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SPECIAL REPORT

SENIOR "TOP 20" GAME

2009 FALL HOOPS FEST
SENIOR GAME ROSTERS

NORTH

Coach: Eric Grey (Jump Athletics)

Antonio Blevins - 6'1" Corona del Sol HS

Duncan Schramm - 6'4" Desert Vista HS

Joseph King - 6'4" Greenway HS

Jonathan Wilt - 6'6" Hamilton HS

Clinton Lewis - 6'8" Casa Grande HS

Derek Detrick - 6'8" Ironwood HS

Ronny Spoon - 6'8" Perry HS

Blondy Baruti - 6'9" Mesa HS

SOUTH Coach: Marlon Rhymes (Camelback Varsity)

Byron Rhymes - 6'0" St. Mary's HS

Garrett Green - 6'1" Dobson HS

Rashawn Miles - 6'2" Cactus HS

Bryan Rhymes - 6'2" St. Mary's HS

Austin Moyers - 6'4" Williams Field HS

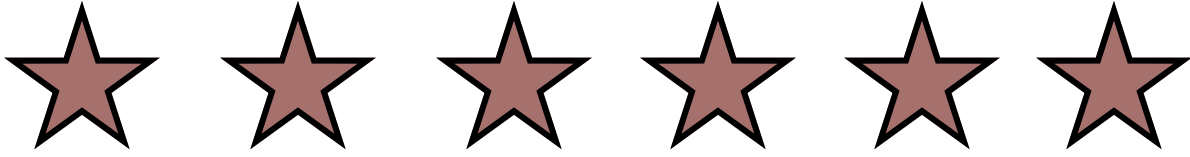
Brandon Burnett - 6'6" Cienga HS

Cameron Akins - 6'6" Mountain Ridge HS

James Thomas - 6'7" Millennium HS

Forest Stolk - 6'9" KB Prep

Tres LaChance - 6'10" Sandra Day O'Connor HS



TOP 20 SENIOR GAME PREVIEW

Size To Be A “BIG” Issue In This Game

The Senior Top 20 game was very competitive just like the 3 games before it.

While the “usual suspects” played well, there were some “unusual suspects” that burst on the scene for this one. With the size of the players in this game being a much “BIGGER” factor, it made for a very physical and grind it out kind of game which called for a slower pace but guard play was still one of the focal points of this game.

The physicality and “in the paint banging” definitely took center stage for the game.

“Man, there’s a lot of size out there” said coach **Eric Grey** of Jump Athletics and coach of the North team.

The North team had 7 players that were 6’5 or taller including **Duncan Schramm** 6’5, **Joseph King** 6’6, **Jonathan Wilt** 6’7, **Ronny Spoon** 6’8, **Derek Detrick** 6’8 and **Blondy Baruti** 6’9.

The South team coached by Arizona school boy legend and now varsity basketball coach at Camelback H.S. **Marlon Rhymes** had 6 players that stood 6’5 or taller which included 6’5 **Austin Moyers**, 6’6 **Brandon Burnett**, 6’6 **Cameron Akins**, 6’7 **James Thomas**, 6’9 **Forest Stolk**.

Let’s look at the Key Matchups ...

Senior Top 20 Game

Key Match-Ups



Blondy Baruti



Forest Stolk



Out of Mesa H.S. the 6'9 PF who's body and game is "college ready" **Blondy Baruti** who will be looking to make a statement that he is the top post prospect in the state is matched up against the BIG, Burly, high end rebounder 6'9 **Forest Stolk** out of KB Prep a charter school in Chandler.



Jonathan Wilt



James Thomas



The next matchup is another solid and evenly squared face off, it involves the 6'7 space eating PF **James Thomas** out Millennium H.S. and the 6'6 surprise player **Jonathan Wilt** whose stock has risen a little bit over the past 3 months which was a result of **Wilt's** participation a few events that got some recognition to come his way.



Senior Top 20 Game

Key Match-Ups



Duncan Schramm



Austin Moyers



Duncan Schramm, the 6'5 sharp shooting WF out Desert Vista H.S. had an excellent summer for his H.S. team, will face up with **Austin Moyers** the 6'5 rough, rugged G/F out of Williams Field H.S. who also has come on pretty strong as of late with very good showings at two of **Ron Coleman's** events this fall.



