs his rebounding alongside Adebayo.

Tony Anderson, who hails from prestigious Oak Hill Academy, is the most efficient contributor off the bench for Boo's frontline. He provides steady, consistent production while adopting his role as utility big man off the bench. His averages of 4.2 ppg and 3.3 rpg are easy to overlook, but his spot in the rotation is critical, as his presence provides valuable rest for Clarke and Adebayo.

Boo's 2013 squad actually performed well enough to advance out of pool play, only to be eliminated due to an ineligible player. It's unlikely that the same mistake will be made this year, but they would gladly accept the same pool play record from 2013.

Pool C is wide open, so if Boo can find some consistency behind their two frontcourt stars and solid rotation of guards, they can easily replicate their pool play success from a year ago.

MOKAN ELITE

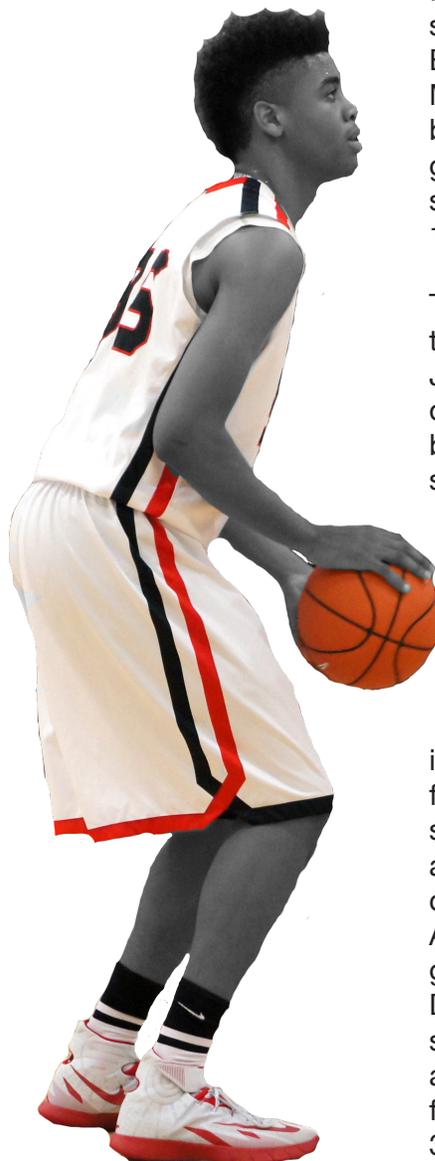
There are a number of EYBL teams that come from large cities and traditional basketball powerhouse areas. Team Final from Philadelphia, Mac Irvin Fire from Chicago, BABC from Boston, it goes on and on.

For years, however, MOKAN Elite has been pulling in top-end talent from right in the middle of the United States. Situated right in the middle of flyover country, Kansas City-based MOKAN has put together one of the best EYBL programs in the history of the league, reaping dividends in the form of great on-court success from both these top players and solid coaching. Unsurprisingly, MOKAN did it again this year, finishing with a spectacular 11-5 record in a tough Division D that featured four teams with double digit wins.

MOKAN, somewhat quietly, put together one of the best seasons of any team in the EYBL this year. Despite a few hiccups, including losses to Nike Team Florida early in the season and nearby competitor St. Louis Eagles, they were a routinely tough draw for other teams. Fellow Peach Jam teams Wings Elite, Team Penny, and Team CP3 were their other three losses on the season, and MOKAN was competitive in each game.

On the flip side, MOKAN dealt with a difficult schedule admirably. They defeated Peach Jam qualifier Oakland Soldiers in the first session. They followed that with wins

over Peach Jam qualifiers Spiece Indy Heat, Southern Stampede, Texas Titans, and



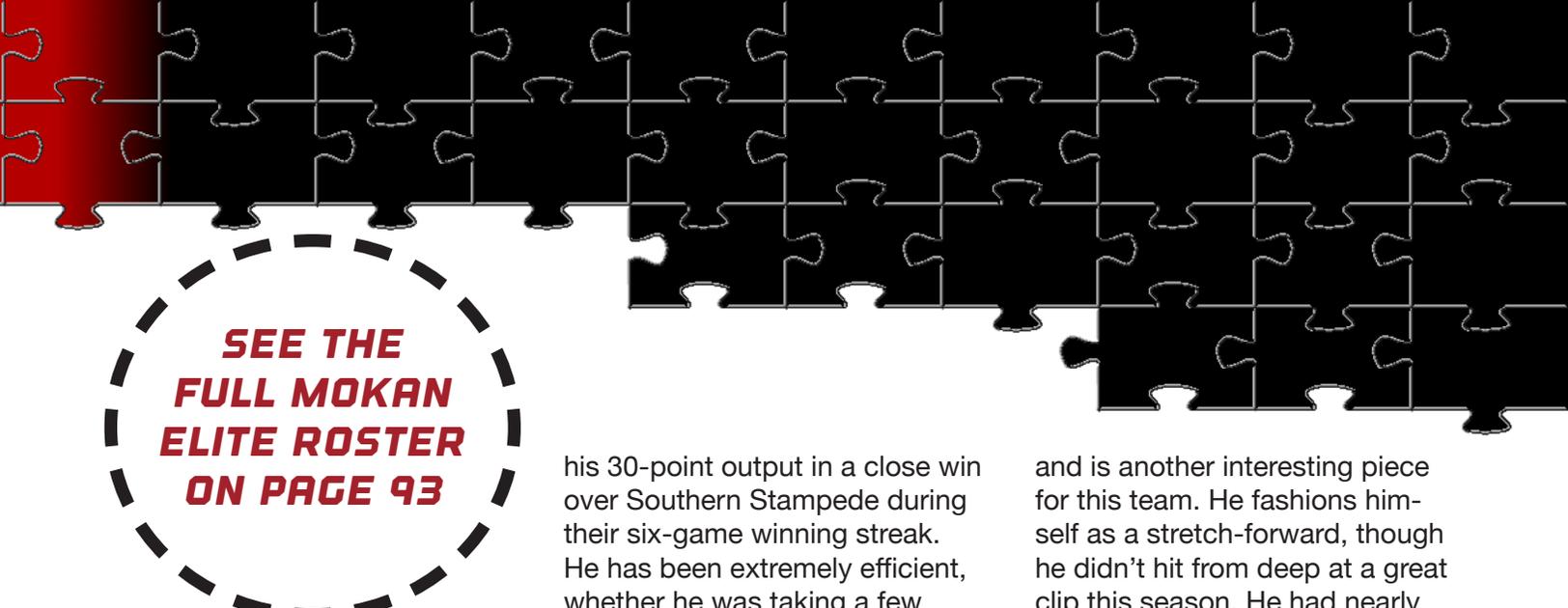
Team Takeover, all of which game during a six-game winning streak in the middle of their season. Their win over Team Takeover in session 3 stands out as one of the most

lopsided games by any team this season. In that game, they shot 52% from the field, including 68% from three-point range. Casey Tesson alone was 10 of 12 from deep. By the time the clock struck zeros, MOKAN had defeated Takeover by 35 points, reaching 105 for the game. They closed out the season strong, trouncing Mac Irvin Fire by 19.

The way that MOKAN is going to do their damage in the Peach Jam is by shooting lights out from deep. MOKAN was the second best three-point shooting team this season, hitting on 36.7% of their shots from deep - including the second most made threes of any team this season (Howard Pulley made 14 more threes on 77 more attempts).

What will be hardest for opposing teams is figuring out who to focus on -- MOKAN shares the scoring load extremely well, and any of their five leading scorers could step up to shoulder the load. All five guys had 20-plus point games at some point this season. Dainan Swoope was their leading scorer (12.9 points per game), and also took the majority of the threes for the team this season, hitting on 33.3 percent of his 114 attempts. Swoope plays heavy minutes for this squad, and if he catches fire from deep may propel them into the knockout round of the Peach Jam.

Perhaps their most balanced



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player, Shake Milton scored 11.6 points per game, shooting well from the floor, getting to the line more than anyone else on the team, and possessed the ability to knock it down from deep as well. Despite his 6-foot-4 size, Milton pulled down a surprising 5.2 rebounds per game, and was their leading distributor at 4.4 assists per game. The ball will start for MOKAN in either Milton or Swoope's hands, and that seems to be a good thing for this MOKAN squad.

The primary recipients of those Swoope and Milton assists will be the lights out shooter Teson, and forwards Juwan Morgan and Michael Jacobson. Among players with more than 30 attempts, Teson had the second best three point percentage in the EYBL at 49.4 percent. He hit 43 of his 87 threes taken this season. If defenders pull off of him to help onto Milton or Swoope, Teson will be ready to do damage from distance.

Morgan and Jacobson, however, do the bulk of their damage down low. Morgan is their best post player, putting up 10.9 points per game on 69.2 percent shooting. This year's D1 Circuit's Most Improved Player has the ability to take a game over, as evidenced by

his 30-point output in a close win over Southern Stampede during their six-game winning streak. He has been extremely efficient, whether he was taking a few shots a game or the bulk of the shots, and may be an x-factor for MOKAN in the Peach Jam.

**2014
RECORD**
11-5 (6-3)

**TRIPLE
THREAT**
JUWAN MORGAN
10.9 PPG, 6.8 RPG

DAINAN SWOOPE
12.9 PPG, 2.7 APG

SHAKE MILTON
11.6 PPG, 5.2 RPG,
4.4 APG

2014 PPP

OFF: 1.118
DEF: 1.007

PPP PROVIDED BY: GROUPSTATS

If the ball isn't going in from deep, the team may fall onto Morgan to put the team on his back.

Jacobson, along with Morgan, was the team leader in rebounding

and is another interesting piece for this team. He fashions himself as a stretch-forward, though he didn't hit from deep at a great clip this season. He had nearly as many sub-six point games as double-digit efforts this season, as he struggled to score consistently. Luckily, with as many scorers as MOKAN has, they can sustain an off-game from Jacobson. However, if he is on, MOKAN may pull away quickly.

Though Jacobson, Milton, Morgan, Swoope, and Teson all share the scoring load, DeAngelo Bruster, Patrick Muldoon, Derrick Walker, and Vince Eskina all will factor in for MOKAN as well. All played double digit games and double digit minutes for the MOKAN squad, and if they hope to advance out of Pool C, these players almost assuredly will be a reason why. Eskina, class of 2015, started and played heavy minutes for the squad to end the season. He isn't a go-to scorer for them, but is a solid rebounder for his size and position.

If MOKAN hopes to advance out of Pool C and beyond, they'll have to play as consistently good as they did all season. They have only faced one of their Pool C opponents this season -- Indy Heat -- and luckily won. But they'll rely on consistent perimeter shooting and Morgan's interior game to make their move.

SPIECE INDY HEAT

Facing huge turnover from their relatively stacked 2013 roster, Spiece Indy Heat faced an uphill climb to make it back to the Peach Jam this year. Their 2014 graduating class of players who moved on from the team included James Blackmon Jr. (Signed with Indiana University), Trevon Bluiett (Xavier), JaQuan Lyle (Oregon), Trey Lyles (Kentucky), Steven McElvene (Dayton), and PJ Thompson (Purdue).

Big man Caleb Swanigan was the only Class of 2015 player to get major playing time for the squad, who bowed out of the Peach Jam during pool play in 2013. Swanigan entered this season as the primary piece expected to lead Spiece back to the Peach Jam, and lead them he did.

The team started the 2014 season flat-out dominant despite the overhauled roster, kicking off the season with five consecutive wins. During that streak, Spiece put up double-digit victories over fellow Peach Jam qualifiers Team Takeover, Wings Elite, and Team CP3. They stumbled to a 4-7 finish to the season, though two more of those victories came over Peach Jam qualifiers, including high-scoring affair which saw Spiece take down a formidable Team Penny.

Swanigan was a beast down low for Spiece this season, averaging a double-double with 18.5 ppg and

12.1 rpg. Swanigan is the primary reason the team finished 9-7 this year, yet again reaching the Peach Jam.

