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## **Buzz Basketball/Hoop Love Varsity Fall Classic I (Sept. 25, 2011, Taft High, Woodland Hills, CA)**

**The Event:** There were eight games played with 11 Southern California high school teams involved: Host Woodland Hills Taft; Corona Roosevelt; Beverly Hills; Reseda Cleveland; Westlake Village Oaks Christian; West Hills Chaminade; Culver City; Bellflower St. John Bosco; Mission Hills Alemany; Chatsworth Sierra Canyon; and Compton Dominguez. Two of the better prospects (both junior guards) didn't participate: **Jahmel Taylor** (Sierra Canyon), who is expected to be sidelined until November with a broken foot, and **Teyvon Myers** (Taft), who was a no show. Both are upper-tier prospects. And this was my first opportunity to watch **Jack Williams** (Chaminade), who, as a sophomore, is already a mid- to high-major prospect.

**The Players:** (listed in approximate order of projected college potential; heights and weights are approximated in many cases)

### **Class of 2012**

**Marqueze Coleman**      **6-4+ 195 Wing**      **Mission Hills, CA (Alemany)**

- Played with the confidence of someone who had committed to his future university (**Nevada**) just a few days earlier. Always plays with controlled tenacity. Quality mid-range jump shooter, off the dribble or the catch, but efficiency isn't there yet to the arc. Attacks hard on drives but must polished his left hand and keep his dribble lower (a little too upright on penetration moves). Could be an exceptional perimeter defender.  
**Committed:** Nevada.

**Aamahd Walker**      **6-3+ 180 Wing**      **Culver City, CA (Culver City)**

- He was exceptional on the spring and summer circuit with the L.A. Rockfish and was very good in the two games he played in this event. Doesn't appear to have exceptional quickness/vertical explosion – until he beats an opponent off the dribble with a very long and fluid first step and gets to the rim before a help defender can cut him off. His mid-range game – he has a variety of “floaters”, delivered from multiple angles, that he consistently converts in traffic – is among the region's best. He's a high-major prospect who could end up starring at a mid-major program.

**Steve Jones**      **6-0 180 1/2G**      **Woodland Hills, CA (Taft)**

- He continued to demonstrate why he will have a marvelous senior season for new coach (and long-time NBA guard) **Jason Hart**. A dynamic athlete/scorer, if more “undersized 2” right now than “point guard”. *See Vol. 1, No. 1.*

**Brandon Perry**      **6-6 235 Post**      **Woodland Hills, CA (Taft)**

- He has enough low-post polish to go with his bulk/strength/dependable hands to be one of the more forceful post players on the Southern California scene this season. Needs to

work on his face-up game, especially in pick-and-roll/pick-and-pop situations.  
**Committed:** Cal State Northridge.

**Others included**

**Chass Bryan**                      **5-9**    **160**    **1/2G**    **Westlake Village, CA (Oaks Christian)**  
• A combination of pretty good strength and quickness enables him to create scoring opportunities for himself. Low majors with no aversion to playing with small PGs should investigate.

**Max Guercy**                      **5-7**    **165**    **1G**    **Mission Hills, CA (Alemany)**  
• As competitive a player as they come. Few on this level guard dribblers as tenaciously and effectively as he does. Can readily get into the lane although size dictates that he must guard against over-penetration. A pretty good jump shooter when given enough space from his defender. See Bryan comment regarding level of recruitment.

**Kendal Brown**                      **6-3**    **185**    **Wing**    **Corona (Roosevelt)**  
• A first look presented a jump shooter with a lot of range and good form, with a tendency to pull the trigger pretty quickly. Also drove well (all right-handed) a couple of times. I'm looking forward to a more extensive evaluation over the next month in THE LEAGUE in Corona.

**Keilan Horton**                      **6-0**    **160**    **1G**    **Culver City, CA (Culver City)**  
• Appeared to be comfortable in lead guard's role with solid handle minus impressive quickness. A smooth jump shooter to mid range.

**Darryl Matthews**                      **6-4+**    **190**    **Post**    **Bellflower, CA (St. John Bosco)**  
• An effective rebounder (especially defensively) minus strong verticality. Didn't have the opportunity to display much perimeter offensive skill during his first two varsity seasons.

