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FALL HOOPS FEST

HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION



SPECIAL REPORT

FRESHMAN "TOP 20" GAME

2009 FALL HOOPS FEST
FRESHMAN GAME ROSTERS

North B

Coach: Chris Holloway (Tru Ballerz)

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| 2 | Lloyd Spece - 5'9" Catalina Foothills HS |
| 3 | Jordan Williams - 5'10 Desert Mountain HS |
| 4 | Khari Holloway - 6'1" Mountain Pointe HS |
| 5 | Jalen Richardson - 6'1" Maricopa HS |
| 6 | Kyle deLaveaga - 6'0" Horizon HS |
| 7 | Devin White - 6'2" Marco de Niza HS |
| 8 | Bryce Farabee - 6'1" Highland HS |
| 10 | Maurice Kirby - 6'7" Flagstaff HS |

South W

Coach: Brian Hopkins (Basha Freshman)

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| 3 | Cole Hayes - 5'10" Deer Valley HS |
| 4 | Travis Meeker - 5'10 Shepard Jr. HS |
| 6 | Jaron Hopkins - 5'11" Basha HS |
| 7 | Desmond Ross - 6'0" Kellis HS |
| 8 | Diego Magana - 6'2" Desert Mountain HS |
| 9 | Jeremias Cardenas - 6'3" Santa Rita HS |
| 10 | Torren Jones - 6'7" Basha HS |

Freshman Top 20 Game

The freshman that participated in this event were not your typical run of the mill freshman by any means, they were the “crème de la crème, the top freshman in the state and boy did they play like it. “They went hard out there today” said Chris Holloway coach of the North team. “This game was so competitive and played at such a high level it couldn’t do anything but make the players that played in this game better”.

Here is a look at the key match ups:



Jordan Williams



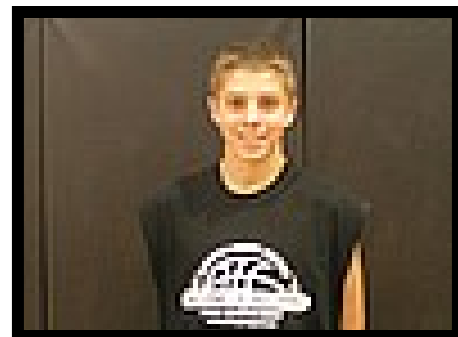
Jaron Hopkins



Jalen Richardson



Desmond Ross



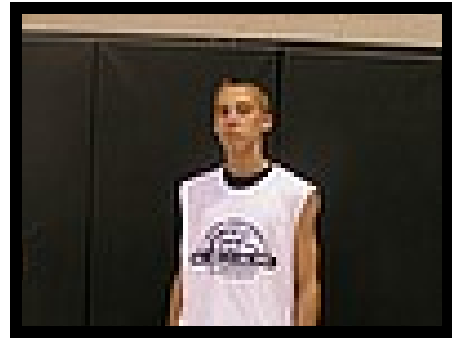
Kye deLaveaga



Travis Meeker



Khari Holloway



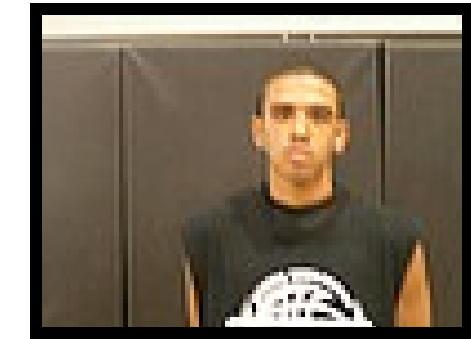
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Bryce Farabee



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Devin White



Jeremias Cardenas



Prime Time Baller Matchup of the Day



Maurice Kirby



Torren Jones

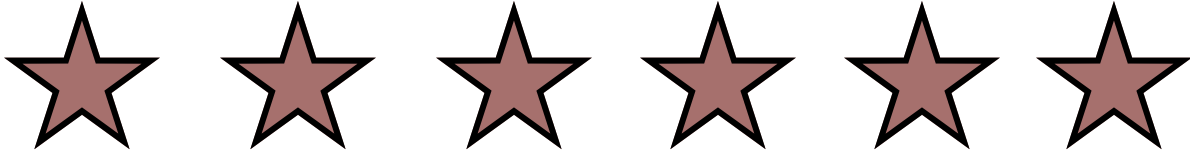
GAME SUMMARY

With a nice crowd on hand, the players were revved up and ready to go and once the game got started you could see that this game was going to be extremely competitive. The match ups formed at an instance and it was obvious that the South team had a defensive game plan, **DO NOT LET TORREN JONES GET OFF!**

With Jones being doubled throughout most of the first half it seemed as if the North team had a hard time getting the offense started. On the flip side, the South team was flowing like a water fall. Very solid inside/outside play from **Bryce Farabee** got the South team off to a great start jumping out to an early 15-6 lead but it was the inside presence and play of **Maurice Kirby** that made it tough for the South team to make the runs that were necessary to make the game closer.