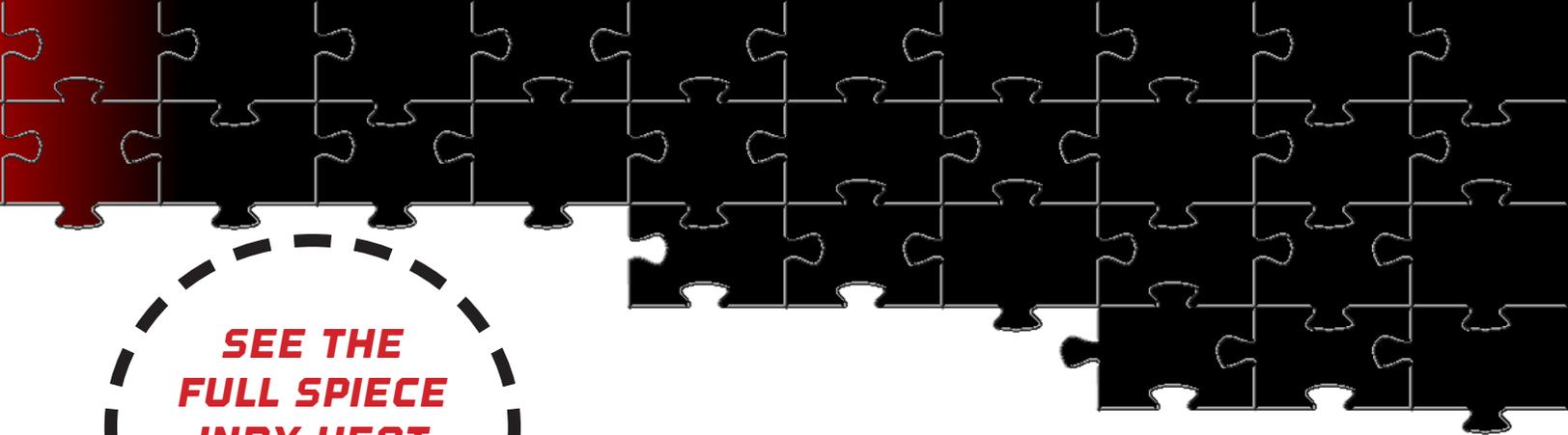


Swanigan was fouled the second most of any player this season, at-

tempting 163 free throws. Though he only converts at a 67.5% clip, Swanigan's propensity for drawing fouls can get an opposing team's frontcourt in foul trouble quickly.

Swanigan hasn't been alone in leading this team in the frontcourt- Michigan State commit Deyonta Davis has been stellar for the squad as well, putting up 16.1 ppg on 55.3% from the field. Davis had a few spectacular games for Spiece, most notably a 15-for-21 shooting performance, dropping 37 points in the win over Team Penny. He also joins Swanigan in dominating the glass, pulling down 8.9 rpg. The pair is the best rebounding duo in the EYBL, and in fact the team is the best rebounding squad in the EYBL at 38.1 rpg - nearly three boards better than the number two team.

The formula for Spiece success seems to boil down to Davis. Davis averaged 20.2 ppg in wins for Spiece this season, and in games where he was ineffective, a loss was nearly guaranteed. When Davis was inefficient with his scoring, Spiece tended to struggle as a whole. His shooting percentage in their seven losses this season was 41.4%, a drop of almost 14 percentage points off his season average. Though its clear that Swanigan is the rock of the team, Davis and his performance is the x-factor. If he shows up, the team is nearly unbeatable.



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Spiece has a number of other important pieces outside of their frontcourt pair that need to show up if the hope to win.

Guards Devin Cannady and CJ Walker were a solid backcourt duo for the squad, starting every game together this season. The backcourt pair combined for 21.9 ppg and is an important source of buckets for the team. Both Cannady and Walker stroke it at a 40% or higher clip from deep, and Walker in particular gets to the charity stripe at a great rate (5+ attempts a game). Both also rebound well for their position. Cannady and Walker at times have struggled to contain opposing guards, most notably during a loss to Southern Stampede when the opponent backcourt netted 69 of the team's 80 points. Controlling the opponents guards and continuing their solid three-point shooting will be key for this pair.

Matt Holba is the other starter for Spiece, and is an important do-it-all type of player for the team at the wing position. He averages only 6.2 ppg, but had eight games of 8 or more points this season. He is also an important rebounder for this team, pulling down 4.7 rpg this season and having five games where he pulled down more than

six boards. Though he isn't among the primary rebounders or scorers for Spiece, he plays heavy minutes for the team and his contribution is exactly what they need to hold their edge on the glass.

**2014
RECORD**
9-7 (4-5)

**TRIPLE
THREAT**
CALEB SWANIGAN
18.5 PPG, 12.1 RPG

DEYONTA DAVIS
16.1 PPG, 8.9 RPG

C.J. WALKER
10.6 PPG, 5.6 RPG

2014 PPP
OFF: 1.048
DEF: 0.999
PPP PROVIDED BY: GROUPSTATS

Holba along with Swanigan and Davis should absolutely control the boards in every game, and if they can't they won't make it far in the Peach Jam.

Other contributors include Gary Bonds, Jaevin Cumberland, and Joeviar Kennedy for Spiece. Bonds is the primary backup forward, who will be called upon to step in and contribute heavily if Swanigan or Davis is injured or ineffective. As is though, he plays around ten minutes per game, getting high-percentage buckets at the rim and rebounding at a nice clip during his time on the court. Cumberland and Kennedy are the primary backups in the backcourt, both playing around a dozen minutes per.

Pool C has some real stiff competition from top to bottom and Spiece Indy Heat fits right smack dab in the middle of it all. If they're going to move on through pool play, they'll need to steadily out-rebound every team they face. They're not going to 'wow' you with their offense or even their defense for that matter. But they can -- and will out-hustle you on all the loose balls, which will eventually add up.

Spiece has their work cut out for them just to get out of Pool C let alone make a run at the championship. But with a solid defense and the best team rebounding in the league, there's no reason to think they couldn't make a deep run. As long as Walker is hitting from deep and someone else from the bench can step up and make some noise on offense, Spiece Indy Heat will be a grinder to take on in any game.

CARDINALS

Heading into the regular season, there were a select number of teams that, on paper, seemed a hop, skip and a jump better than the rest of the field. The Team SCAN Cardinals were without a doubt atop that list.

Returning their monster center Cheick Diallo and bringing up Thomas Bryant from the 16U squad, their frontcourt was set to be one of, if not the best in the entire EYBL. Then they brought in the highly-rated 2016 prospect Tyus Battle to shore up a backcourt that was already sound to begin with. Diallo, Bryant and Battle were bound to lead the Cardinals to a highly successful season in the EYBL.

However, things didn't start off as they had planned. They went just 2-2 in Sacramento, stumbling out of the gates early and didn't catch up with their feet even through the Dallas session, another 2-2 trek. At 4-4 with half of the regular season already in the books, the Cardinals were looking for an answer and just a little bit of chemistry and luck.

The Cardinals began to turn things around at the Hampton session, going undefeated in Virginia, and also managed to get through the Minneapolis session 3-1, which helped them finish out the season at 11-5.

It wasn't easy, but the Cardinals turned things around at the right

time and proved their preseason potential was no fluke. They did it by using a staunch defense to stifle their opponents. They actually ranked as the EYBL's top defense this season by limiting opponents to a measly 51 points per game.



Perhaps some of the Team SCAN's problems out of the gate were their own offense, though.

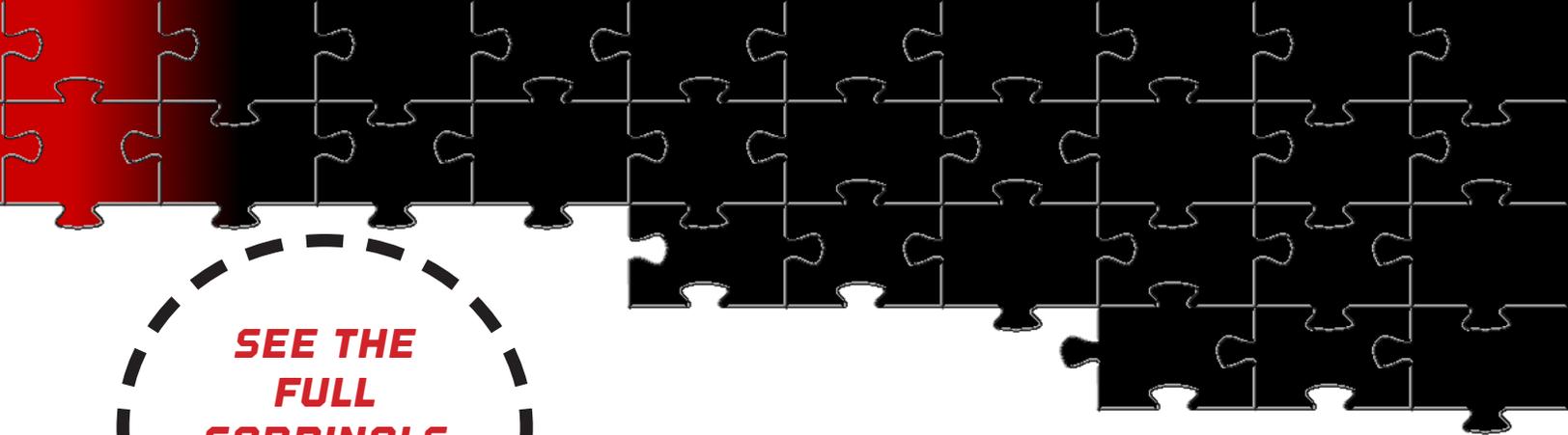
Despite holding their opponents to a lowly number, they were among the lowest scoring offensive teams

in the EYBL. In just three of their 11 wins, they were able to score more than 70 points, and finished third-worst in total scoring.

Both the excellent defense and inefficient offense can be attributed to the Cardinals' backcourt.

Mentioned earlier, Battle leads the Cardinals' backcourt because of his elite size for the position. Whether he plays on the ball or off, at 6-foot-6, Battle poses a difficult challenge for most backcourt tandems in the EYBL. He plays inside and out very well, possessing a solid stroke from the perimeter and the size to bully his way into the paint. Unfortunately, Battle had a devastating season offensively by only shooting 34 percent from the field and 29 percent from the three-point line. But in his first year at the 17U level, it is typical to play a tad under your abilities before figuring things out in your second year.

To help Battle along, the Cardinals had one EYBL-vet to plug in right next to him: Quincy McKnight. McKnight ended up playing an integral piece to the Cardinals' backcourt all season long. Although not an offensive juggernaut himself, McKnight is an efficient scorer, averaging 48 percent shooting from the field. He's not a threat from deep, but he can – and will – take his man off the dribble to attack the basket frequently. As for his defense, he might just be Team SCAN's most versatile defender



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on the perimeter. Perhaps a tad undersized, McKnight does a very good job playing on-ball and also loves to work the passing lanes and disrupt the flow of the offense. That intense effort totaled 26 steals for him on the season, most of any Cardinals player.

Another option in the backcourt is Bryce Aiken. Also undersized like McKnight, Aiken relies on his speed and quickness to succeed at both ends. Aiken was the Cardinals' fourth-leading scorer and that was coming off the bench as the sixth man.

The crown jewel of Team SCAN's roster is indeed their big guys down below. Led by Diallo, the Cardinals' dominant defense starts and ends with how well their big guys defend the paint and protect the rim.

Diallo is a one-of-a-kind defensive specialist. With freakishly long arms, he's going to affect almost every shot that comes from inside the paint. That's why he led the EYBL in total blocks this season with 43, which came out to nearly three per game. On offense, Diallo is a bit unpolished. However, he's going to lead every game - for both his team and the opponent - in hustle points because he's a re-

bouncing machine. His rebounding prowess helped him tally 10.9 total rebounds and snatch over three offensive rebounds per game.

Then there's Bryant who, in his own right, has one of the most abusive styles of game there is

**2014
RECORD
11-5 (7-2)**

**TRIPLE
THREAT
CHEICK DIALLO**

18.6 PPG, 10.9 RPG

THOMAS BRYANT
9.6 PPG, 6.2 RPG

TYUS BATTLE
8.8 PPG, 3.7 RPG

**2014 PPP
OFF: 0.998
DEF: 0.879**
PPP PROVIDED BY: GROUPSTATS

in the EYBL. With outstanding size and girth, Bryant is able to carve his way into any cranny in the paint with brute strength. Just like Diallo, he's a terrific rebounder, and although not as productive on

defense, he's still a very good low-post defender, which leaves Diallo to block all the lame floaters and ducks.

What makes Team SCAN such a great team defensively is how well Diallo and Bryant play together on that side of the ball. Not to take anything away from Battle, McKnight and Aiken, who are all wonderful on-ball defenders, but when a team can't even get close to the lane without being stopped dead in their tracks, its pretty clear where the bulk of the success comes from.

But if the Cardinals wants to avoid another stumble early on like they did in the regular season, they'll need to rely on their offense to simply put up some more points. Battle will have to take hold of the scoring and shoot much better than he did during the season, while Aiken continues to play that scoring role off the bench without any hiccups.

Diallo and Bryant aren't going to grow miraculous post games overnight, but you also have to hope they can continue to bang bodies underneath and pick up the easy buckets when they have the chance.

If everything is clicking for the Cardinals during the Peach Jam, they'll be a difficult team to beat, and should be widely considered a potential champion.



