

Fab Frosh All-American Camp Report

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Clay Dade's Inaugural Fab Frosh All-American Camp was rolled out this past weekend to rave reviews. The first year event was held at the beautiful and state of the art Hoop Magic facility located in Chantilly, Virginia. The camp played host to 120 of the top rising freshmen in the country and delivered on it's promise of top-notch competition.

In terms of the format, each day of the camp began with a dynamic stretching program that flowed right into station work with the college and high school coaches. Each camper played three games on each of the first two days of camp and one game on the last day of the event. The camp culminated with a Top 40 All-American Game and a Top 20 All-American Game, with the Top 20 game being the more prestigious of the two games.

One of the unique features of the Fab Frosh camp was the presence of the twenty D-I college coaches who were on hand to coach and instruct the players. Not only did the coach's presences represent an excellent developmental opportunity, but the exposure aspects were significant as well. Add the fact that Clay Dade assembled an impressive list of high school coaches and it is easy to see why this camp was so special.

Below is a partial list of some of the top performers at the event. For a full report of the event visit the Buckeye Prep Report website at [Http://www.BuckeyePrepReport.com](http://www.BuckeyePrepReport.com)

Top Performer Notes

Michael Gilchrist, a 6'7 wing forward, Somerdale, NJ (St. Patrick HS), was simply amazing. On day one of the camp Gilchrist quickly established himself as one of the top players in the building. Gilchrist has good bounce and can dunk in traffic. Gilchrist also handles the ball well for his size and possesses the ability to shoot the 3 ball. Almost as impressive as his athleticism is Gilchrist's ability to guard smaller quicker players on the perimeter. One of the most impressive things about Gilchrist during the camp was his ability to beat his man off the dribble and to finish with a dunk.

Grandy Glaze, a 6'5 wing forward from Brampton, Ontario (Campion HS), proved that Canadians can produce top talent as well. Glaze showed good athleticism, was very active both offensively and defensively, and rebounded the ball well. He flashed a nice mid range shot and the ability to finish with his left hand. I plan to keep an eye on this player. Glaze is a major D-I prospect.

Stevie Taylor (pictured), a 5'8 point guard from Gahanna, Ohio (Gahanna Lincoln HS), was arguably the top point guard at the camp. Taylor was without a doubt the quickest guard in the camp. Not only does Taylor get easy separation from his defender, he's a double scorer and was one of the camp's top shooters. In the first game of the camp, Taylor exploded for 25 points, which included seven treys. Taylor shoots with range and he has both a midrange shot and a floater. With his solid handle and quickness, Taylor can create his own shot. Although many want to peg him as a shooting guard, Taylor does a good job of leading his team and distributing the rock with precision. Taylor has a high basketball IQ as well as an infectious personality. If he continues to grow and develop, Taylor has high major potential.

Johnny O'Bryant, a 6'8 power forward from Cleveland, MS (Eastside HS), was one of the most impressive big men at the camp. Although I didn't pay much attention to him early, by the time the camp was over, O'Bryant had played his way not only into the top 20 All-American game, but a high national ranking as well. This kid has a nice body, he is extremely strong, super athletic, he rebounds the ball aggressively and he is very active in the paint. I am telling you now, O'Bryant is a sure fire high major college prospect if he continues to develop.

Ramon Eaton, a 6'8 wing forward from Sacramento, CA (Sheldon HS), logged in an impressive performance as well. Eaton is bouncy with good size, he is super smooth and appears to be comfortable both in the post and on the perimeter. During the 3-day event, Eaton showed his athleticism as well as his ability to step outside and knock down the 3 ball. Once he tightens up his handle a little bit, look for Eaton to remain a legitimate high major D-I prospect going forward.

Prior to the camp there were a couple of players who I intended to take a close look at. One of those players was 6'1 wing guard **Tyrone Johnson** from Plainfield, NY (Plainfield HS). I had heard that Johnson was extremely talented but I did not appreciate just how talented he was until I had a chance to watch him play for several days. The first thing that strikes you about Johnson is the fact that he is super smooth, super skilled and has a real good feel for the game. Johnson has the ability to beat his man one-on-one with a solid handle, and he can also knock down the trey if left open. As I stated, Johnson has a real good feel for the game and does a good job in getting out in transition and scoring. Johnson is one of the best guard prospects at the camp and has definite high major potential.

