

## HoopScoop 2007 National Camp Coverage

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The Junior All-American Camp at the Hoop Magic Sports Academy in Chantilly, VA was dominated by multi-dimensional athletes and players with quality size, but, at the end of the day, it was a pair of point guards - 6'0 8th Grader J-Mychael Reese from Bryan (H.S.) TX and 5'11 7th Grader Nigel Williams-Goss from Happy Valley, OR - who clearly established themselves as the best players in their age groups.

Williams-Goss is an athletic combo guard who not only was one of the most prolific scorers, but also was one of the most unselfish players in camp. As a matter of fact, Williams-Goss made at least one great pass in every quarter of the 7th Grade All-Star Game and, if his outside shot had been going down (all eight of his points came off transition), he easily would have been the MVP in that game. We're talking about somebody with excellent speed and quickness, a knack for being in the right place at the right time, tremendous court savvy and understanding of the game, and terrific ball handling and passing skills. And making the story even more interesting is the fact that Williams-Goss also is a great kid, an excellent student, and a vocal leader, as is evident by the fact that he was always the guy cheering the loudest for his teammates. Reese has a tendency to turn it off and on at this level, but he is similar to 6'1 Brandon Jennings from Mouth of Wilson (Oak Hill) VA, who is the #1-ranked senior nationally by the HOOP SCOOP, in that he's just flat out better than everybody else when he decides to turn it up a gear. And, this was especially evident near the end of regulation and in overtime in the all-star game, as he made several big shots, came up with a big steal, and made several key passes to help his team win the game. Reese does need to work on creating his own outside shoot, but he can hit the open jump shot, which he did four different times in the all-star game en route to 18 points and game MVP honors. Reese, who is unstoppable when he decides to go to the hole, also was clearly the better player when his team was matched up against the team with 6'4 8th Grader Jordan Price from Conyers, GA, despite the fact that Price had 34 points and Reese only had 17 points in that game. So, while Price did not unseat Reese as the #1-ranked player in the Class of 2012, he did clearly establish himself as one of the top five players nationally in his class. And, he did so while playing out of position, as he was totally unstoppable around the basket and in transition. In other words, Price played center in camp, but has the perimeter skills necessary to play out on the wing, although we would describe him as more of a slasher than a shooter, as he gets a lot of his points off the break and rarely looks for an outside shot.

In contrast, 6'1 8th Grader Daijan Palmer from Brooklyn, NY, who was one of the biggest enigmas in camp, doesn't have that problem, as is evident by the fact that he had a pair of 3-pointers and did most of his damage in the all-star game in transition. However, that's not why we like Palmer. Instead, what makes him so good is the fact that he's a force to be reckoned with inside, thanks to his tough hardnosed demeanor, excellent moves and ability to score around the basket, and excellent timing and anticipation. So obviously the question becomes do you want Palmer to stay inside, where he can take advantage of his size and strength, or do you want Palmer trying to do things away from the basket, where he runs the risk of following in the footsteps of players, like 6'0 Jr Josh Spivey from Aston (American Christian) PA or the next 5'11 Frosh Davontay Grace from Brooklyn, NY, who are already showing signs of having problems making the transition to a higher level. Another player who needs to continue to grow in order to be as effective as he was in this camp is 6'5 7th Grader Alex Foster from Plainfield, IL. We're talking the clear-cut choice for MVP honors in the all-star game, as Foster finished with 15 points and made a living off put-backs and using his athleticism around the basket. He also was one of the best players in camp at doing things away from the ball, like setting picks and screens, and he is clearly better right now than his club team teammate - 6'4 7th Grader Thomas Hamilton from Chicago, IL, who also was one of the best players in this age group in camp. But what makes Hamilton so intriguing is his potential to continue to grow. Remember, his father, who has the same name, is a 7-footer and already the younger Hamilton has got some toughness and post moves, which makes him tough to stop inside. We also were very impressed with 6'4 7th Grader Brian Bridgewater from Baton Rouge, LA and 6'7 8th Grader Virgil Tony Parker from Lithonia, GA, who were arguably the best true big men in the age groups. Bridgewater, who finished with 12 points in the 7th Grade All-Star Game, is a force to be reckoned, as he scores around the basket, blocks shots, rebounds, and doesn't take any prisoners. If what you see is what you get with Parker, then we're already talking about a darn good inside player at the big time college level. Parker is already a mammoth physical specimen, but he also has deceptive quickness, good hands, and excellent post moves, which makes him almost impossible to stop inside.

We also were impressed with a pair of athletic power forwards - 6'2 8th Grader Sydnie London from New Orleans, LA and 6'2 7th Grader Derrick Finner from Seattle, WA - that we'd never heard of prior to this camp, but who finished ranked among the top five players in their age groups in camp. They both are very athletic and are high energy guys around the basket and in transition, but they also showed enough perimeter skills and shooting range to project as wing players down the road. Also falling into the multi-dimensional category were 6'3 7th Grader Andrew Harrison from Richmond, TX, 8) 6'3 7th Grader Aaron Harrison from Richmond, TX, as they both brought the ball the court at times for their respective teams and played inside at the defensive end. However, in both cases we actually expected more and part of the problem is that both players may be too unselfish for their own good. Also playing well when compared to the rest of the players in camp, not quite living up to what 6'0 8th Grader LeBrent Walker from Jamaica, NY. One of my favorite players in camp 5'10 8th Grader Lynden Rose from Houston, TX. He's excellent at getting to the basket and can shoot the three when necessary, but really is forte is running the show and making those around him better. We also have to mention 6'2 8th Grader Kyle Anderson from North Bergen, NJ, who had five 3-pointers and 18 points and clearly was the MVP in the all-star game until 6'0 8th Grader J-Mychael Reese from Bryan (H.S.) TX took over the game at the end. Anderson is not that athlete and he needs to get meaner and tougher, but he might have had the highest basketball IQ of anybody in camp and he is also excellent at running the show. But we decided to list him at the 2-guard spot, because he'd get ranked higher at this position. We also were very impressed with the 6'3 8th Grader Michael Avery from Lake Sherwood, CA, who not only put up prolific numbers, but also passes extremely well and is tougher inside than we remember him being. We also have to mention 5'10 6th Grader Justin Jenifer from Baltimore, MD, who was only average most of the weekend when playing up in the 7th Grade Division, but put on a show in the 6th Grade All-Star Game, as he hit several threes, made some great passes, and scored 12 points in what was only a 20-minute game with a running clock. Several other players who really stepped up and played well in this game were 5'5 6th Grader Larenz Griggs from Lithonia, GA with 12 points, 5'0 6th Grader Zyon Brown from Richmond, VA with 10 points, 5'10 6th Grader Connor McCullough from Stilwell, KS with eight points, and 5'3 6th Grader Kadeem Wright from Richmond, VA with eight points.

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