

New Stars Discovered In the Desert at Las Vegas Jr All-American Camp!

LAS VEGAS (December 7, 2009) – While it is true that the desert oasis of Las Vegas is known for its gambling, lavish hotels and night clubs as well as great shows like Cirque du Soleil plus other spectacular entertainment – it is also known as America's top destination for basketball. The NBA holds its summer league here. It's where USA Basketball holds its Olympics practices, camps, and qualifying tournaments. And of course, perhaps it's best known as the location for many youth/high school grassroots tournaments from April through August. Well now the nation's No. 1 middle school exposure brand -- Jr All-American Camp -- can be added to that list of annual elite basketball events in the desert! Saturday and Sunday, December 5-6, the Las Vegas SuperRegional Jr All-American Camp was held. Boys 5th-8th graders raced up and down the court during both days while also working on their skills with top coaches in the development-fundamental stations sessions.

Scouts from *Rivals.com*, *WestCoastHoopsReport.com* and *jrScout* were on hand to check out the talent! Players came from the Las Vegas area, California, and even Idaho!

Congratulations to all of the following who participated!

Andrew Brown
Artis Parris
Brandon Edmond
Brian Hamada
Brian Igboke
Bryce Zephir
Cameron Glassen
Chase Nomaaea
Clifton Powell III
Cristian Delgado
Dee Kerrison
Derrick Miller Jr
Devin Newton
Eric Walker
Hassan Thomas
Isaac Deese
Isaiah LeBlanc
Jacob Davison
Jared Stutzman
Jeremy Davis
Joe Apodaca
Jordan Pitts
Joshua Benjamin
Joshua Chambers
Joshua Davis
Kahri White
Kameron Small
Ke'Jhan Feagin
Kendall Small
Kendall Smith
Khalil Thompson

Kihei Clark
Kyle Small
Lawrence McGee
Lyle Sutton
Maurice Tutt
Mike Meadows
Myles Franklin
Noah Robotham
Payton Moore
Quamaree Harris
Ryan Thornton
Scooter Smith
Tyler Cashman
Vincent Hernandez

Biggest Surprises

5th Grade / 2017: Kihei Clark, Reseda, CA. Magician with the ball. The most entertaining player in the camp. Just 4'6 but he's an extremely skilled ball handler and scorer with a great instinct for handling pressure. Makes plays for others or himself equally well. Quick! Quick! Quick! Gets to the basket with great moves and handle.

6th Grade / 2016: Ke'Jhan Feagin, Carson, CA. Plays under control. Impressed with his savvy. Has lots of natural talent. Can flat out do everything well. Shoots it, scores it really well. Extraordinary handle in traffic. Can make a play whenever he wants. Big upside.

7th Grade / 2015: Khari White, Los Angeles, CA. Came in unknown to scouts. By the end, he was one of the top players in the camp. Shot the ball really well. Very consistent, efficient scorer. Plays smart. Plays well with others. Rarely turns it over. Doesn't hurt his team. Unselfish yet assertive. Showed great leadership. Natural feel for the game.

8th Grade / 2014: Joe Apodaca, Long Beach, CA. Seemed to always be around the ball. Endless energy. Tough, hard-nosed competitor whose motor never stops. Finishes really well. Is in great condition.

Ones To Watch

5th Grade / 2017: Kyle Small, Anaheim, CA. Tenacious little man can get a bucket anytime, anywhere, any way. Very clutch player.

6th Grade / 2016: Quamaree Harris, Las Vegas, NV. Has not been playing the game long. Still raw offensively but already a force in the paint at 6-foot-3 with long arms. Will get better, fast!

7th Grade / 2015: Hassan Thomas, Carson, CA. Long, lanky. Played inside most of the camp while playing up vs. more experienced, bigger 8th-graders. Held his own. Got better and better as the camp went on. By Sunday afternoon he was attacking at will showing great confidence. He has a big future if he continues to grow and to improve his game facing as well as with his back to the basket.

8th Grade / 2014: Noah Robotham, Las Vegas, NV. Arrived late on Saturday but quickly settled in. Poised. Steady. Plays older than he is. Very high IQ on the floor. Extremely skilled dribbler and passer. Very unselfish, always looking for the open man. Doesn't over dribble. Runs the team well. Exhibits good leadership. Knocks down open shots with deep range. Plays very smart. Needs to get physically stronger. Needs to get tougher. Has chance to be big-time point guard. Future Mike Bibby-type?

Top Players

8th Grade / 2014: Tie, Isaac Deese and Brandon Edmond. Deese, a super-quick guard from Artesia, CA, went un-checked off the dribble. No one could stop him in the half court as he drove at will, often finishing with "and 1's" or also in transition. Edmond, a local football star, from Las Vegas, was the most physically-dominant prospect in the entire camp. Plays extremely aggressively at 190 pounds of solid muscle! A fierce competitor who took it at everyone. He was fearless going to the basket. But he also displayed a nice touch from the perimeter sinking several surprising three-pointers. Should play in the NFL some day.

Honorable Mention: Cristian Delgado, Jared Stutzman, Khalil Thompson, Artis Parris, Joe Apodaca, Noah Robotham, Jordan Pitts, Brian Igboke, Lyle Sutton

7th Grade / 2015: Kendall Small. Slick ball handler from Anaheim, CA, is a veteran of exposure camps. An all-star at the '09 national Jr All-American Camp, his game has grown - since we last saw him over the summer - just like his height has. In Vegas, he showed a willingness and ability to take and make outside shots. Can make eye-popping moves and also dish to teammates for scores. Few are better in transition. Excelled against 8th-graders.

Honorable Mention: Clifton Powell III, Kendall Smith, Kahri White, Hassan Thomas, Isiah LeBlanc, Cameron Glassen

6th Grade / 2016: Chase Nomaeea. At 6'1, he still wasn't the biggest sixth-grader but he was the most dominant. He showed all-court skills bringing the ball up the floor, scoring inside, rebounding with toughness, getting putbacks, blocking shots, and he has a really nice shooting stroke. He can play inside or outside. He's a very, very skilled and talented young prospect.

Honorable Mention: Devin Newton, Lawrence McGee, Joshua Davis, Joshua Chambers, Ke'Jhan Feagin, Quamaree Harris, Eric Walker, Derrick Miller

5th Grade / 2017: Kyle Small. Close call between he and Clark.

Honorable Mention: Kihei Clark, Scooter Smith, Myles Franklin, Bryce Zephir