Miles Mack, a 5'7 point guard, Patterson Catholic School in Patterson, NJ. Miles Mack is a scoring point guard who excels with dribble penetration and finishing at the bucket. He's got a nice little pull up J and he does a lot of his scoring in transition. In the Top 20 All-American Game, Mack proved he could also run a team as well as score. From what I hear, there were several college coaches at the camp who were very impressed with Mack's game and almost ready to make him a scholarship offer. Mack is a likely high major prospect.

Shaquille Stokes, a 5'9 point guard from New York, NY (St. Patrick HS), has long been considered one of the elite point guards in the nation in his class, and his performance this weekend did nothing to change the perception. Stokes is a scoring guard who uses dribble penetration as his primary weapon. Although he can get to the cup as well as anyone in this class, he'll also show signs that he can hit the perimeter shot. Stokes is strong, aggressive to the bucket, finishes well in traffic and has a nice transition game to boot. When Stokes develops a consistent perimeter game watch out. I expect to see Stokes playing in the Big East or ACC in a few years.

Tyler Adams, a 6'9 center from Brandon, MS (Brandon HS), was dominant in one of the games I watched. Adams is a big body who works hard to establish position in the low post. One of the best match ups in the camp was Adams vs. Julian Royals, where Adams was virtually unstoppable. Adams should be a good-looking post prospect going forward.

Julian Royal, a 6'6 center from Alpharetta, GA (Milton HS), put up big numbers during the camp. Despite his size, Royal was more effective from the perimeter, and showed that he can consistently knock down shots from the elbow out to the 3-point line. However, Royal's future is in the paint where he will need to concentrate a little more on his lost post game. As Royal gets stronger and more aggressive down low, his stock will continue to rise. Looking at Royal's body, he still appears very young with plenty of room for at least a few more inches of growth. Look for Royal to be a good-looking long-term post prospect.

Frankie Smalls, a 6'3 wing toward from Pennsauken, NJ (Paul VI), was quietly one of the top players on his team. Frankie Smalls is strong with a solid frame which he uses to go hard to the bucket where he finishes more times than not. Not only can he get to the rack, Smalls appears to have developed a perimeter game as well. He appears comfortable putting in on the floor as well as getting it done in the low post. Smalls is a bit undersized for his position so he will need to continue working on his perimeter game.

Juwan Moody, a 5'9 wing guard from Auburn Hills, MI (St. Mary's HS), re-established himself as an elite player on the national scene. Over the course of the 3 days, Moody was one of the best 3-point shooters in the camp. In several games I watched Moody got hot and hit multiple 3 pointers. As Moody gets stronger and develops the ability to get to the rack, look for his stock to rise.

One of the best things about these types of exposure camps is the opportunity they provide for undiscovered players to gain recognition. **Kyle Wiltjer**, a 6'7 center from West Linn, Oregon (Jesuit HS), made a statement during the week with his ability to shoot from the perimeter. What's most impressive about Wiltjer is the fact that he already has good size at 6'7 but he still appears to be a baby with significant room to grow. In talking with his mother, his father is about 6'11 and was an athlete at a young age. What does this mean you ask, it means that Kyle Wiltjer is likely to be a high major prospect if he continues to grow and develop.

Sterling Gibbs, a 5'7 point guard from Scotch Plains, NJ (HS undecided), logged in a respectable camp and played his way into the top 40 All-American Game. Like most New York City guards, Gibbs' game centers around dribble penetration. Gibbs is crafty with the ball, he has a solid handle but does not appear to take a lot of perimeter shots. As Gibbs concentrates a little bit more on play making, his game will become more complete. Gibbs performed well in the All-American Game finishing with 10 points.

One of the best players in the camp without a national reputation was 6'3 forward **Damien Leonard** from Greenville, SC. It was clear very early that Leonard has been logging major time in the gym with his fundamental play. Leonard appears to have an advanced skill set including the ability to shoot off the pass or bounce. Leonard's game is silky smooth, polished and ready for the high school level. Another D-I prospect if he stays on track.