Antonio Blevins



Garrett Green

The point guard PTBr matchup feature the 6'1 very strong, thick, quick and athletic PG out of Dobson H.S. **Garrett Green**, who has been among the top PGs in his class ever since he was in the 7th grade but a knee injury his freshman year caused him to miss a little over a year ½ but is now definitely over that knee injury and ready to square up with 6'2 **Antonio Blevins** an underrated point guard out of Corona Del Sol H.S. who's out to prove that not only can he perform at the this level but wants to prove that he's a "top tier" prospect to be overlooked no more.

Prime Time Baller Matchups of the Day



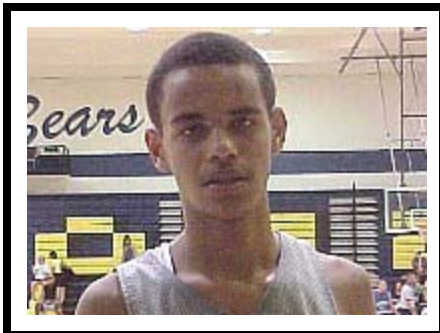
Ronny Spoon



Tres LaChance



The games first Prime Time Baller matchup is with the 6'10 **Tres LaChance** out of Sandra Day O'Conner H.S. who is arguably the top post player in the state of Arizona regardless of class; against BIG **Ronny Spoon** the 6'8 multi-talented/skilled PF out of Perry H.S.



Derek Detrick



Cameron Akins



The games second PTBr matchup is a much anticipated one as the 6'6 multipurpose forward **Cameron Akins** out of Mt. Ridge H.S. will have a very tall order as he's matched up against probably the most intriguing player throughout the SR class, that player is 6'8 combo forward **Derek Detrick** out of Ironwood H.S.



Prime Time Baller Matchups of the Day



Joseph King



Brandon Burnett



The games third PTBr matchup is a good one.



On one hand, you have the very steady and consistent 6'4 GF outside shooting threat **Joseph King** out of Greenway H.S. and on the other, you have one of the top players in the state regardless of class or position the 6'6 do it all C/G **Brandon Burnett** out of Tucson's Cienega H.S.



Other Top Players to Watch ...



Although he's a SR; he's still a new kid on the block, a fresh face with loads of potential, I'm talkin about **Clinton Lewis** playing on the North team is a 6'9 P/F out of Case Grande H.S.



Playing on the South team in this game, is the 6'2 physical, hard-nosed C/G out of Cactus H.S. **Rashawn Miles**.

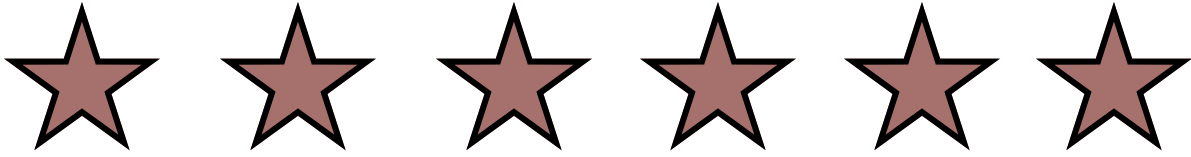


For the South team the lightening quick PG with a host of moves in his arsenal 6'0 **Byron Rhymes** out of St. Mary's is looking to have a mega performance since learning that he will not be allowed to play his SR season while being ruled ineligible by the AIA a few weeks back.



Also for the South team is the 6'2 athletic, top notch scoring CG **Bryan Rhymes** out of St. Mary's who also was ruled ineligible for the entire season by the AIA.





TOP 20 SENIOR GAME SUMMARY

Tip Off - Let the Game Begin!

Once the ball was jumped and both teams had a couple of possessions, it was all so clear to me that this game would emulate an NBA eastern conference playoff game in the early and mid 90's when guard play was great but the inside post play ruled.

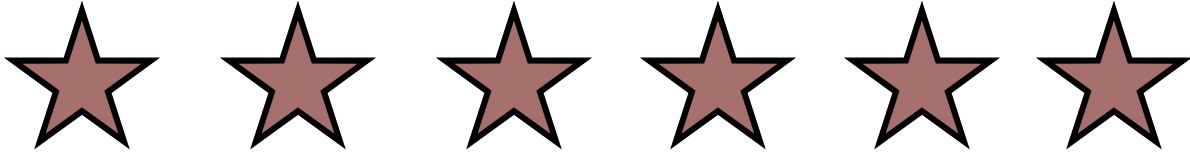
This type of game seem to favor the physical PG for the South team **Garrett Green** who got started early by dishing out two assist in a row, one to a wide open **James Thompson** for a layup and another to **Tres La Chance** for a mid range jumper to give the South team an early 4-0.