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POOL D

JACKSON TIGERS

After the first session, the Jackson Tigers were in trouble. Limping to a 1-3 start in Sacramento, the Tigers proved to lack a consistent scoring threat outside of newcomer Quinndary Weatherspoon. Then, the good news came. One day after spending the opening weekend on the UA Circuit, Malik Newman announced his return.

Widely considered the top guard in the 2015 class, Newman starred for the Tigers' last season, putting himself in MVP contention while leading a thin squad to the Peach Jam. Adding the top guard in the nation would turn anyone season's around, and it came at the perfect time for Jackson. Featuring a lineup vastly improved from a year before, Newman and all his talents will look to pull a shocker in Pool D.

Playing 12 games in 2014, Newman averaged 22.5 points per game; second to Athletes First guard Allonzo Trier. Like the other teams with a clear go-to guy, the Jackson Tigers start and stop with Newman.

The 6-foot-4 guard does not have a noticeable weakness in his game, implementing one of the most entertaining offensive repertoires in the nation. His pull-up jumpshot is lightning-quick and

the elevation he gets on his shot is beautiful to watch. He is smooth in transition and attacks the basket with physicality and precision, knowing how to control -

- his body in traffic while drawing fouls with ease.

His handles and all of their ankle-breaking goodness are probably the most underrated aspect of his game.

He can cross you and elevate for a clean, uncontested jumpshot while the defender is still recovering from the initial faint. He is a scoring machine and this year, unlike last, he has help.

Enter Quinndary Weatherspoon, the other major reason the Tigers are at the Peach Jam for a second consecutive year. Stepping up huge in Newman's absence, the 6-foot-5 scoring guard from Velma Jackson High School in Canton, Mississippi continued his strong performances after Newman's return.

Weatherspoon scored in double figures in 12 out of 16 games and put up 20-plus in three games, with a season-high 27 in Newman's first game back against MeanStreets. That performance made one thing evident- Weatherspoon is going to be a direct beneficiary of extended defensive pressure on Newman. His scoring output, just like Newman's is going to be a necessity for them to win.

The Tigers feature a point guard in 5-foot-9 KaVontae Turpin who knows his role.

He is a 3-star wide receiver/athlete prospect on the gridiron, and employs a gritty, tough playing style despite his size. He came on strong at the end of the season, scoring in double-figures in three of the final six games.

Dimi Cook, a senior who was eligible for the first two sessions, is no longer eligible due to starting school in the fall. That leaves



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the fourth guard duties to LeRoy Buchanan. He will likely receive more minutes than his season average (11.8 mpg), which will likely increase his production. He has a very productive stretch in the middle of the season, and will need to channel that mentality in Pool D.

The Jackson Tigers' frontcourt is more productive than the numbers entail, as they are relied on to do the dirty work.

The man in the middle is sophomore Khalea Turner. Contributing as a freshman on a loaded Houston Hoops squad, Turner decided to take his talents to play for Mississippi's premier AAU squad. In 12 games, the 6-foot-9, 245-pound bruiser put up a modest 6.8 ppg and 5.3 rpg. The only knock on him would be his aggression level. He has all the potential to bully people down low; perhaps the Peach Jam will light a fire under him. Their only true post player, his presence is incredibly important for the Tigers.

Tristin Walley, Jerekus Davis, She-mar Johnson and Joe Shruggs all split time as frontcourt producers, each relying on different talents to make their mark.

Walley, who also stars on the grid-iron as a quarterback for Hattiesburg High School, is a true hustle player. He also felt noticeably more comfortable as the season went on, putting up his best efforts during the final regular season

**2014
RECORD
8-8 (5-4)**

**TRIPLE
THREAT
MALIK NEWMAN
22.5 PPG, 4.7 RPG**

**QUINDARY
WEATHERSPOON
15.2 PPG, 4.7 RPG**

**TRISTIN WALLEY
6.7 PPG, 7.3 RPG**

**2014 PPP
OFF: 1.020
DEF: 1.014
PPP PROVIDED BY: GROUPSTATS**

session. The last four games in Minneapolis, he put up 8.5 ppg and 7.3 rpg. He will get big minutes, so his production will be a difference-maker.

Davis made his impact as a strong defender and rebounder. He averages a modest 4.6 ppg and 3.6 rpg, but a lot of his production goes unnoticed in the stat sheet. At 6-foot-7, Johnson is more of a perimeter player for the Tigers. His teammates speak highly of his shooting performances in practice, and he'll likely get some open looks at Peach Jam. If he knocks down a few open threes, he could completely change the outlook of a game.

Shruggs is the final frontcourt contributor, making his mark on the glass by averaging 4.4 rebounds per game. He plays more minutes than Davis or Johnson, so it's clear he has the coach's trust. His physical play will be key against the tough frontcourts of Pool D.

The Tigers' role players are likely going to decide their fate. Newman and Weatherspoon will need to score in order to win, but if they can get extended production from their hustle guys, their chances drastically improve.

As good as Newman is, he will need a step up in play from the other nine guys. The opposition's plan A, B and C will be to contain Newman, so opportunity will be aplenty for Jackson's underrated bunch. Weatherspoon will also do all he can to fill up the cup but it's up to the remaining cast to produce if Jackson Tigers want to move forward.

NY LIGHTNING

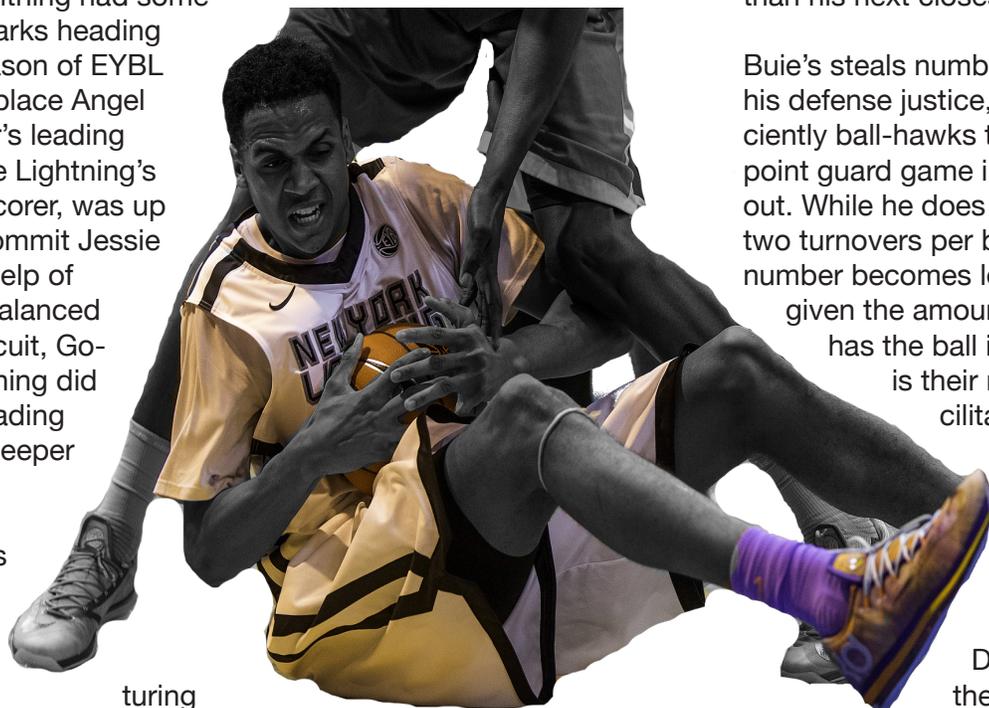
New York City's original Elite Youth Basketball League member qualified for the EYBL Finals at Peach Jam for the second consecutive season. Their star big man Jessie Govan was the only holdover from an extremely talented 2013 squad, so understandably the Lightning had some major question marks heading into their third season of EYBL play. Having to replace Angel Delgado, last year's leading rebounder and the Lightning's second-leading scorer, was up to Georgetown-commit Jessie Govan. With the help of one of the more balanced squads on the circuit, Govan and the Lightning did not disappoint, leading them into prime sleeper status.

The balance starts in the backcourt for Head Coach Dana Dingle

and crew. Featuring six guards who average between 3.4 and 9.1 points per game, the Lightning come at you in waves.

Their second-leading scorer, Dimencio Vaughn, happens to be one of the finest perimeter defenders in the league. He stands 6-foot-3 and has good length, locking down the opposition's top guard threat in every game. He put up 9.1 points per game and averaged 5.8 rebounds, fourth-most of any guard on the circuit. He scores the hustle points for the Lightning,

utilizing his main skills to get on the boards and out in transition. Vaughn will be relied upon heavily to contain an onslaught of scoring guards in Pool D, including Malik Newman,



Malik Monk, King McClure, Prince Ali and Kevaughn Allen.

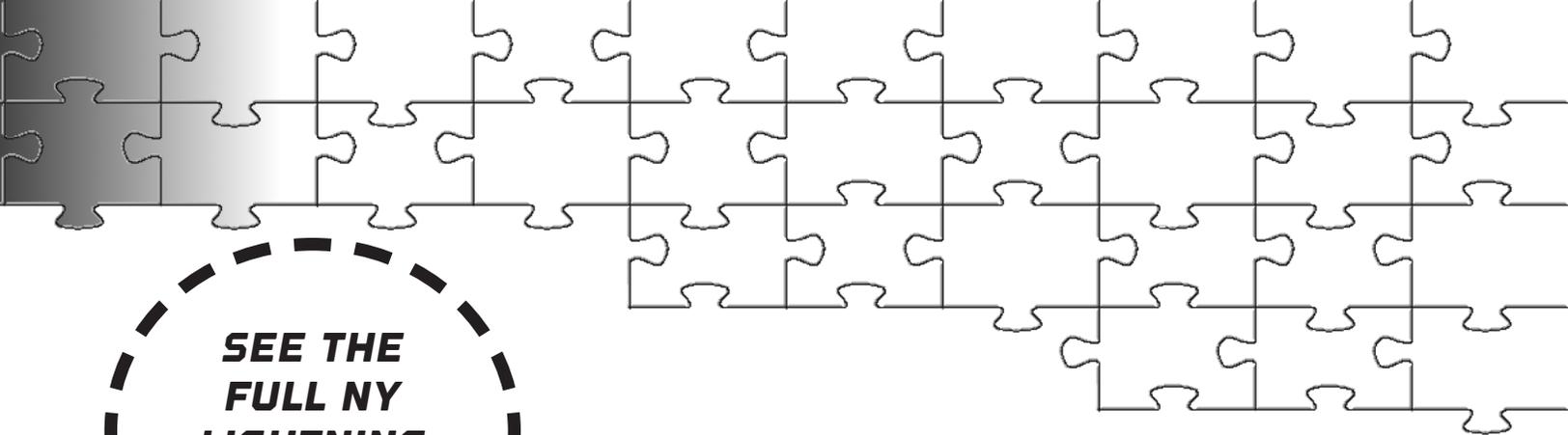
The floor-general for Coach Dingle is Desure Buie, a crafty point guard who sets the table for his teammates. The 6-foot Buie received minutes on last year's 17U squad and used that experience to bring his game to another level this season. His scoring numbers (7.4 ppg) are modest, but it's his ability to affect the game in numerous

ways that supplies his value. The Lightning employs a grind-it-out, defensive style that tends to keep games low scoring, so Buie uses his passing (4.4 apg) and defense (1.4 spg) to impact the game. He is a treat to watch pass the ball, averaging almost three more assists than his next closest teammate.

Buie's steals numbers do not do his defense justice, as he efficiently ball-hawks the opposing point guard game in and game out. While he does average over two turnovers per ballgame, the number becomes less concerning given the amount of time Buie has the ball in his hands. He is their number one facilitator on offense and is the reason his fellow guards have produced effectively.

Dachon Burke is the third guard for the Lightning, proving to be very efficient in limited minutes (15.7 mpg).

He averaged 6.1 points per game, shooting an impressive 54.1 percent from the field. If he made his free throws during the regular season (17-for-39), we would be looking at another consistent, viable scoring threat for Coach Dingle. He pitches in on the boards, grabbing 3.6 rebounds per contest while posting just over one steal per game.



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Virtually identical as far as production goes is Burke's fellow backcourt reserve Jermaine Bishop. The 6-foot-1 guard from Queens has proven to be a nice compliment to the starter Buie. Bishop has more of a scoring-mindset while on the floor, putting up five or more points in 13 out of 15 games.

Junior Alfonzo Anderson and sophomore Elijah Pemberton are both role players for the Lightning, but every minute played at Peach Jam is important. Pemberton has a bright future ahead of him within the program, so it would be nice to see him have a coming-out party of sorts in North Augusta. Standing at 6-foot-3 and weighing 205 pounds, Pemberton needs to use his size and physicality to his advantage. Any extended production that the Lightning receive from these two will be a bonus.

