

PHENOMNATIONHOOPS.COM - 2010 SWISH & DISH - 13U RECAP

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Earlier this month the 5th annual Swish & Dish Spring Warm-Up tipped off the grassroots travel season and a strong group of 7th grade prospects took the floor in the 13U division looking for the coveted tournament championship. When the dust settled it was Darion King and the Playground Elite who captured the ship but a host of prospects made their mark. Here's a look at a few along with the 13U All-Tournament team...

(NOTE - LISTED IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER)

JOFFERY BROWN - PLAYGROUND ELITE

Slashing wing talent who scores in transition and can put it in the hole when he gets it going. Attacks the rim well off the bounce and showed decent range as well. An athletic slashing scoring talent who continues to take steps forward every time he takes the floor.

ALEX BUCHOLZ - WISCONSIN BLIZZARD

Raw but with lots of upside and potential. Bucholz is a solid interior talent who showed flashes of dominance rebounding and scoring the basketball in the paint. Keep an eye on this young man.

CARTER BURNS - KINGDOM HOOPS

Skilled and instinctive talent, Burns was a model of consistency throughout the weekend as he showed an above average skill package and combined that with solid court awareness and made things happen.

ANDRE CARROL - MYL

One of the top performers on the weekend, Carrol created havoc with his ability to make things happen and score the basketball. Led his team to the championship game with a strong weekend showing and put his name on the map in the process.

ANTHONY CARVER - MYL

Turned in a couple of solid efforts and as his consistency and production improve game in and game out expect his name to surface more and more. One to watch.

KARIM COLE - MILWAUKEE SPARTANS

Continues to display strong scoring ability, nice range on his stroke, solid instincts and has a great feel for the game for a young talent. With continued growth and development both skill wise and physically, Cole should blossom into a solid prospect in the coming years.

NICK COLEMAN - PLAYGROUND ELITE

Handles the ball well, sees the floor well and has excellent range on his stroke. Turns in a solid floor game for the most part and is one of the strong young prospects on the rise in the Midwest.

BRENNAN GILLIS - INDY HOOSIERS

Plays alongside one of the best in the country so it's easy to forget him but throughout the weekend he made plays, put the ball in the basket, and was solid game in and game out. Another of the promising talents to keep an eye on as he continues to grow and mature in the coming years.

GRANT GRAHAM - KINGDOM HOOPS

A skilled talent with solid range and an ability to make plays on both ends of the floor. Graham was solid throughout the weekend and looks the part of another Iowa talent to keep tabs on.

JERRY HART - GREG JENNINGS SELECT

A couple of very strong performances put his name on the radar during the weekend. Hart can score the basketball but his consistency and production game in and game out will need to continue to improve. Solid showing nonetheless and definitely one to watch.

NATE HUBBARD - MILWAUKEE SPARTANS

Turned in an excellent effort much like teammate Kareem Cole as Hubbard scored the rock with consistency and made plays. Keep his name in mind as he's one of the strong 7th grad prospects in the state to pay attention to.

BRANDON HUTTON - ILLINOIS FLASH

Arguably one of the most athletic and explosive athletes in the middle school ranks already, Hutton is raw skill wise but has

ridiculous bounce for his age and opened eyes with that tool alone. When it comes to slashing wing talents with upside and athleticism, Hutton is on the board with most.

DARION KING - PLAYGROUND ELITE

M.V.P. of the 13U division as he was virtually unstoppable with each passing game. Excellent size, scores the basketball, and has the ability to dominate the paint game in and game out. The measuring stick right now for 13U prospects in the Badger state and one of the best in the country.

ADAM MCDERMOTT - IOWA BARNSTORMERS

Skilled, instinctive, and has the ability to take over the game. Range extends beyond the arc. This young man should be an excellent prospect before it's all said and done.

MALIAK MERRIAM - GREG JENNINGS SELECT

Was dominant game in and game out. Scored the basketball, finished around the rim and opened eyes with a solid overall weekend effort.

JOHN SIEGIEN - ILLINOIS RISING STARS

Was consistently impressive game in and game out and opened eyes with a solid overall performance. With continued growth and development, Siegien should be a solid talent in the coming years.

DIAMOND STONE - MYL

Another of the prized young bigs on the rise in the state, Stone has the ability to make an impact right now just by standing in the paint. Showed flashes of being able to finish, created havoc on the defensive end with his size and length, etc. Consistency, effort, and skills need to continue to develop to reach his potential.

KENNETH WALTON - INDY HOOSIERS

One of the best in the country on a number of levels, Walton has excellent size, solid athleticism, and brings big time versatility to the court. Can score the basketball, attacks the rim well, has solid instincts, etc. With continued improvement he should be a major talent in the coming years.

DENNIS WILLIAMS - ILLINOIS FLASH

A long forward talent with solid handles and nice upside and potential. Showed flashes of big time potential throughout the weekend and definitely looks the part of another strong prospect in the state of Illinois to keep tabs on.

MYKELTI WILLIAMS - INDY HOOSIERS

Paired with Walton to form a formidable 1-2 punch that produced a Final Four finish at the tournament. Consistently brings an impact to the court and looks the part of yet another strong 7th grade talent on the rise in the country.

DONTE WOODS - PLAYGROUND ELITE

Continues to impress with his ability to make plays, stroke the jumper, etc. Has solid instincts, nice range, a great feel for the game, solid effort, and big time leadership qualities. Really like his overall impact when he takes the floor and his performance throughout the weekend is no exception.

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