The North team started off having missed their 1st 3 shots from the field and it looked as if the South team would take a 6-0 lead when **Byron Rhymes** penetrated the middle and dished a no look pass to a wide open **Cameron Akins** but when **Akins** went up to finish the ball slipped out of his hands and ended up in the hands of **Clint Lewis** who then outlet the ball to **Joseph King** who then made another outlet pass to **Antonio Blevins**.

Blevins, the 6'2 PG took a couple of dribbles past the free throw line then pulled up for an open jumper which he nailed to give the North team their first basket of the game. As play resumed midway through the first half the game was nip and tuck, no one could seem to make a run or an attempt to pull away.

Joseph King then received a pass from **Antonio Blevins** and drove the ball to the basket only to get a charge call.

While the North team seemed to have gotten caught up with letting the referees know how displeased they were with the call, the South team inbounded the ball and off to the races they went.



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Forest Stolk inbounded the ball to **Rashawn Miles** who then took a few dribbles, tossed up a no look lob high in the air and the extremely athletic 6'6 CG **Brandon Burnett** jumped off of 2 feet, very high into the air, caught the ball with one hand and viciously slammed the ball and the crowd rose to their feet with excitement and cheering as if to say to **Burnett** "do it again".

After a time out called by Coach **Grey** of the South team play intensified as the matchups began to unfold.

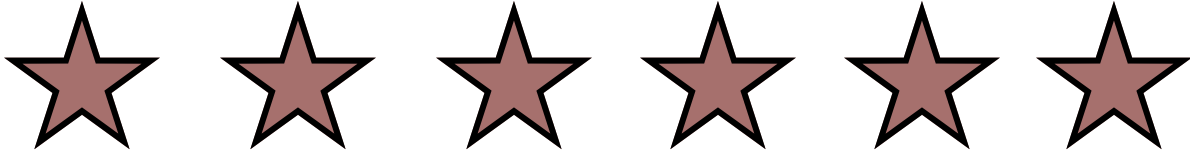
Derek Detrick of the North team got started by hitting a mid range jumper then a 3 to give the North team a 29-26. Shortly thereafter, **Bryan Rhymes** stepped into the party by getting to the basket and drawing the foul, hitting 2 free throws and then hitting a mid range jumper to give the South team a 30-29.

Not to be out done **Duncan Schramm** also got into the act by sinking a deep three from the top of the key for the North team and the BIG fella **Ronny Spoon** took it upon himself to show everyone that he has added lots of range to his offensive weaponry by hitting a deep 3 of his own to give the North team somewhat of a commanding 35-30 lead with four minutes to go in the half.

As **Byron Rhymes** dribbled down court and began to run the offensive set for the South, **Rhymes** noticed **Brandon Burnett** creeping back door and in an instance, **Rhymes** lobbed the ball up in the air near the hoop and once again **Brandon Burnett** leaps high into the air to catch the pass and flush it home with two hands this time answering the crowds request for a second throw down which sent the crowd into a cheering frenzy and also cutting the North teams lead to 35-32.

While **James Thomas** for the South team was having a very good 1st half, **Byron Rhymes** and **Garrett Green** continued to feed him the ball inside as **Thomas** was a perfect 5 of 5 from the field and the North teams **Antonio Blevins** was having a very strong showings as well.

Blevins numbers read: 6 pts 6 assist and 2 steals and **Thomas's** numbers read: 8 pts 10 rebs for the South team as the North team went into the half with a 42-40 lead.



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North or South? Who will make a run and pull away?

Coming out of the half down by 2, the South team seemed to have a little pep in their step.

Bryan Rhymes began to heat up for the South as he hit a couple of mid range jumpers along with a couple of layups by **Garret Green** and the South team was all of a sudden in the driver's seat .

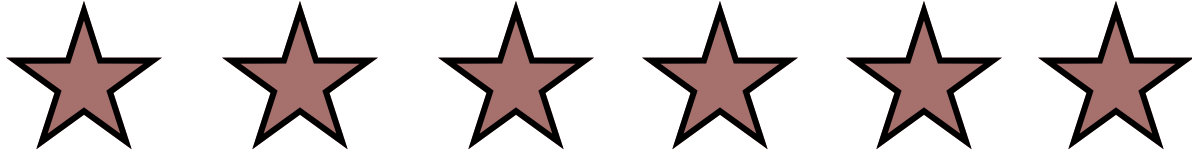
However, **Duncan Schramm** and **Derek Detrick** of the North team weren't about to just relinquish the lead and momentum that easy. Each of them hit jumpers to keep the game from getting out of hand.