The frontcourt is home to their star and the 48th-ranked player by ESPN Recruiting Nation, Govan. One of the true low-post players in the country, Govan uses his 6-foot-10, 263 pound frame to bully the opposition down low. He is a two-way player, utilizing quick feet on both ends to complement his tremendous size. He averaged team-highs of 14.8 points and 7.6

rebounds, providing the Lightning with a consistent productivity each game. He operates his body well in traffic and has soft hands, two terrific assets for any aspiring big man. He said in our 1-on-1 interview with him that improving his mid-range jumpshot is a priority

**2014
RECORD**
9-7 (5-4)

**TRIPLE
THREAT**
JESSIE GOVAN
14.8 PPG, 7.6 RPG

DESURE DUIE
7.4 PPG, 4.4 APG
DIMENCIO VAUGHN
9.1 PPG, 5.8 RPG

2014 PPP
OFF: 1.004
DEF: 0.984
PPP PROVIDED BY: GROUPSTATS

moving forward, an aspect that should only open up the floor for him and his teammates. If he has a knock, it would be his ability to consistently defend high-level post players. He only recorded six blocks the entire season, so it

would be encouraging to see that improve during Peach Jam.

His frontcourt partner is 6-foot-11, 245-pound behemoth Rodney Miller. He piqued late, increasing his scoring average by more than three points per game over the final five games. A sophomore from Oak Hill, Miller is taking the same path as Govan – learning as a sophomore so he can dominate as a junior.

The x-factor for the Lightning may very well be Veer Singh, another member of the 2016 graduating class who has earned minutes after an early-season bone-bruise. Tabbed as the “Indian Dirk Nowitzki”, Singh uses a perimeter-oriented offensive attack to make his impact. He was a special scorer for St. Peter's Prep in New Jersey this year, and we have clearly not seen him at his best in the EYBL. He is a prime candidate to breakout in North Augusta, as it would not surprise us to see him catch fire in pool play.

The Lightning has all the pieces to improve on last season's Peach Jam outcome. It will be a fun five games to watch, as Govan will be on display with the help of his teammates productivity. They will guard you as tight as any contender, so it will probably be up to their offense to spark this sleeper into the round of eight.

SOUTHERN STAMPEDE

One of five 8-8 teams to qualify for the Peach Jam is the Southern Stampede, the lone in-state representative at the Peach Jam. In a lot of ways, the fate of the Stampede's season was determined before it started. As soon as Prince Ali decided to run with the Stampede, Atlanta's Nike representative were bound to be highly competitive against the EYBL's best. What made them into a Peach Jam contender is Ali's supporting cast – a group that has far outperformed expectations and turned the Stampede into one of the best offensive teams on the circuit.

Prince Ali, who stars for Sagemont High School in Florida and recently de-committed from UConn, has been an all-on. He was second in the EYBL in total points, scoring 349 points in 16 games (21.8 PPG). Notching 20+ points in 11 games, Ali proved he is one of the most talented offensive players in his class, relying on elite quickness and athleticism to score in a multitude of ways. Ali also made it clear he can score without having to shoot from the perimeter, as only 17% of his points came from distance.

Ali's supporting cast – especially in the backcourt – is the reason the Stampede qualified for Peach Jam. Guards Jared Harper and Ty Hudson, who average 16.0 and 15.8 points per game respectively, helped form the EYBL's highest-scoring backcourt.



Harper, a 5-foot-9-sophomore sharpshooter, exploded onto the scene during the regular season. His production is evident in the numbers, as Harper led the EYBL in three-pointers made (49) and was the fourth highest-scoring underclassman. Fresh off a trip to the Elite 100 camp, Harper is vitally important to the Stampede's success. His ability to knock down the open shots from the perimeter, as well as facilitate for his teammates, has proven to be one of the keys to success for Coach Durham and crew. Hudson is the third member of the dynamic backcourt, a 6-foot-1 guard who plays as physical as any player on the circuit.

Similar to Ali, Hudson attacks the basket with relentless aggression, and it's certainly paid off. The junior from Pebblebrook High School in Austell, Georgia did a bit of everything for his squad. He averaged 4.4 rebounds and 3.2 assists, providing the Stampede with a consistent, do-it-all contributor.

The fourth guard in the backcourt is freshman JJ Smith, one of the highest-rated players in the 2017 class. Smith provides the Stampede with a scoring-punch off the bench, learning from his elder peers before he becomes "the man" next year.

Through 16 games, a raw, inexperienced frontcourt made tremendous strides. While the four-frontcourt members only averaged a

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combined 16.1 points per game, they found other ways to positively impact the game.

Tony Bradley, a 6-foot-10, 230-pound sophomore, proved to be huge at both ends of the floor. Bradley averaged 7.5 points, 7.4 rebounds and just over one block per game. He accounts for nearly half of the frontcourt scoring and rebounding, so his production is invaluable.

Joining him in the paint are three raw athletes who have all displayed potential throughout the season. Canadian junior Derek Ogbeide is far more important than his stats imply (3.5 PPG, 4.3 RPG, 1.1 BPG). Ogbeide nearly doubled his scoring average in the last four games of the season and added more than two rebounds to his output, letting us know that his best may be yet to come.

Strictly based on the eye-test, Ogbeide is a sure thing. If he shows up to play with the same intensity that he did in Minneapolis, the Stampede become very complete. The last two members of the frontcourt are juniors Martins Igbanu and Tyrell Johnson. Both are high-energy, high-motor players who make the biggest contributions in the rebounding category. Any production that surpasses their regular season totals would be icing on the

cake for the Stampede. Igbanu and Johnson will provide valuable minutes during the Peach Jam, and will be needed to be physical with the opposing frontcourts in Division D.

In order to have a successful EYBL Finals at Peach Jam, the Stam-

**2014
RECORD
8-8 (4-5)**

**TRIPLE
THREAT
PRINCE ALI**

21.8 PPG, 4.8 RPG

**JARED HARPER
16 PPG, 3.1 APG**

**TY HUDSON
15.8 PPG, 4.4 RPG**

2014 PPP

**OFF: 1.118
DEF: 1.061**

PPP PROVIDED BY: GROUPSTATS

pede will need to do one thing: close out games. They have proven to be one of the top scoring teams in the EYBL, consistently putting up huge numbers. They rode their offense to a .500 finish and a Peach Jam wildcard berth,

but that wouldn't have been needed if they turned up their focus when it matters the most. Their final three losses came by 5, 4 and 5 points respectively, blowing late second-half leads in all three. They have more than proven to be competitive with the best the EYBL has to offer, but they need to close out games with more efficiency if they wish to make it out of group D.

To win, the Stampede needs to play their game. Employing an incredibly fast tempo will lead to higher-scoring affairs, but the Stampede can ill-afford to get out of control in the process. In the EYBL, a game can turn at a moments notice, and playing at such a high speed can let games slip with the blink of an eye. Ali, Harper and Hudson will be the tone-setters for the Stampede, and they will need to keep a level head as the game winds down. In Head Coach Aljami Durham and Assistant Coach Pat Harper, they have two incredibly passionate coaches who know how to win.

Half the roster have competed in skills academies throughout June and early July, so it's a good bet that the Stampede will be better than ever in North Augusta. More than any other team, the Stampede appear to be the definition of a wildcard. They could come out and dominate, or completely lay a dud. Parity is a beautiful thing about the EYBL, you simply never know who is going to win.

TEAM PENNY

Penny Hardaway is a household name for every basketball fan. A four-time all-star, Hardaway helped revolutionize the game of basketball in the mid 90's, starring as an unusually tall point guard for the upstart Orlando Magic. Before his time in the NBA, Hardaway was a local phenom in school, starring for Treadwell High in Memphis, Tennessee. He was the Parade Magazine National High School player of the year, finishing his high school career with 3,039 points.

Fast forward 24 years, and Hardaway has turned from a NBA superstar into the head of one of the fastest rising grassroots basketball programs in the country. He has assembled the budding-powerhouse in his hometown of Memphis, luring the city's elite high-major talent.

Last season starred Arkansas-bound point guard Anton Beard, leading the league's youngest team to the Peach Jam Final Four and sending a message to the rest of the league for the following season. Penny did not disappoint in 2014, showing signs of utter domination when their entire lineup was on the floor. They finished 10-6, faltering in the Minneapolis session without one half of the brothers' Lawson, as K.J. suffered a concussion in the opening tilt. They were a highly-ranked D1 Power 10 squad the entire season, and we expect Coach Hardaway

will have his talent clicking on all cylinders. You don't put together the type of career Hardaway had without knowing how to prepare yourself both physically and mentally

Their rotation of eight is one of the smallest at Peach Jam, but all eight bring to the elite skills table.



Team Penny's guards, while unheralded due to the impressiveness of their frontcourt, are a very productive group.

Kevaughn Allen is their statistical leader in the backcourt, averaging 14.5 points per game while em-

playing jaw-dropping athleticism. The Florida-commit can put you on a poster at a moment's notice, combining an explosive first step with an enormous vertical.

Allen can impact the game in numerous ways. He adds 3.1 assists, 3.1 rebounds and 1.6 steals per game, so Allen's importance is felt in nearly every facet of the game. He missed five games during the regular season, but did more than enough to prove his worth during the contests he played. He averaged 15.0 points per game in last year's Peach Jam, so it's clear his productivity will be a factor in Penny's success.

He shares the backcourt with junior Nych Smith and sophomore Dillon Mitchell, two role-players who have grown more and more comfortable as the season progressed. Both stars at White Station High School, Smith and Mitchell combine to provide valuable contributions in the backcourt.

Smith is more impressive statistically, implementing a 'do-it-all' playing style en route to averages of 8.6 points, 3.5 assists, 3.1 rebounds and 1.3 steals. Smith doesn't have ideal size at 5-foot-10, but his savvy, smooth on-court demeanor allows him to make up for it. He creates for his teammates effectively while not turning the ball over, averaging less than one giveaway a game.

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Mitchell, the only underclassmen in the backcourt, has set himself up nicely for a featured role next year. His averages are modest in his 20.4 minutes per game, but the 6-foot-1 combination guard finds different ways to impact a game that don't show up on the score sheet.

He's very active on the defensive end, averaging 1.5 steals per game and usually locking down the opponent's top backcourt scorer. He is more than a capable scorer, but fortunately for the underclassmen, he doesn't need to be relied upon in that aspect.

Team Penny's frontcourt is special for a variety of reasons. They boast the only active brother combination in the league in K.J. and Dedic Lawson. K.J., a 6-foot-7 junior and the elder of the two Lawson's, has a verbal commitment to Josh Pastner and the University of Memphis. Both he and Dedic averaged 17.2 points per game, with the 6-foot-8 Dedic averaging a double-double with 10.4 rebounds per game.

Both implement non-stop motors on both ends of the floor, relying on a combination of talent and size to become matchup nightmares

for the opposition. They both possess the ability to heavily impact a game without having a play run for them, a trait that any basketball coach desires.

Dedic has shown an improved ability from the perimeter, mak-

**2014
RECORD
10-6 (4-5)**

**TRIPLE
THREAT
DEDIC LAWSON
17.2 PPG, 10.4 RPG**

**K.J. LAWSON
17.2 PPG, 7.9 RPG**

**KEVAUGHN ALLEN
14.5 PPG, 3.1 APG**

**2014 PPP
OFF: 1.076
DEF: 0.965
PPP PROVIDED BY: GROUPSTATS**

ing him an even bigger offensive threat.

Both are candidates to go for 25-plus in any given game, as both led Penny in scoring for multiple games the past two seasons. Elite

status has already been achieved for the sophomore, as Dedic Lawson may be a top-five ranked recruit in the class of 2016 by ESPN.

These two absolutely hate losing, and will bring a load of Peach Jam experience into North Augusta. The Lawsons are a joy to watch, taking their skills down south next season, transferring from Hamilton (TN) to Arlington Country Day (FL).

K.J. and Dedic are stars in their respective classes, and that's not where their ammunition stops. P.J. Washington gives them a star in each current EYBL graduating class, pinning himself in the ESPN top-ten player rankings in 2017. A 6-foot-8 freshman, the baby-faced Washington has been pivotal for Team Penny.

Dubbed the "x-factor" by teammate Dedic Lawson, Washington gives Team Penny an abundance of riches in the frontcourt. Washington also excels in hustle opportunities, a trait that is hugely important for a kid who will be 'the man' at Lonestar High School (TX) next year. This Peach Jam experience will not only be crucial to the success for Penny in 2014, but also in their long-term aspirations.

Overall, Team Penny has a fantastic chance to not only make it out of pool play but win the entire Peach Jam and nobody would be surprised.

