

Johnson on Hoya Radar

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April 18, 2008 – Recruiting never stops, with kids increasingly younger and younger receiving attention; it's the way things are now, as college commitments are being garnered by young basketball players earlier and earlier.

To that end, Georgetown has its eyes on [Tyrone Johnson](#) of Plainfield, NJ. At six-foot-one inches and 155 pounds, this Class of 2011 (freshman) two sport standout at Plainfield High School (NJ) is receiving a growing amount of attention.

"Tennessee, Rutgers has already offered, and Georgetown" shared Derrick Bobbitt, Johnson's travel team coach with NJ Elite, of the schools currently exhibiting the greatest interest. "Those have been the ones who have made contact. He's got letters, but we don't really count that".

Bobbitt has worked directly with Johnson since the latter was 12 years old; a good friend of the coach started the tutelage when Johnson was nine. Through the years Bobbitt has coached with Tyrone with the number of organizations, including the Newark Rams and Team Kenny Anderson.



Jr. All American Camp

Tyrone Johnson is also an excellent football prospect, that brings his quarterback skills to the hardwood.

"He has unbelievable court vision" commented Bobbitt of the young guy's game. "As far as with the ball he can get anywhere he wants to on the court. He's always poised and always under control. He's also a passing quarterback, so he can throw pinpoint passes the length of the court with ease. His handle and court vision separate him".

Clay Dade, a hoops talent expert that hosts the [Junior All-American Camp](#) and consequently worked with Johnson through that event last year, was most impressed by the young man. "He could be the next Juan Dixon. He was special. Everybody feel in love with that kid" gushed Dade, of Tyrone.

"A lot of times, we want to compare these kids to guys before them" continued Dade with his analysis. "He has greater point guard understanding than Juan Dixon. He is your Big East type point guard".

As a first year high school player, Johnson distinguished himself on the hardwood by, according to Bobbitt "averaging somewhere around 14 points and six to seven assists per game", while also having an immediate impact when being moved up to varsity in football, as when that decision was made "that was the only time they won some games (3)".

In terms of which sport is closer to Johnson's heart, Bobbitt replied "He likes both, but basketball he likes a little more. He plays basketball a little more".

Playing roundball is on tap for Johnson with NJ Elite this spring/summer - he will compete in both 15-under and 16-under action, though overall more of the latter will occur. The organization has a challenging schedule, as Bobbitt relayed it as: "Pittsburgh next week. Providence the week following that (Providence Jam Fest). Bob Gibbons (Tournament of Champions), Reebok Classic, Players Ball, and then out to Vegas".

Spending that much time with Johnson is a treat to Bobbitt, who opined of the young man "He's a great kid. A natural leader. He wants to improve and wants better for himself. He's extremely focused, and is a good student as well. Right now he's focused in the classroom and on the playing field".

That combination of off and on the court skills have no doubt interested the Hoya staff, led by [John Thompson III](#). Check back in the future for Tyrone Johnson updates.

By all accounts, he's definitely one to follow. *For more information and discussion regarding Tyrone Johnson, visit HoyaReport.com's **Premium Court** message board community.*