Deng Leek, a 6'11 center from Laurel, MD (HS undecided), has as much upside as any player in this camp. He possesses great hands, he rebounds well and he has nice athleticism for his size. He also exhibited some quality post moves in the paint and he showed an impressive ability to catch and finish and to block shots. Leek plays hard and aggressive and could be one of the top post players in this class by the end of the day. In addition to his stellar post play, I actually saw Leek pull up for a 3 pointer and knock it down. Leek is a good-looking prospect with loads of talent.

Darius Nelson, a 6'5 wing guard from Sacramento, CA (Sheldon HS), logged in an impressive camp. Despite his size and the top 20 All-American game Nelson was impressive and finished with a respectable 10 points. Look for Nelson to follow in his brother's footsteps and play at the major D-I level.

Jordan Shanklin, a 5'11 wing guard from Bowling Green, KY (Warren Central HS), was a virtual unknown before arriving at the camp and he got better and better as the camp progressed. Shanklin is a super skilled and poised player who has a high basketball IQ and always plays under control. In the all-star game Shanklin put up a game high 15 points.

Although I missed him on day one, **Derrick Gordon**, a 6'3 wing guard from Plainfield, NJ (Plainfield HS), stood out in the first game on day two. What was clear about Gordon's game is the fact that he scores well in transition, has good vision and does a good job of finding his teammates. I loved how Gordon pushed the rock during the game I watched, and looking at his body, it looks like he's going to get a couple more inches before it is all over.

Chris Martin, a 6'0 point guard from Washington, DC (St. John's HS), was one of the top players on his team. Martin's main weapon at this point is dribble penetration, which along with his ability to draw contact and finish, makes him an effective scorer. Martin does a good job of hanging in the air before getting his shot off. He also shows the ability to hit the perimeter shot if left unguarded.

DaVante Moore, a 6'1 wing guard from Elrino, OK (Etta Dale HS), despite being on a loaded camp squad, put up impressive numbers throughout the event. Moore had good size strength and his weapon of choice is dribble penetration. This kid plays hard, shows a nice attitude and was comfortable with his role on a very talented squad. Moore capped off a good camp with a solid All-American Game performance.

Kevin Smith, a 5'11 point guard from Baltimore, MD (Calvert Hall, HS), has a nice body, which he uses to get to the rack. Smith is a good defender, plays hard and when he develops his jumper, he will be a more complete player.

Tracy Abrams, a 6'1 wing guard from Chicago, IL (Mt. Carmel HS), put on an eye-popping performance at the camp. Prior to this camp a friend had characterized Tracy Abrams as the strongest 8th grader in the State of Illinois. Needless to say, he was right on the money. I had the opportunity to watch Abrams on a number of occasions and he was almost unstoppable when he made up his mind to get to the bucket. Despite his size, his strength allowed him to get to the bucket on a consistent basis and to finish over much taller players in traffic and after taking the bump. As Abrams rounds out his game with a perimeter shot and some play making, his potential will increase.

Kwai Pearson, a 5'11 point guard from Chicago, Ill. (Whitney Young HS), re-established himself as an elite player in this class. Because Pearson had not been out on the major tournament and camp circuit for the last couple of years, I had forgotten about how talented he was. During the camp, Pearson showed solid guard play, solid defense and a will to win. Although he can shoot it, Pearson loves to drive to the bucket where he can use his speed and strength to get buckets. I was really impressed with Pearson's strength and how hard he plays the game.

Justin Anderson, a 6'5 wing forward from Sportsvania, VA, was one of the more athletic players in the camp. He has a nice body, which he uses to get to the cup. The fact that this player is only a rising 8th grader makes his talent even more impressive. Anderson is very bouncy, aggressive to the bucket, and tries to dunk everything in sight. If he continues to develop is overall game, this kid could be special.

Probably one of the most under-appreciated players in the camp was Deante Saunders, a 6'0 guard from Deland, FL (Deland HS), who opened some eyes initially with very solid defense. As the camp progressed, Saunders showed, despite his football prowess, Saunders can play some basketball. Saunders had a breakout performance in the top 40 All-American Game where he scored consistently in transition and finished with a team high of 14 points. From my understanding, Saunders is a big time football player in his home state of Florida, but it is clear from his performance at the Fab Frosh All American Camp that basketball maybe an option as well. The kid is extremely strong, aggressive and plays hard the entire game.

For a first year event the Inaugural Fab Frosh All-American Camp exceeded all of my expectations. I have



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