TEXAS TITANS

The Texas Titans enter the 2014 Peach Jam as one of the top contenders for multiple reasons. With five returning players from a 2013 squad that came up just short from advancing out of pool play, Scott Pospichal's bunch will head to North Augusta with a chip on its shoulder.

Sporting one of the most complete lineups at the Peach Jam, the Titans can beat you in numerous ways. Health has long been a problem area for Pospichal's bunch, so the long layoff leading up to Peach Jam should be a huge break for them. They remained a top-ten ranked program on our D1 Power Rankings throughout the season, and will enter the EYBL playoffs as one of the favorites because they score, defend, get out in transition and employ tremendous size on their backline.

The backcourt is led by combo-guard King McClure, a two-year EYBL veteran who dominated the 16U Peach Jam Championship game three years back. McClure, who committed to in-state Baylor University in May. He is a physical specimen in the backcourt, listed at 6-foot-4, 205 pounds, taking over the lead ball-handling duties from the Texas A&M-bound Alex Robinson.

Replacing their point guard was the Texas Titans' biggest question mark and McClure helped pick up the slack. He has dealt with lingering injuries since the high school season with Coach Pospichal stating that he's playing "at about 70 percent." A completely healthy McClure is a complete, physically-imposing player in the backcourt.

The starter next to McClure is Grant Troutt, a 6-foot-2 point guard who understands his role.

The UC-Santa Barbara pledge averaged 6.2 ppg and 2.9 apg, proving to be more comfortable as league play ensued. He plays big minutes and Coach Pospichal trusts him, making him a key factor in their success.

Their biggest help in the backcourt comes from premier football recruit SoSo Jamabo. Widely considered one of the top running backs in the nation, Jamabo would almost certainly be a high-major prospect if he chose to pursue basketball.

Over the final nine games, Jamabo averaged 12.8 points and 5.9 rebounds. The scoring increase was due to his ability to knock down the open three-ball. In the opening seven games, Jamabo was 1-11 from distance. In the final nine games Jamabo caught fire, knocking down an impressive 22 three-pointers in 45 attempts. The Titans have won every game in which the gridiron star has hit at least two threes, so it is evident that his production makes a substantial difference.

The last guard who received consistent minutes during the regular season is Isaac Asrat. The smaller guard has been described as a lights-out shooter, and he'll have the green light during his on-court action at Peach Jam.

As for the frontcourt, things look to be pretty loaded. Every member will go to a high-major school, and for good reason.



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D.J. Hogg is the leading scorer through 16 games, putting up 14.0 points per game while hitting 43 three-pointers. He scored in double-figures 13 times, relying on one of the smoothest perimeter shots in the entire EYBL, let alone his forward peers. The 6-foot-8 Hogg also puts up 3.4 rebounds and 3.1 assists per game, proving his worth outside of his scoring. His scoring touch is consistent, and the Titans will need his shot to be on.

The other star forward in the Texas Titans frontcourt is 6-foot-8 swingman Mickey Mitchell, an Ohio State-commit who has battled a rash of injuries over the last two years. We finally got to see him back on the court this spring, even though he was hampered by nagging injuries. He plays the point-forward for the Titans when he's on the court, and does it very effectively. Easing his way back into action, Mitchell set up his teammates more than looking for his own offense. He averaged a team-high 4.8 assists per game, and had a six-game stretch in which he averaged over six assists. He also averages nearly five rebounds a game, giving the Titans a do-it-all contributor off the bench.

Tyler Davis is the anchor in the middle for the Titans, and the big man did not disappoint in his second EYBL season. Having to sit out the entire 2013-14 high school season due to transfer rules, the 6-foot-10, 275 pound Davis entered the EYBL angry and

**2014
RECORD
11-5 (6-3)**

**TRIPLE
THREAT**

**D.J. HOGG
14 PPG, 3.4 RPG**

**KTYLER DAVIS
13.2 PPG, 6.4 RPG**

**MICKEY MITCHELL
5 PPG, 4.8 RPG, 4.8
APG**

**2014 PPP
OFF: 1.065
DEF: 0.933
PPP PROVIDED BY: GROUPSTATS**

motivated. He shot 61% from the field and scored 13.2 points per game, utilizing terrific footwork around the basket for a player his size. His one knock would be his free throw shooting, but he managed to improve as the year went

on - finishing the year at a modest 63 percent.

The Titans frontline comes at you in waves, and unfortunately for the opposition, the second and third wave are even more physically imposing.

Djery Baptiste and Marques Bolden, both listed at 6-foot-11, 230 pounds, are workhorses for Coach Pospichal. The junior Baptiste, a Haitian native, is more defensive-oriented at this stage of his career. He understands and embraces his role, and knows that his brute force is his biggest asset - as he is equipped with the upper-body of a linebacker.

He takes turns backing up Davis with Bolden, a sophomore who has improved by leaps and bounds during the season. He nearly doubled his production after the mid-way point of the regular season, taking advantage of increased minutes in a stacked frontcourt. He is one of the top shot-blockers in his class, and that is likely where he'll make his contribution at Peach Jam.

The Titans have a bit of everything. They have a huge opportunity in front of them, as they enter the Peach Jam with big expectations. Anything short of advancing out of pool play would be considered a disappointment for the talented bunch from Dallas.

WINGS ELITE

What a difference a year can make. One season removed from going 0-18 on the circuit, Wings Elite turned the page in 2014, relying on a fresh group of talented players coming off the 16U Sweet Sixteen Peach Jam title. Instead of playing their underclassmen on the premier EYBL circuit last year, Wings Elite decided to keep their core group of guys together for the long run.

That move has paid huge dividends for Head Coach Wes Swift and company, seeing his squad finish 2014 with an 11-5 record, cementing their status as a Peach Jam contender. The outright winners of Division D, Wings Elite enter the Peach Jam with some good momentum and a handful of impressive wins.

Experience can go a long ways in a tournament like Peach Jam, and Swift's group will look to use that experience en route to a second straight championship, only this time on the 17U circuit.

One look at their roster is enough to realize that the Wings are a guard-oriented squad. If you are a casual fan of the basketball-recruiting realm, you should be familiar with their sophomore-star Malik Monk. The 6-foot-3 freak athlete isn't just one of the top players in his graduating class, he's established himself as

one of the premier players in the country, regardless of age.



He scores in a variety of fashions, averaging 21.1 points per game and hitting 42 three-pointers – almost three-times as many as

second best (Lawson Korita, 15). The Wings start and stop with Monk's success but the backcourt developed into a three-headed monster as the year wore on. Marlon Hunter Jr. and Marquise Pointer join Monk as the primary ball-handlers but it's their impact in other facets of the game that prove their worth.

Hunter Jr. is an absolute hound defensively, leading the EYBL in steals (44) and while locking down the opposing teams top scoring threat in every game. At 6-foot-2, 205 pounds, Hunter's game is all about physicality.

He is stronger than most of his opponents while maintaining elite quickness, which allows him to wreak havoc in the press and in transition. He's also made strides offensively, putting up 12.4 points per game and shooting just under 80 percent from the free throw line. He is about as consistent as it gets in the EYBL, and will be a huge asset come Peach Jam.

Pointer, the third starter in the backcourt, is the floor-general on offense. Averaging 4.8 assists per game, Pointer excels in transition with his running mates. Standing at 6-foot-2 and weighing 200 pounds, Pointer also has a very similar build to Hunter Jr. – and uses it to his advantage in a similar way. He excels at turning defense to offense, as Monk and Hunter

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Jr. and he combine to average six steals per game, forcing countless turnovers in the process.

Victor Dukes, Lawson Korita and Khalil Spencer play are the three main role-players off the bench.

The three guards combine to average 16.3 points per game, giving the Wings valuable scoring off the bench. Dukes is a phenomenal athlete, providing the Wings with hustle-play on both ends of the floor. He has bought into the Wings style and has impressed in limited minutes. Korita is the best three-point shooter outside of Monk, proving more than capable of knocking down the open jumper. It sounds cliché, but the Wings' fate my lie in the hands of their supporting cast. If they are productive, this guard-oriented squad will be very difficult to beat.

The frontcourt is an area where Wings Elite are limited, but they have made due with the assets at hand.

Melvin Frazier, standing at 6-foot-6, was the closest thing the Wings had to a 'post player' during the regular season. Ending the regular season with the top field goal percentage on the team (58.5 percent), Frazier employs elite athleti-

cism with an incessant motor.

Much like his guard teammates, Frazier loves to get out and run in transition. He established himself as one of the premier EYBL athletes in the open floor, blessed with the ability to put an opponent

**2014
RECORD**
11-5 (7-2)

**TRIPLE
THREAT**
MALIK MONK
21.1 PPG, 4.1 RPG

MELVIN FRAZIER
8.2 PPG, 4.8 RPG

**MARLON
HUNTER JR.**
12.4 PPG, 3.8 RPG

2014 PPP
OFF: 1.048
DEF: 1.006
PPP PROVIDED BY: GROUPSTATS

on a poster at any time.

His defense is the biggest key to the Wings' success, as he is counted on to stop the opposing team's top swingman. If his defense is on-point, the Wings

become incredibly hard to beat.

Frazier's frontcourt mate is Jamarion Bell, a 6-foot-7 swingman who plays similarly to the rest of his teammates. Averaging 5.7 points and 4.7 rebounds through 16 games, Bell has the task of being a do-it-all frontcourt player. His numbers don't do justice to his importance, as he is the tallest player on the smallest Peach Jam contender.

Gojko Dokovic is their only other frontcourt contributor, but he was limited to three games this season due to a knee injury. At 6-foot-9, 210 pounds, Dokovic can provide the Wings with some much needed size on the defensive end.

The Wings biggest weakness is their size, but it is apparent that they have more than enough talent and confidence to make that a non-issue. In all other aspects other than scoring, Coach Swift's squad is very diverse, and they will look to use that to their advantage at Peach Jam.

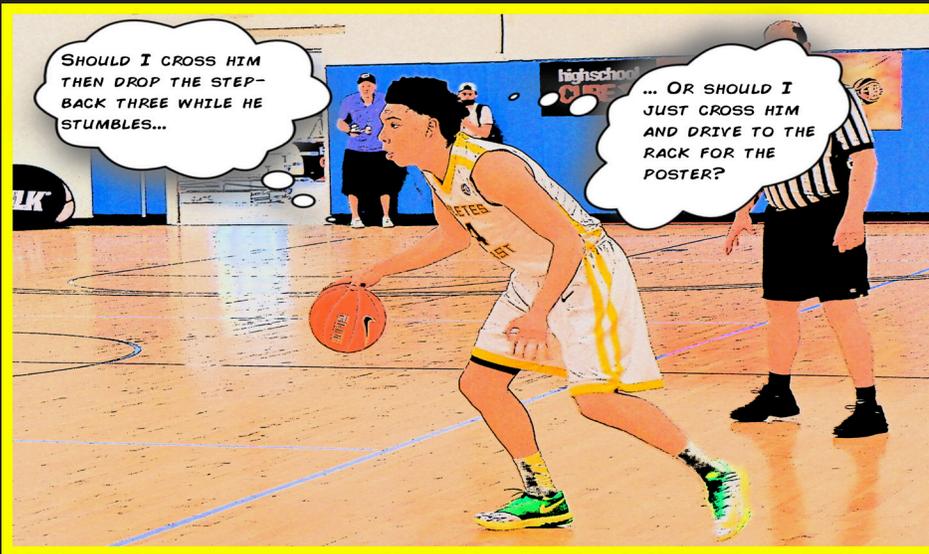
Simply put, Malik Monk is going to get his. Their success will be determined by the play of their role-players, as well as their shallow frontcourt. They have their work cut out for them, but their style of play and general grittiness should be enough to keep them competitive.



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IN A LEAGUE WHERE GETTING UP-AND-DOWN THE COURT IS ALL BUT MANDATORY, AND SCORING IN BUNCHES IS AN ABSOLUTE NECESSITY, IT'S ALWAYS GOOD TO LEAN ON THE BEST OF THE BEST. THIS YEAR WE WITNESSED PLAYERS FROM TEAMS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY LIGHT UP THE SCOREBOARD IN ANY GIVEN BOUT. THEY WERE LOOKING TO RISE ABOVE THE REST AND GRAB THAT WIN, BUT IN THAT PERPETUAL PROCESS THEY REVEALED THEIR SECRET IDENTITIES. THEY ARE THE LEAGUE OF STATSHEET STUFFERS!