While the game continued to be a tit for tat, see-saw type of battle, post play continued to be crucial.

The South teams **Brandon Burnett** and back court mate **Garrett Green** continued to play very solid basketball by controlling the tempo and making the right decisions with the ball whether it was taking the right shot at the right time or getting the ball into the right person's hands at the right time.

While the post players were battling it out, **Antonio Blevins** of the North team just would not let up as he got started once again by hitting two 3's in a row giving the North team a 59-53 lead.

Once again a "usual suspect" steps up to hit a jumper from the corner to cut the North teams lead to 4, 59-55 and that "usual suspect" was **Brandon Burnett**.



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After a **Derek Detrick** miss, the South teams **Forest Stolk** grabbed the rebound and made an outlet pass to **Cameron Akins** who dribbled the ball up the court looking for an open man. As he was looking for an open teammate, the middle began to part like the red sea and **Cameron** kept his dribble and drove all the way to the basket and scored a layup for the South team which cut the North teams lead to 59-57.

As time ticked off of the clock the game continued to stay close, it was like a tug of war competition, one team score and the other would come down and score, there was no pulling away in this one.

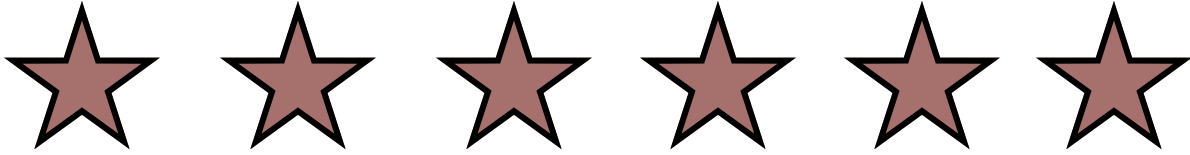
With the North team holding on to a 59-57 lead South teams **Byron Rhymes** went for the lead when he pulled up for a deep 3 from the top of the key to and put his team up by one but his shot rimmed in and out as.

Jonathan Wilt rebounded the miss and outlet the ball to **Blevins** who'd seen a streaking **Tres LaChance**. **Blevins** then outlet the ball to a wide open **Tres LaChance** who finished the play with a monster two handed slam which put the North team up 61-57 which seemed to all but finish the South team.

THE DEEP 3

With the North team clinging on to a four point 61-57 lead with just under 3 minutes left in regulation the look of desperation began to set in on the players of the South team faces as they began to make uncharacteristic crosscourt passes in attempt to find the open man for a 3.

Luckily, they did just that. **Garrett Green** drove down to the right baseline and when the defense collapsed, Green, all in one motion stopped, turned, jumped in the air and made a cross court pass to an open **Bryan Rhymes** who nailed the 3 cutting the North teams lead to 61-60.



With under a minute left to play in regulation, the North team had possession and they were up by one 61-60 when Coach **Eric Grey** signaled to his players on the court to run the time out .

It looked as if they were going to do just that when **Cameron Akins** stepped into the passing lane with only 10 seconds remaining on the game clock igniting the fast break for the South team.

Akins passed the ball to an open **Rashawn Miles** and as **Miles** went up to score what would've been the game winning layup **Miles** was fouled by **Ronny Spoon** of the North team sending **Miles** to the line with an opportunity to win the game for the South team.

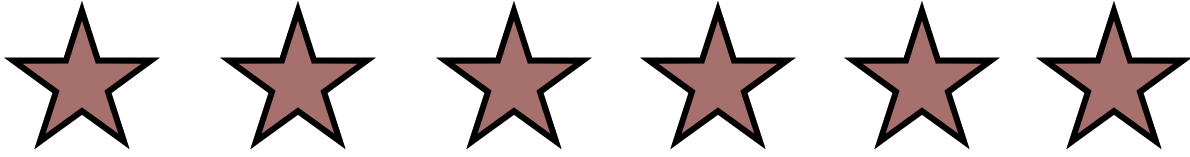
With 1.9 seconds remaining on the game clock **Rashawn Miles** stepped up to the free throw line and made the first free throw bringing the crowd to their feet with anticipation for the outcome of this topsy-turvy rollercoaster of a game.

The tension started to mount for **Miles** as he stepped up to the free throw line for the second free throw, the shot goes up but it rattles in and out which sent the game into overtime.