It also became very obvious that the match up of the day: Kirby/Jones was on and poppin, neither player backing down, it was an epic battle. **Diego Magana** kept the North team in the game scoring on three separate occasions when it seemed as if the South team was about to run away with the game but it was going to take more than Magana to propel the North in this one.

Also playing well for the South team was **Khari Holloway**.



Holloway shot the ball with accuracy (3-5 in the game) and he shared the ball handling duties with **Jordan Williams**. Although **Jaron Hopkins** didn't do very much scoring, he showed superior ball handling skills and good court awareness and vision.

While **Torren Jones** continued to get doubled and the North squads offense continued to sputter, another player from the South team really started to pick his game up. **Devin White**, looked very impressive from midway thru the first half on. The South squad didn't roll over by any means, they scratched and clawed to keep the game from getting out of hand and went into the half down 32-20.

Midway thru the second half the South team seemed to have awakened as they went on a 7-0 run that was concluded with a **Jaron Hopkins** steal which led to a fast break and a violent two-hand throw down by none other than **Torren Jones** which led to an immediate time out called by coach Holloway.

While the South squad continued to fight as the game drew to a close, the South team seemed to have run out of gas and in the end it was clear that **Devin White** (9 pts) **Bryce Farabee** (8 pts) **Khari Holloway** (8 pts) and the two unusual suspects **Maurice Kirby** (10pts) and **Jordan Williams** (12 pts) proved to be too much for **Torren Jones** and the North squad as they cruised to 56-39 victory.

Game MVP's went to **Jordan Williams** 5'9 (PG) Desert Mt H.S. and **Maurice Kirby** 6'8 (P) Flagstaff H.S. Williams finished the game with 12 pts 1 rebound 1 steal and 1 assist while Kirby finished the game with 10 pts 3 rebounds 2 assist 2 steals 3 blocks.

"The South team played very well today" said Brian Hopkins coach of the North team. "We just couldn't get anything to fall throughout the game".

Kirby/Jones Match Up:

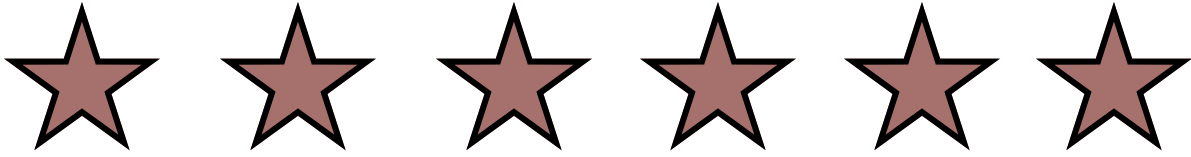
This was the first time that I have ever seen these two play against each other and as I watched this excellent match up, this battle of the young lions one thing was apparent, both of these young men are legit. Who is better? I guess that depends on who you ask. Jones is much more athletic and maybe a little more active and a great rebounder while Kirby has a more polished offensive game, Kirby has a nice jump hook and a nice mid range jumper to go with it. They are both outstanding defensive players with a knack for blocking shots.

There's no doubt that both of these young men have very bright futures ahead of them and they will represent the state of Arizona very well.

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FRESHMAN GAME STATS

North	Points	Rebounds	Assists	Steals	Blocks
Lloyd Spece	1		1		
Jordan Williams	12	1	1	1	
Khari Holloway	8	1	1		
Jalen Richardson	2		1	3	
Kyle deLaveaga	3	1	4		
Devin White	9	4			1
Bryce Farabee	8	1		2	
Maurice Kirby	10	3	2	2	3

South	Points	Rebounds	Assists	Steals	Blocks
Cole Hayes					
Travis Meeker			1	1	
Jaron Hopkins	4	2	2		
Desmond Ross	6		2	1	
Diego Magana	12	1			
Jeremias Cardenas	7	6			
Torren Jones	10	12		2	4



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Congratulations to all of the players that participated in the freshman top 20 game, they all represented well.

Jones and Kirby both said that they can't wait until March which is when we will be having the post season all-state top 20 games.

"That was a good game but I can't wait until the next one, just you wait and see" says Jones.

The saga continues.....



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The Sophomore Top 20 Game

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