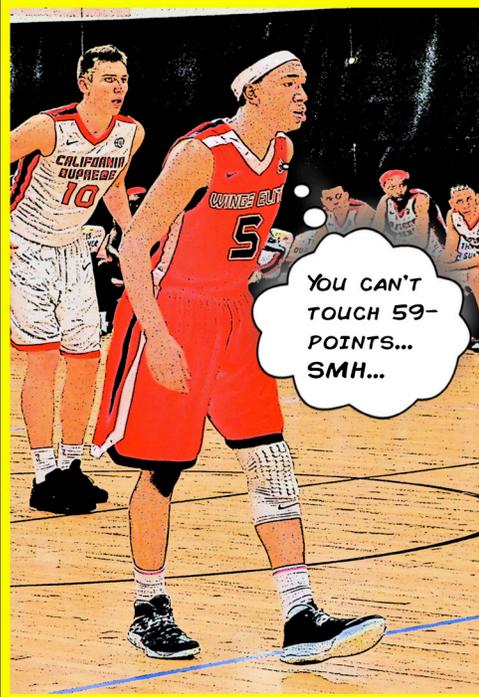
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NAMED D1 CIRCUIT'S DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR, CHEICK DIALLO WAS THE MAINSTAY IN TEAM SCAN'S IMMACULATE DEFENSE THIS SEASON. ACCORDING TO GROUPSTATS, THE CARDINALS POSTED THE LOWEST POINTS PER POSSESSION ON DEFENSE. A LARGE PART OF THAT IS DUE TO DIALLO'S INTERIOR DEFENSE. HE LED THE EYBL IN TOTAL BLOCKS (43) AS WELL AS BLOCKS PER GAME (2.9). DIALLO WAS THE MOST EFFICIENT PLAYER IN THE EYBL, ENDING THE SEASON WITH A SPECTACULAR 32.9 RATING.

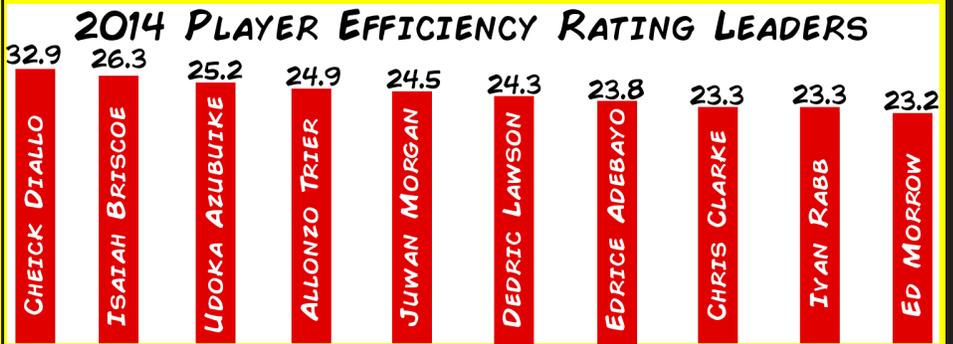


EVEN IN A LEAGUE WHERE SPEED AND ATHLETICISM REIGNS SUPREME, SIZE AND STRENGTH CAN STILL GET YOU SOMEWHERE. AT 6-FOOT-9, 250 LBS., CALEB SWANIGAN LED THE EYBL IN TOTAL REBOUNDS (193) AS WELL AS BOTH TOTAL OFFENSIVE (73) AND DEFENSIVE REBOUNDS (120). SWANIGAN WAS ONE OF JUST THREE PLAYERS TO AVERAGE A DOUBLE-DOUBLE DURING THE REGULAR SEASON.

BASKETBALL CAN BE A DANGEROUSLY SELFISH GAME IF YOU'RE NOT COACHED PROPERLY. JALEN BRUNSON HAS BEEN COACHED RIGHT HIS WHOLE LIFE AND IT SHOWED THIS YEAR. HE LED THE EYBL IN ASSISTS (6.9) AND ASSISTS PER GAME (104). HE WAS ALWAYS A TRIPLE-DOUBLE THREAT EVERY TIME HE STEPPED ON TO THE COURT, AND WAS INTEGRAL IN MAC IRYIN'S PERIMETER DEFENSE.



THE EYBL IS FULL OF INTENSE, DETERMINED STARS BUT SOME CAN SHINE BRIGHTER THAN OTHERS. ON APRIL 27 AGAINST ALL OHIO RED IN SACRAMENTO, MALIK MONK, EVEN ON AN EARLY MORNING, WAS CHARGED UP TO THE MAX. THE PRIMED AND HUNGRY WINGS ELITE SHOOTING GUARD POPPED OFF 59-POINTS, AN EYBL RECORD, SHOOTING 15-27 FROM THE FIELD, 10-18 FROM THREE-POINT LAND AND 19-23 FROM THE LINE. IT WAS A PERFORMANCE TO REMEMBER, AND AN ENCORE IS GREATLY DESIRED.



AS AN EYBL-YET, ISAIAH BRISCOE KNEW WHAT IT'D TAKE TO PUSH HIS TEAM FURTHER. EQUIPPED WITH A STRONG SUPPORTING CAST, BRISCOE TOOK THE ROLE AS LEADER OF THE PLAYAZ. BRISCOE RECORDED TWO TRIPLE-DOUBLES THIS YEAR, BOTH OF WHICH HE SCORED 20+ POINTS IN. HE'S A TRUE POINT GUARD WITH A KNACK FOR SCORING. HE MAKES PLAYAZ A TOUGH MATCH.



TEAM ROSTERS

ALL OHIO RED

NUM.	NAME:	POS:	HT:	WT:	GRAD YEAR:	HOMETOWN:	SCHOOL:
1	ESA AHMAD	F	6'8"	220	2015	SHAKAR HEIGHTS, OH	SHAKAR HEIGHTS
3	JOSH WILLIAMS	G	6'2"	185	2015	AKRON, OH	ST. VINCENT-ST. MARY
5	AHMAD WAGNER	F	6'7"	218	2015	YELLOW SPRINGS, OH	WANYE
10	JORDAN DARTIS	G	6'2"	180	2015	NEWARK, OH	NEWARK
12	JALEN COLEMAN	G	6'4"	178	2015	INDIANAPOLIS, IN	LA LUMIERE
22	DETAVIAS WEBSTER	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
23	ANDRE FOSTER	G	6'3"	175	2015	TROTWOOD, OH	TROTWOOD-MADISON
25	MACIO TEAGUE	G	6'3"	185	2015	SPRINGDALE, OH	WALNUT HILLS
31	NOAH BRAMLAGE	F	6'7"	220	2015	OTTAWA, OH	OTTAWA-GLANDORF
32	DOUG TAYLOR	C	6'9"	240	2015	NORTHLAND, OH	NORTHLAND

ATHLETES FIRST

NUM.	NAME:	POS:	HT:	WT:	GRAD YEAR:	HOMETOWN:	SCHOOL:
4	ALLONZO TRIER	G	6'5"	185	2015	SEATTLE, WA	FINDLAY PREP
5	MARCUS DICKINSON	G	6'0"	176	2016	NORMAN, OK	NORMAN NORTH
10	TRAVIS GLOVER	G	5'10"	150	2016	EDMOND, OK	EDMOND MEMORIAL
12	MICAH SPEIGHT	G	5'9"	145	2016	OKLAHOMA CITY, OK	PUTNAM NORTH
23	CURRAN SCOTT	G	6'3"	185	2015	EDMOND, OK	EDMOND SANTA FE
25	JAKOLBY LONG	G	6'4"	200	2016	EDMOND, OK	MUSTANG
30	KRISTIAN DOOLITTLE	F	6'5"	205	2016	EDMOND, OK	EDMOND MEMORIAL
34	ABOUBACAR DIALLO	C	6'10"	200	2015	ST. LOUIS, MO	ST. LOUIS CHRISTIAN
40	CHRIS MILLER	F	6'7"	247	2015	TULSA, OK	BOOKER T. WASHINGTON
42	AUSTIN MEYER	C	6'9"	210	2016	EDMOND, OK	MUSTANG

TEAM ROSTERS

BABC

NUM.	NAME:	POS:	HT:	WT:	GRAD YEAR:	HOMETOWN:	SCHOOL:
1	AAMAHNE SANTOS	G	5'11"	180	2015	BOSTON, MA	CATHOLIC MEMORIAL
2	CELIO ARAUJO	G	5'10"	175	2015	BOSTON, MA	MASTER'S SCHOOL
4	FRANKLIN PORTER	G	6'3"	195	2015	PORTLAND, OR	TILTON SCHOOL
5	THOMAS MOBLEY	G	6'2"	190	2015	NEWTON, MA	NEWTON NORTH
11	BRUCE BROWN	G	6'4"	190	2016	BOSTON, MA	VERMONT ACADEMY
14	TERANCE MANN	F	6'5"	195	2015	BOSTON, MA	TILTON SCHOOL
31	BOB MARTIN JR.	F	6'6"	190	2015	WALTHAM, MA	NOBLE & GREENOUGH
32	TYREE ROBINSON	F	6'6"	190	2015	FALL RIVER, MA	DURFEE
33	TERRELL BROWN	F	6'9"	200	2016	EAST PROVIDENCE, RI	ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL
34	JEREMY MILLER	C	6'9"	220	2015	MILTON, MA	NEW HAMPTON

BOO WILLIAMS

NUM.	NAME:	POS:	HT:	WT:	GRAD YEAR:	HOMETOWN:	SCHOOL:
5	JUSTIN ROBINSON	G	6'1"	175	2015	MANASSAS, VA	SAINT JAMES
11	MARCUS EVANS	G	6'2"	190	2015	CHESAPEAKE, VA	CAPE HENRY
15	CHRIS CLARKE	F	6'6"	200	2015	VIRGINIA BEACH, VA	CAPE HENRY
20	MATT COLEMAN	G	6'1"	160	2017	NORFOLK, VA	MAURY
21	KENNY WILLIAMS	G	6'3"	165	2015	CHESTERFIELD, VA	L.C. BIRD
22	TONY ANDERSON	F	6'8"	230	2015	GROVEPORT, OH	OAK HILL
23	DESHAWN CORPREW	G	6'5"	190	2016	VIRGINIA BEACH, VA	PRINCESS ANNE
30	JAMARCO HASKINS	G	6'4"	187	2015	FREDERICKSBURG, VA	COLONIAL FORGE
32	EDRICE ADEBAYO	F	6'9"	235	2016	PLYMOUTH, NC	NORTHSIDE
40	TYLER CREAMMER	C	6'10"	235	2015	PARKTON, VA	SOUTH VIEW

TEAM ROSTERS

CIA BOUNCE

NUM.	NAME:	POS:	HT:	WT:	GRAD YEAR:	HOMETOWN:	SCHOOL:
1	JALEN POYSER	G	b'4"	185	2015	MISSISSAUGA, ONT	ATHLETE INSTITUTE
3	JELANI MOFFORD	G	b'5"	180	2015	MISSISSAUGA, ONT	ATHLETE INSTITUTE
5	SELVEDIN PLANINCIC	C	b'11"	215	2015	MISSISSAUGA, ONT	ATHLETE INSTITUTE
10	JOSIAH RILEY	G	b'4"	190	2015	BRAMPTON, ONT	ATHLETE INSTITUTE
12	KYLE ALEXANDER	C	b'10"	200	2015	MISSISSAUGA, ONT	ATHLETE INSTITUTE
21	ANDREW ANDERSON	G/F	b'5"	210	2015	BRAMPTON, ONT	ST. EDMUND CAMPION
22	EDWARD EKİYOR	F	b'9"	215	2016	NEPEAN, ONT	MOTHER TERESA-OTTAWA
24	ELIJAH LONG	G	b'1"	170	2015	MISSISSAUGA, ONT	JOHN CARROLL
31	MONTAQUE GILL-CAESAR	F	b'5"	205	2015	VAUGHN, ONT	HUNTINGTON PREP
33	JAMAL MURRAY	G	b'5"	185	2016	KITCHENER, ONT	ATHLETE INSTITUTE
42	DILLON BROOKS	G	b'6"	195	2015	MISSISSAUGA, ONT	FINDLAY PREP

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NUM.	NAME:	POS:	HT:	WT:	GRAD YEAR:	HOMETOWN:	SCHOOL:
1	KEYSHAWN EVANS	G	b'0"	165	2015	FORT LAUDERDALE, FL	AMERICAN HERITAGE
2	ANTONIO BLAKENEY	G	b'4"	185	2015	SARASOTA, FL	OAK RIDGE
3	BARRY BROWN	G	b'3"	170	2015	ST. PETERSBURG, FL	GIBBS
4	ANTHONY LAWRENCE	F	b'7"	185	2015	ST. PETERSBURG, FL	LAKEWOOD
10	FLETCHER MAGEE	G	b'4"	190	2015	ORLANDO, FL	FIRST ACADEMY
15	MALIK MAITLAND	G	b'0"	190	2015	ORLANDO, FL	FATHER LOPEZ
21	ALEX OWENS	F	b'8"	240	2015	BRADENTON, FL	OAK RIDGE
22	BEN SIMMONS	F	b'9"	230	2015	MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA	MONTVERDE ACADEMY
32	DANIEL GIDDENS	C	b'10"	233	2015	MABELTON, GA	WHEELER
50	TACKO FALL	C	7'5"	270	2015	SENEGAL, AFRICA	LIBERTY CHRISTIAN

