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When **Joe Keller** started the *adidas Junior Phenom Camp* three-and-a-half years ago, I told him that sooner than later he would have plenty of competition. The second major player in this area quickly became **Mike Duncan**, who has run the *Midwest Elite Camp* in Columbus, OH each of the last two summers, and now it looks like **Clay Dade**, who will be running the *Junior All-American Camp* at the Hoop Magic Sports Academy in Chantilly, VA, is getting on the act.

The inaugural *Junior All-American Camp* will be held August 2nd-5th and, just like the *adidas Junior Phenom Camp*, this camp will feature many of the top 6th, 7th, & 8th Graders in the nation. Also like the *adidas Junior Phenom Camp*, the players at this camp will be selected from regional camps from around the nation. When one also finds out that people like **Mike Jones**, who is the head coach at Hyattsville (DeMatha) MD; **Kevin Sutton**, who is the head coach at Montverde (Academy) FL; and **Boo Williams**, who runs the *Boo Williams Summer League*; will be involved, there is no doubt that the *Junior All-American Camp* will be top-heavy with great players from Virginia, Florida, and the Washington, DC area, as well as all up and down the East Coast. And that appears to be one of the reasons why Dade is starting this camp. "We want to offer players and their parents on the East Coast an alternative to bearing the cost of having to fly across the country to attend a national camp for players in these groups," says Dade. But, at the same time, we're going to be able to attract players from all over the country from the 50 boys and girls regional camps that we will be running this spring." For more information we encourage you to click onto their web site, which can be found at [Junior All-American Camp.com](http://JuniorAll-AmericanCamp.com).

It also looks like Dade is already off to a good start in the business, because the *Maryland Boys Regional Junior All-American Camp*, which also was held at the Hoop Magic Sports Academy in Chantilly, VA on Saturday, December 2nd, was loaded with top area talent. It also featured special guest speaker, DeMatha head coach **Mike Jones**, who told Dade that about 80 percent of the players who attended the camp could really play. The games and drills were extremely competitive and the fundamental stations sessions were expertly run by former Montrose Christian assistants **Dave Adkins** (now at DeMatha) and **Josh Hutchinson** (Towson University). Also speaking at the game was George Mason assistant coach **Chris Caputo** and working the camp were **Mark Edwards** from Oxon Hill (H.S.) MD, **Leroy Allen** from the Mitchellville Trailblazers, **David Dickerson** from Hoop Kidz, **Alan Stein** from Elite Athletic Training Systems (EATS); and **Reggie Gardner** from DC Assault.

Some of the top individual performances at the Maryland Boys Regional Junior All-American Camp were turned in by 4'9 7th Grader **Myles Tate** from Brambleton, VA; 6'0 7th Grader **Jourdan Stickler** from Annapolis, MD; 5'8 7th Grader **Gavin Stephenson** from Columbia, MD; 5'9 6th Grader **Bradley Jacks** from Ft. Washington, MD; 5'3 6th Grader **Jamaal Greenwood** from Mitchellville, MD; 5'4 6th Grader **Aaron Alexander** from Woodbridge, VA; 4'9 5th Grader **Terrell Allen** from Upper Marlboro, MD, and 5'2 5th Grader **Cinque Reynolds** from Suitland, MD. Dade also tells us that Tate is a "ball handling wizard...creates very well for others...shoots consistently from perimeter...excellent scorer and penetrator...puts tremendous

pressure on a defense with his speed and quickness...superior court awareness...near perfect camp performance...playmaker...one to watch! Strickler plays extremely hard on every play at both ends...relentless offensive rebounder...shoots a high percentage from follow-ups and finishes off of interior passes...VERY active inside...blocks shots...better than average ball handler for size....does it all...dominated at 6-foot...uses his athleticism very well...led camp in scoring...consensus most outstanding player in camp. Stephenson is an interesting player with a broad range of abilities...high skill level...lefty who excels in transition passing ahead to open teammates or finishing himself...can handle contact and complete the play...has nice size at 5'8...big-time shooter...can score from inside and out...versatile...can play anywhere on the floor...very good defender. Jacks was the surprise of the camp...appears to not have a good feel for the game, but does everything a big man should...Takes up space...possesses a soft touch around basket...consistent inside scorer...VERY good hands...blocks shots....ran the floor very well catching in stride on several occasions and finishing...great size for 6th grade at 5'9, 162 lbs. Greenwood does a little bit of everything...good scorer...defender, and decent shooter. Alexander is a good athlete...nice size for 6th grader (5'3)...sixth-grade one-on-one champ possesses an array of moves...has a natural ability to score...gifted offensive talent who has nice overall skills. Allen is very savvy...plays older...confident...a dangerous shooter...scores well from anywhere and sets up teammates with timely passes...nice basketball IQ for young player. Reynolds is a left-hander who plays extremely hard...very shifty...good shooter...really scores well...could be a great defender...very confident out on the floor." Obviously it's a little early to start speculating on who will be at this camp, but Dade does tell us that he expects 4'7 6th Grader **Justin Jenifer** from Baltimore, MD, who he thinks is arguably the nation's #1 6th Grader, to be in attendance.