OVERTIME!

In the overtime **Antonio Blevins**, **Derek Detrick** and **Blondy Baruti** all played well for the North. **Garrett Green**, **Bryan Rhymes**, **Byron Rhymes** and **Brandon Burnett** played equally well for the South. The overtime however belonged to **James Thomas** the "unusual suspect". **Thomas** scored 6 pts in the overtime and led the South team to a 74-72 victory.

"Wow, this was such a competitive and hard fought game" said South Coach **Marlon Rhymes**, "this year's SR class is very strong". "I'm so happy with the way I played, I don't even know what to say" said **James Thomas** of the South team. "I'm just thankful for having this opportunity" said **Thomas**.



PRIME TIME BALLER MATCHUPS

Ronny Spoon / Tres LaChance

This PTBr matchup was a solid big man matchup.

Ronny Spoon showed everyone that his game is multi faced with a few different offensive tricks up sleeves, **Spoon** looked a lot better in this game compared to the couple of times I'd seen him prior to this event.

Ronny is a BIG kid who has very good offensive skills that can and will give the opposition problems with his new found ability to step out and hit the deep ball. **Ronny** is a mid level D1 prospect who can improve even more if continues to work hard.

Tres LaChance is BIG TIME talent who has BIG TIME written all over him.

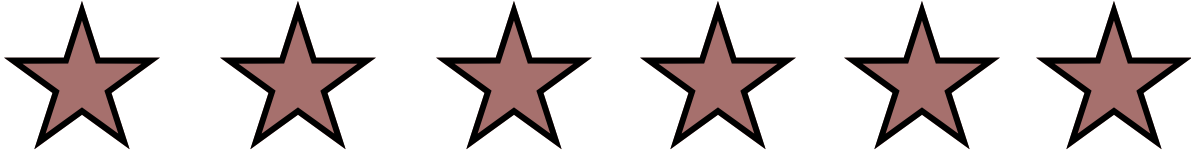
Although **LaChance** did not have big numbers in this game he still showed flashes of what he could become. Tres is a mid to high level D1 prospect whose best is yet to come.

Cameron Akins / Derek Detrick

Derek Detrick had a very good game hitting a couple of "BIG" baskets and **Derek** also had a couple of "BIG" defensive plays in this game.

With **Derek** being 6'8 he caused the South team many problems on both ends of the floor which was one of the reasons why the North team was victorious. **Derek** is a "high caliber" prospect who I believe can play in a conference like the PAC 10 and be a contributor as a freshman.

Cameron Akins is a very solid prospect that plays the same way each time out. It was obvious from the start of the game that **Cameron** sacrificed some of his offensive game by focusing on defending **Derek Detrick**. **Cameron** will definitely receive a D1 college basketball scholarship but where and what level is the question that remains.



PRIME TIME BALLER MATCHUPS

Joseph King / Brandon Burnett

Joseph King had a fair showing overall.

Joseph is a “BIG” guard who can also post up effectively.

Like **Cameron Akins**, **Joseph** geared most of his attention in this game to doing a good defensive job on **Brandon Burnett** but this young man is a well known outside shooter.

It's possible that **Joseph** could receive a D1 scholarship but if not he could definitely play at the D2, D3, NAIA or JC level.

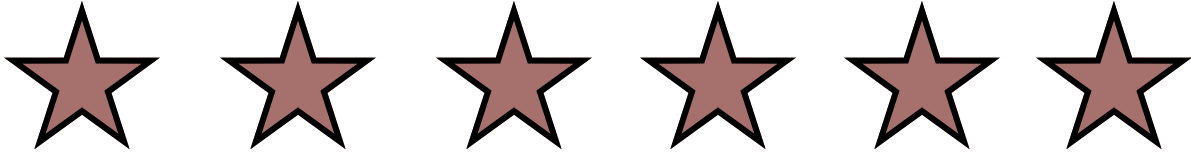
Brandon Burnett is one of the most athletic players in the state and it doesn't hurt that he's 6'6 220lbs and a guard.

Burnett play very well in this game. He was able to show his athleticism, his ball handling ability, his outside shooting and his defense.

Brandon was able to impose his will on the North team throughout the game.

This young man is definitely a D1 prospect and I guarantee that he will have a very good offer on the table by the spring.





A LOOK AT THE NUMBERS

NORTH TEAM STATS

Antonio Blevins scored 19 points, 8 rebounds and dished out 4 assists and earned team MVP honors.