TEAM ROSTERS

HOUSTON HOOPS

NUM.	NAME:	POS:	HT:	WT:	GRAD YEAR:	HOMETOWN:	SCHOOL:
1	CHRISTIAN JAMES	G	6'4"	185	2015	HOUSTON, TX	BELLAIRE
2	JUWAN WILLIAMS	G	6'5"	190	2015	RICHMOND, TX	TRAVIS
3	NICHOLAS GARTH	G	6'0"	160	2016	CYPRESS LAKES, TX	CYPRESS LAKES
5	DE'ARRON FOX	G	6'3"	170	2016	KATY, TX	CYPRESS LAKES
11	PAUL THOMAS	F	6'8"	180	2015	HUMBLE, TX	SUMMER CREEK
12	AJ LAWSON	G	6'5"	195	2016	BRYAN, TX	BRYAN
22	JARRED VANDERBILT	G	6'6"	170	2017	MISSOURI CITY, TX	PERSHING
23	DORIAN CHATMAN	F	6'6"	200	2015	PORT ARTHUR, TX	MEMORIAL
30	SAMIR SEHIC	C	6'9"	250	2015	CYPRESS, TX	CYPRESS WOODS
0	JORDAN HUNTER	G	5'10"	158	2015	BEAUMONT, TX	OZEN

HOWARD PULLEY

NUM.	NAME:	POS:	HT:	WT:	GRAD YEAR:	HOMETOWN:	SCHOOL:
3	SACAR ANIM	G	6'4"	183	2015	MINNEAPOLIS, MN	DE LA SALLE
10	BJORN BROMAN	G	6'0"	175	2015	DULUTH, MN	LAKEVIEW CHRISTIAN
11	AMIR COFFEY	G	6'6"	170	2016	MINNETONKA, MN	HOPKINS
12	JARVIS JOHNSON	G	6'1"	185	2015	MINNEAPOLIS, MN	DE LA SALLE
21	JOE ROSGA	G	6'3"	170	2015	ST. PAUL, MN	CRETIN-DERHAM HALL
23	GARY TRENT JR.	G	6'3"	165	2017	APPLE VALLEY, MN	APPLE VALLEY
25	SAM NEUMANN	F	6'6"	200	2015	ST. PAUL, MN	CRETIN-DERHAM HALL
31	JOSH COLLINS	G	6'4"	180	2015	MINNEAPOLIS, MN	DE LA SALLE
32	ALEX ILLIKAINEN	F	6'9"	225	2015	GRAND RAPIDS, MN	BREWSTER ACADEMY
42	BRADY REINKE	F	6'6"	190	2015	BROOKLYN PARK, MN	PRAIRIE SEEDS ACADEMY
44	BROCK BERTRAM	C	6'10"	200	2015	APPLE VALLEY, MN	APPLE VALLEY

TEAM ROSTERS

JACKSON TIGERS

NUM.	NAME:	POS:	HT:	WT:	GRAD YEAR:	HOMETOWN:	SCHOOL:
1	KAVONTAE TURPIN	G	5'11"	165	2015	MONROE, LA	NEVILLE
5	LEROY BUCHANAN	G	6'3"	175	2015	MADISON, MS	MADISON CENTRAL
14	MALIK NEWMAN	G	6'4"	185	2015	JACKSON, MS	PRIME PREP ACADEMY
15	SHEMAR JOHNSON	F	6'7"	180	2015	COLUMBUS, MS	COLUMBUS
21	QUINNDARY WEATHERSPOON	G	6'5"	170	2015	CANTON, MS	VELMA JACKSON
22	DAMIEN MOORE	C	6'11"	210	2016	VAUGHN, MS	CALLAWAY
23	ANTONIO COWART	G	6'3"	180	2016	MCCOMB, MS	MCCOMB
31	JEREKIUS DAVIS	F	6'5"	195	2015	JACKSON, MS	PROVINE
32	TRISTIN WALLEY	F	6'7"	205	2015	HATTIESBURG, MS	HATTIESBURG
33	JOSEPH SHRUGGS	F	6'8"	200	2015	MONTGOMERY, AL	CARVER
0	KHALEA TURNER	C	6'9"	245	2016	NEW ORLEANS, LA	JOHN CURTIS

MAC IRVIN FIRE

NUM.	NAME:	POS:	HT:	WT:	GRAD YEAR:	HOMETOWN:	SCHOOL:
1	JALEN BRUNSON	G	6'2"	180	2015	VERNON HILLS, IL	STEVENSON
2	CHARLIE MOORE	G	5'10"	160	2016	CHICAGO, IL	MORGAN PARK
3	LUWANE PIPKINS	G	5'10"	160	2015	CHICAGO, IL	BOGAN
4	ED MORROW	F	6'7"	210	2015	CHICAGO, IL	SIMEON
5	DEANGELO ISBY	G	6'5"	195	2015	MARKHAM, IL	HILLCREST
8	DAVON DILLARD	F	6'5"	210	2015	GARY, IN	BOWMAN ACADEMY
10	CONNOR CASHAW	G	6'5"	210	2015	LINCOLNSHIRE, IL	STEVENSON
23	WEISNER PEREZ	F	6'7"	210	2015	BERWYN, IL	MORTON
31	JULIAN TORRES	F	6'8"	240	2015	BOLINGBROOK, IL	BOLINGBROOK
33	LAMOUS BROWN	C	6'10"	240	2015	CHICAGO, IL	MORGAN PARK

TEAM ROSTERS

MOKAN ELITE

NUM.	NAME:	POS:	HT:	WT:	GRAD YEAR:	HOMETOWN:	SCHOOL:
3	CASEY TESON	G	6'2"	180	2015	ST. CHARLES, MO	ST. CHARLES
5	SHAKE MILTON	G	6'4"	190	2015	OWASSO, OK	OWASSO
10	VINCE ESKINA	G	6'3"	175	2015	KANSAS CITY, MO	PIPER
11	DEANGELO BRUSTER	G	5'11"	165	2015	OVERLAND PARK, KS	SHAWNEE MISSION SOUTH
12	MICHAEL JACOBSON	G	6'8"	215	2015	WAUKEE, IA	WAUKEE
13	DRAINAN SWOOPE	G	6'0"	180	2015	OVERLAND PARK, KS	SHAWNEE MISSION SOUTH
15	DERRICK WALKER	C	6'8"	210	2016	KANSAS CITY, MO	RAYTOWN
32	PATRICK MULDOON	F	6'6"	200	2015	TONGANOXIE, KS	BASEHOR
35	JUWAN MORGAN	F	6'8"	215	2015	WAYNESVILLE, MO	WAYNESVILLE

NEW YORK LIGHTNING

NUM.	NAME:	POS:	HT:	WT:	GRAD YEAR:	HOMETOWN:	SCHOOL:
1	DARIUS SIMMONS	G	5'10"	160	2016	ROSEDALE, NY	N/A
3	DESURE BUIE	G	6'0"	150	2015	BRONX, NY	WINGS ACADEMY
5	DACHON BURKE	G	6'3"	170	2015	ORANGE, NJ	BLOOMFIELD TECH
10	ELIJAH PEMBERTON	G	6'3"	205	2016	YONKERS, NY	MASTER'S SCHOOL
11	JERMAINE BISHOP	G	6'1"	170	2015	QUEENS, NY	HOLY CROSS
15	ALFONZO ANDERSON	G	6'1"	170	2015	NEWARK, NJ	NEWARK VOCATIONAL
21	VEER SINGH	G	6'8"	180	2016	NEW ORLEANS, LA	ST. PETER'S PREP
23	DIMENCIO VAUGHN	G	6'3"	185	2015	NEW YORK, NY	THURGOOD MARSHALL
31	ABDUL SHANUN	F	6'8"	220	2016	BRONX, NY	ARMY/NAVY ACADEMY
34	JESSIE GOVAN	C	6'10"	263	2015	MANHASSET, NY	WINGS ACADEMY
40	JEROMY RODRIGUEZ	F	6'7"	210	2015	ANDOVER, NJ	POPE JOHN
50	ROONEY MILLER	C	6'11"	245	2016	LAURELTOWN, NY	OAK HILL

TEAM ROSTERS

PLAYERS

NUM.	NAME:	POS:	HT:	WT:	GRAD YEAR:	HOMETOWN:	SCHOOL:
1	TREVON DUVAL	G	6'2"	180	2017	NEW CASTLE, DE	ST. BENEDICT'S PREP
2	MYLES POWELL	G	6'0"	190	2016	TRENTON, NJ	TRENTON CATHOLIC
3	ELIJAH CAIN	G	6'6"	196	2015	WILLINGBORO, NJ	ST. BENEDICT'S PREP
10	SHAKUR JUISTON	F	6'7"	220	2015	IRVINGTON, NJ	EASTSIDE
11	ISAIAH BRISCOE	G	6'3"	190	2015	UNION, NJ	ROSELLE CATHOLIC
12	TEMPLE GIBBS JR.	G	6'2"	170	2016	SCOTCH PLAINS, NJ	SETON HALL PREP
22	DAMIEN RANCE	F	6'6"	205	2015	MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA	POPE JOHN SPARTA
23	ALEX THOMAS	F	6'8"	218	2014	LITTLE FALLS, NJ	HAWTHORNE CHRISTIAN
44	MOUSTAPHA DIAGNE	C	6'9"	230	2015	DAKAR, SENEGAL	POPE JOHN XXIII

SOLDIERS

NUM.	NAME:	POS:	HT:	WT:	GRAD YEAR:	HOMETOWN:	SCHOOL:
1	MAX HAZZARD	G	6'1"	175	2015	LOS ANGELES, CA	LOYOLA
3	JORDAN FORD	G	6'0"	150	2016	FOLSOM, CA	FOLSOM
15	BERNARD WARD	G	6'0"	185	2015	RICHMOND, CA	SALESIAN
20	TYRELL ALCORN	G	6'2"	170	2015	OAKLAND, CA	EL CERRITO
21	REX PFLUEGER	G	6'6"	185	2015	DANA POINT, CA	MATER DEI
23	CARLOS JOHNSON	F	6'5"	180	2016	PHOENIX, AZ	SHADOW MOUNTAIN
24	OSCAR FRAYER	G	6'6"	185	2016	HAYWARD, CA	MOREAU CATHOLIC
34	STEPHEN ZIMMERMAN	C	7'0"	235	2015	LAS VEGAS, NV	BISHOP GORMAN
43	CHIMEZIE METU	F	6'10"	210	2015	LAWNDALE, CA	LAWNDALE
44	IVAN RABB	C	6'11"	220	2015	OAKLAND, CA	BISHOP O'DOWD

TEAM ROSTERS

SPICE INDY HEAT

NUM.	NAME:	POS:	HT:	WT:	GRAD YEAR:	HOMETOWN:	SCHOOL:
1	JAEVIN CUMBERLAND	G	6'2"	155	2015	WILMINGTON, OH	WILMINGTON
3	DEVIN CANNADY	G	6'2"	185	2015	MISHAWAK, IN	MISHAWAK MARION
11	CJ WALKER	G	6'0"	180	2016	INDIANAPOLIS, IN	ARSENAL TECH
12	JOEVAIR KENNEDY	G	6'3"	195	2015	MUSKEGON, MI	MUSKEGON
14	GARY BONDS	F	6'9"	210	2015	INDIANAPOLIS, IN	SCECINA MEMORIAL
20	CARTER SKAGGS	G	6'5"	210	2015	LOGANSPORT, IN	LOGANSPORT
23	DEVONTA DAVIS	F	6'9"	220	2015	MUSKEGON, MI	MUSKEGON
33	MATT HOLBA	F	6'6"	220	2015	NOBLESVILLE, IN	GUERIN CATHOLIC
50	CALEB SWANIGAN	C	6'9"	256	2015	FORT WAYNE, IN	HOMESTEAD