Derek Detrick had an MVP like performance scoring 17 points, grabbing 8 rebounds, and 1 assist.

Duncan Schramm played very well scoring 13 points, snatching down 2 rebounds and dishing out 3 assists.

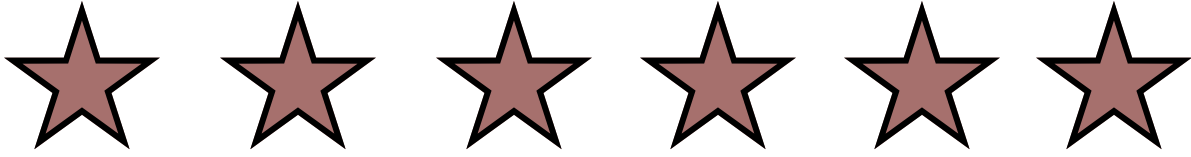
BIG **Ronny Spoon** also played well scoring 8 points, grabbing 6 rebounds and adding 3 assists to his stats.

Blondy Baruti had a well rounded performance scoring 8 points and grabbing 8 rebounds.

Jonathan Wilt contributed 6 points, 5 rebounds, 5 assists.

Joseph King added 4 points, 2 rebounds, and 2 assists.

Clinton Lewis rounded out the North's efforts with 2 points, 2 rebounds, and 2 assists.



A LOOK AT THE NUMBERS

SOUTH TEAM STATS

James Thomas had one of the better performances of the day by scoring 18 points and grabbing 11 rebounds earning him game MVP honors for the South team.

Bryan Rhymes had an outstanding all around performance as well by scoring 14 points, grabbing 2 rebounds, dishing out 3 assists and adding 4 steals.

Brandon Burnett had a very solid performance by scoring 11 points and grabbing 5 rebounds.

Garret Green took advantage of the opportunity, and played very well scoring 12 points, 2 rebounds, 3 assists, and 3 steals.

Tres LaChance played his position very well scoring 6 points, pulling down 7 rebounds and adding 1 steal.

Austin Moyers contributed 3 points and 4 rebounds.

Cameron Akins had 3 points and 5 rebounds.

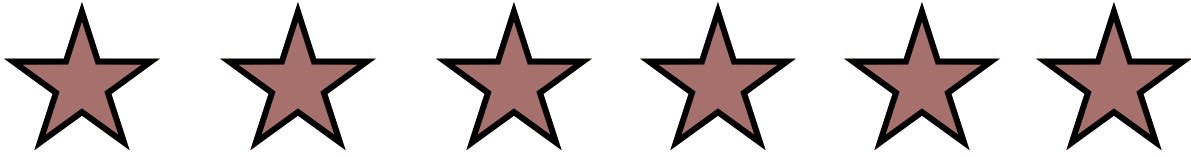
Forest Stolk added 2 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal, and 1 block .

Rashawn Miles helped his team with 2 points, 1 rebound, 2 assists, and 1 steal.

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North	Points	Rebounds	Assists	Steals	Blocks
Antonio Blevins	19	8	4		
Derek Detrick	17	8	1		
Duncan Schramm	13	2	3		
Ronny Spoon	8	6	3		
Blondy Baruti	8	8			
Jonathan Wilt	6	5	5		
Joseph King	4	2	2		
Clinton Lewis	2	2	2		

South	Points	Rebounds	Assists	Steals	Blocks
James Thomas	18	11			
Byran Rhymes	14	2	3	4	
Brandon Burnett	11	5			
Garrett Green	12	2	3	3	
Tres LaChance	6	7		1	
Austin Moyers	3	4			
Cameron Akins	3	5			
Forest Stolk	2	2	1	1	1
Rashawn Miles	2	1	2	1	



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The 1st annual preseason all-state top 20 games were huge successes and we here at Arizona Hoops Report achieved our goals which were to find/discover players that can play and that deserved provide them with the opportunity to showcase their abilities in an environment and structure that would allow them to have a good showing.

The days of just a “hand full of players” receiving all of the attention is over and as you can see from this event, there are lots of players that are just waiting for the opportunity to take advantage of it.

I hope you enjoyed the preseason all-state top 20 games along with the extensive coverage.

We here at www.azhoopsreport.com will continue to bring you one of a kind exclusive coverage on middle school and high school basketball so stay tuned for coverage of the preseason all-star top 20 games for Arizona middle school players which will be held November 29th at Mesquite H.S.

See you there.

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