SOUTHERN STAMPEDE

NUM.	NAME:	POS:	HT:	WT:	GRAD YEAR:	HOMETOWN:	SCHOOL:
2	JATRIOUS SMITH	G	6'4"	200	2017	FAYETTEVILLE, NC	E.E. SMITH
4	TYRELL JOHNSON	F	6'8"	180	2015	STONE MOUNTAIN, GA	STEPHENSON
5	TRHAE MITCHELL	F	6'6"	170	2015	ATLANTA, GA	PEBBLEBROOK
10	KEVIN MURPH	F	6'6"	210	2015	MABLETON, GA	PEBBLEBROOK
11	JARED HARPER	G	5'9"	140	2016	MABLETON, GA	MT. VERNON PRESBYTERIAN
15	ROCHE GROOTFRAM	F	6'7"	210	2015	AUSTELL, GA	COVENANT CHRISTIAN
21	TONY BRADLEY	C	6'10"	230	2016	BARTOW, FL	BARTOW
23	PRINCE ALI	G	6'4"	195	2015	PEMBROKE PINES, FL	SAGEMONT SCHOOL
32	PETER EKE	F	6'7"	220	2015	ATLANTA, GA	COVENANT CHRISTIAN
33	DEREK OGBEIDE	F	6'9"	220	2015	TORONTO, ONT	PEBBLEBROOK
0	TY HUDSON	G	6'1"	180	2015	AUSTELL, GA	PEBBLEBROOK

TEAM ROSTERS

TEAM CP3

NUM.	NAME:	POS:	HT:	WT:	GRAD YEAR:	HOMETOWN:	SCHOOL:
1	HARRY GILES III	F	6'10"	215	2016	WINSTON-SALEM, NC	WESLEYAN CHRISTIAN
2	RONSHAD SHABAZZ	G	6'3"	200	2015	RALEIGH, NC	KNIGHTSDALE
4	DARIUS MOORE	G	5'11"	165	2015	BROWN SUMMIT, NC	GREENSBORO DAY
5	XAVIER HILL-MAIS	F	6'7"	235	2015	GREENSBORO, NC	PAGE
10	TERRENCE PHILLIPS	G	5'11"	170	2015	ATLANTA, GA	OAK HILL
11	THADDEUS MIDDLETON	F	6'6"	200	2016	CHARLESTON, SC	MT. ZION CHRISTIAN
12	ALTERIQUE GILBERT	G	5'11"	170	2016	LITHIONA, GA	MILLER GROVE
21	GREG WILLIAMS	G	6'5"	170	2016	LYNCHBURG, VA	GENESIS ACADEMY
23	MEKHI DULA	G	6'5"	195	2015	LENOIR, NC	WEST CALDWELL
24	CONNOR SHORTEN	F	6'8"	230	2015	GLADSTONE, NJ	GILL ST. BERNARD'S
33	RAEKWON LONG	C	7'1"	260	2016	CHARLOTTE, NC	SCOTT COUNTY
0	ZAQWAUN MATTHEWS	G	6'4"	175	2015	CHARLOTTE, NC	MYERS PARK

TEAM FINAL

NUM.	NAME:	POS:	HT:	WT:	GRAD YEAR:	HOMETOWN:	SCHOOL:
3	DONTE DIVINCENZO	G	6'4"	183	2015	WILMINGTON, DE	SALESIANUM
5	LAMARR KIMBLE	G	6'0"	180	2015	PHILADELPHIA, PA	NEUMANN-GORETTI
10	LEVAN ALSTON JR.	G	6'4"	170	2015	HAVERFORD, PA	HAVERFORD SCHOOL
15	TREVAUGHN WILKERSON	F	6'7"	180	2015	PHILADELPHIA, PA	ROMAN CATHOLIC
20	TREY LOWE	G	6'6"	165	2015	EWING, NJ	EWING
21	AHMAD GILBERT	F	6'6"	190	2015	PHILADELPHIA, PA	CONSISTUTION
23	MALACHI RICHARDSON	G	6'6"	195	2015	TRENTON, NJ	TRENTON CATHOLIC
24	KHALIEF TINLEY	G	6'1"	180	2015	PHILADELPHIA, PA	IMHOTEP
32	DENNIS TUNSTALL	F	6'7"	180	2015	MEDFORD, NJ	MEDFORD TECH
35	DERRICK WOODS	F	6'8"	180	2015	YAROLEY, PA	PENNSBURY

TEAM ROSTERS

TEAM PENNY

NUM.	NAME:	POS:	HT:	WT:	GRAD YEAR:	HOMETOWN:	SCHOOL:
1	DEDRIC LAWSON	F	6'8"	195	2016	MEMPHIS, TN	HAMILTON
2	K.J. LAWSON	F	6'7"	200	2015	MEMPHIS, TN	HAMILTON
3	DILLON MITCHELL	G	6'1"	180	2015	MEMPHIS, TN	WHITE STATION
4	NYCH SMITH	G	5'10"	175	2015	MEMPHIS, TN	WHITE STATION
5	KEVAUGHN ALLEN	G	6'3"	200	2015	NORTH LITTLE ROCK, AR	NORTH LITTLE ROCK
11	DONTE FITZPATRICK	F	6'5"	175	2015	MEMPHIS, TN	WHITE STATION
15	RENARD HILL	G	N/A	N/A	N/A	MEMPHIS, TN	N/A
23	TARRANCE BAKER	F	6'8"	N/A	2015	MEMPHIS, TN	HAMILTON
25	P.J. WASHINGTON	F	6'8"	215	2017	MEMPHIS, TN	LONE STAR
32	JUSTIN SMALL	F	N/A	N/A	N/A	MEMPHIS, TN	EAST

TEAM SCAN CARDINALS

NUM.	NAME:	POS:	HT:	WT:	GRAD YEAR:	HOMETOWN:	SCHOOL:
2	DEVONTE GREEN	G	6'3"	195	2016	BABYLON, NY	LONG ISLAND LUTHERAN
4	CHANCELLOR ELLIS	F	6'4"	210	2015	FREEPORT, NY	ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL
10	CHRIS ATKINSON	G	6'0"	160	2015	HEMPSTEAD, NY	LONG ISLAND LUTHERAN
11	BRYCE AIKEN	G	6'0"	185	2015	RANDOLPH, NJ	THE PATRICK SCHOOL
13	CHEICK DIALLO	F	6'9"	225	2015	BAMAKO, MALI	OUR SAVIOR NEW AMERICAN
14	KASSOUM YAKWE	F	6'7"	220	2016	CORAM, NY	OUR SAVIOR NEW AMERICAN
25	TYUS BATTLE	G	6'5"	200	2016	EDISON, NJ	GILL ST. BERNARD'S
31	THOMAS BRYANT	F	6'11"	235	2015	ROCHESTER, NY	HUNTINGTON PREP

TEAM ROSTERS

TEAM TAKEOVER

NUM.	NAME:	POS:	HT:	WT:	GRAD YEAR:	HOMETOWN:	SCHOOL:
1	BRYANT CRAWFORD	G	6'2"	182	2015	WASHINGTON, D.C.	GONZAGA
3	JUSTIN JENIFER	G	5'9"	160	2015	BEL AIR, MD	MILFORD MILL ACADEMY
4	FRANKIN HOWARD	G	6'6"	190	2015	WASHINGTON, D.C.	PAUL VI
5	KEVIN DORSEY	G	6'0"	170	2015	FAIRFAX, VA	PAUL VI
11	JOE HUGLEY	F	6'6"	200	2015	ROCKVILLE, MD	MAGRUDER
15	SAM MILLER	F	6'7"	215	2015	WASHINGTON, D.C.	GONZAGA
23	JOSH REAVES	G	6'4"	185	2015	FAIRFAX, VA	PAUL VI
24	MARCUS DERRICKSON	F	6'8"	250	2015	BOWIE, MD	PAUL VI
32	ABDULAI BUNDU	F	6'8"	200	2015	UPPER MARLBORO, MD	LARGO
33	GEORGIOS PAPAGIANNIS	C	7'1"	235	2015	AMAROUSIO, GREECE	WESTTOWN

TEXAS TITANS

NUM.	NAME:	POS:	HT:	WT:	GRAD YEAR:	HOMETOWN:	SCHOOL:
1	D.J. HOGG	F	6'8"	195	2015	PLANO, TX	PLANO WEST
3	SOSO JAMABO	G	6'4"	200	2015	PLANO, TX	PLANO WEST
4	MARQUES BOLDEN	C	6'11"	230	2016	DESOTO, TX	DESOTO
5	ISAAC ASRAT	G	5'11"	160	2015	RICHARDSON, TX	PLANO EAST
11	GRANT TROUTT	G	6'2"	170	2015	DALLAS, TX	EPISCOPAL SCHOOL
12	DJERY BAPTISTE	C	6'11"	230	2015	HAITI	PRESTONWOOD CHRISTIAN
22	KING MCCLURE	G	6'4"	205	2015	OUILLA, TX	TRIPLE A ACADEMY
34	TYLER DAVIS	C	6'10"	275	2015	PLANO, TX	PLANO WEST
0	MICKEY MITCHELL	F	6'9"	256	2015	PLANO, TX	PLANO WEST

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THE FAMILY

NUM.	NAME:	POS:	HT:	WT:	GRAD YEAR:	HOMETOWN:	SCHOOL:
1	ERIC DAVIS	F	6'3"	175	2015	SAGINAW, MI	ARTHUR HIL
3	A.J. TURNER	G	6'6"	185	2015	NEW HAVEN, MI	NEW HAMPTON
5	ROBERT EDWARDS	G	6'3"	N/A	2015	DETROIT, MI	DETROIT CASS TECH
10	FRED JONES	F	5'10"	165	2015	DETROIT, MI	EAST ENGLISH
11	LATIN DAVIS	G	5'11"	170	2015	YPSILANTI, MI	MILAN
15	NESHUA WISE	F	6'4"	170	2015	GRAND BLANC, MI	FLINT SOUTHWESTERN
21	TREVOR MANUEL	F	6'9"	190	2015	LANSING, MI	OAK HILL
23	JAIRE GRAYER	G	6'5"	185	2015	GRAND BLANC, MI	FLINT SOUTHWESTERN
31	FRANK DUKAJ	C	6'9"	200	2015	DAVISON, MI	DAVISON
33	ISIAH GREEN	F	6'6"	185	2015	SOUTHFIELD, MI	SOUTHFIELD
44	JULIUS PALMER	C	6'9"	200	2015	DETROIT, MI	WESTERN INTERNATIONAL
0	MILES BRIDGES	F	6'7"	190	2016	DETROIT, MI	HUNTINGTON PREP

THE TRAVELERS

NUM.	NAME:	POS:	HT:	WT:	GRAD YEAR:	HOMETOWN:	SCHOOL:
1	BRAXTON BEUERLY	G	5'11"	170	2016	HAZARD, KY	PERRY COUNTY CENTRAL
3	JAMES BOLDEN	G	6'0"	150	2015	COUINGTON, KY	HOLMES
4	CHRISTIAN THIENEMAN	F	6'6"	200	2015	LEXINGTON, KY	TRINITY
6	CAMRON JUSTICE	G	6'2"	180	2015	HINDMAN, KY	KNOTT CENTRAL
12	BRAD CALIPARI	G	6'0"	180	2015	MEMPHIS, TN	MACDOUFFIE SCHOOL
20	MATT ROSE	G	6'6"	190	2015	LEXINGTON, KY	LEXINGTON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
21	JALEN PERRY	G	6'2"	190	2015	LOUISVILLE, KY	BALLARD
22	DWAYNE SUTTON	F	6'5"	190	2015	LOUISVILLE, KY	MANUAL
23	CARSON WILLIAMS	F	6'6"	218	2016	OWENTON, KY	OWEN COUNTY
33	HARRISON BROWN	G	6'4"	195	2015	HUNTINGTON, WV	MILLER SCHOOL
44	ANDREW MCDONALD	F	6'7"	235	2015	NEWPORT, KY	NEWPORT CENTRAL CATHOLIC

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WINGS ELITE

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1	GOJKO DOKOVIC	F	6'9"	205	2015	ALEXANDER, AR	SOUTHWEST CHRISTIAN
3	CHRIS OWENS	G	6'3"	175	2015	BETHEL HEIGHTS, AR	SPRINGDALE
5	MALIK MONK	G	6'3"	185	2016	BENTONVILLE, AR	BENTONVILLE
10	LAWSON KORITA	G	6'3"	190	2016	LITTLE ROCK, AR	PULASKI ACADEMY
12	JAMARIO BELL	F	6'7"	225	2015	JUNCTION CITY, AR	JUNCTION CITY
14	KHALIL SPENCER	G	6'2"	170	2015	MEMPHIS, TN	B.T. WASHINGTON
23	MARLON HUNTER JR.	G	6'2"	202	2015	CORDOVA, TN	HOUSTON
24	MARQUISE POINTER	G	6'1"	200	2015	JONESBORO, AR	JONESBORO
25	VICTOR DUKES	G	6'4"	220	2015	JONESBORO, AR	JONESBORO
35	MELVIN FRAZIER	F	6'7"	205	2015	AVONDALE, LA	L.W. HIGGINS



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