**Adam Mills**                      **6-0**    **170**    **1/2G**    **Beverly Hills, CA (Beverly Hills)**  
• A very good jump shooter, off the dribble or pass, he was able to create space for his shot despite lacking exceptional acceleration. A clever handler/passer and appeared to make all the right decisions.

**Class of 2013**

**Isaac Hamilton**                      **6-4**    **185**    **Wing**    **Bellflower, CA (St. John Bosco)**  
• He was so much the best prospect in the gym on this afternoon; older brother **Jordan Hamilton** (Denver Nuggets) couldn't have scored anymore readily than he did against Chaminade and Oaks Christian. There isn't a better scorer in California, regardless of grade level. *See Vol. 1, No. 1.*

**Kris Yanku**                      **6-2**    **170**    **1/2G**    **Woodland Hills, CA (Taft)**  
• This was the third event at which I've evaluated him this fall; he was more impressive with each succeeding outing. Not really a "point guard", per se, but makes solid passing/handling decisions. Can guard – effectively – multiple positions. *See Vol. 1, Nos. 1&2.*

**E.J. Johnson**                      **6-0**    **165**    **1G**    **Compton, CA (Dominguez)**  
• Was more impressive here than he was in his gym on Sept. 11 (Fullcourt Press Fall Showcase). He hit four 3s and rarely forced action to the point of carelessness. *See Vol. 1, No. 1.*

**Potential Div. I sleeper**

**Tim Myles**                      **6-7**    **215**    **Post**    **Corona (Roosevelt)**

- Strong and mature body, with decent hands; rebounds and finishes in traffic if there is a straight line to ball and rim. As low-post offensive repertoire expands, so will the list of college programs that are apt to recruit him.

**Others included**

**Jason Martin**                      **5-10**    **160**    **1/2G**    **West Hills, CA (Chaminade)**

- There isn't any fault to be found with his jump shot, either coming off screens or spotting up. Handle seemed solid but more as a scorer than playmaker.

**Chris Berry**                      **6-2+**    **170**    **Wing**    **Bellflower, CA (St. John Bosco)**

- The left hander shot it smoothly, deeply and accurately off the catch. There are a lot of guys in this program who must kill at "Pop-A-Shot".

**K.J. Moffett**                      **6-3**    **175**    **Wing**    **Mission Hills, CA (Alemany)**

- Destined to always been a fourth or fifth scoring option when he's on the floor with a very good high school team. Plays hard and through contact.

**Class of 2014**

**Bear Henderson**                      **6-4+**    **200**    **Post/wing**    **Mission Hills, CA (Alemany)**

- The "he's too strong for smaller guys and too quick and slick for bigger defenders" description fits this left hander's skills perfectly. *See Vol. 1, No. 1.*

**Jack Williams**                      **6-7**    **185**    **Post**    **West Hills, CA (Chaminade)**

- Meet one of the newest members of the rapidly growing very good western sophomore class. He is long and wiry but didn't get pushed off the block or buckle in traffic while attempting to rebound or score. Snatches defensive rebounds and rapidly clears the outlet or dribbles one, two or three times until he finds a recipient for an outlet. Shoots over either shoulder and can pick-and-pop it to 17 feet. By the time he puts on 20 pounds, he'll be choosing from a multitude of high-major scholarship offers.

**Daniel Hamilton**                      **6-5**    **180**    **Wing**    **Bellflower, CA (St. John Bosco)**

- He was a much more consistently accurate jump shooter – with nearly **Isaac Hamilton**-like range – during the two games the Braves played. How much he grows will dictate his position. *See Vol. 1, No. 1.*

**Others included**

**Darryl Stewart**                      **6-2+**    **170**    **Wing**    **West Hills, CA (Chaminade)**

- Transfer from Taft is more a forward than guard right now. Gets exceptional lift on a jump shot that is a little more "sling" now than snap-the-wrist-and-follow thru.

**Adam Turner**                      **6-5**    **180**    **Post**    **Corona, CA (Roosevelt)**

- Saw limited minutes in two games as the pace of play and physical nature in and around the key was a bit much for his slender frame and unrefined post skills. Definitely an intriguing prospect, though. *See Vol. 1, No. 1.*

**Jackie Davis**                      **6-2**    **165**    **Wing**    **Bellflower, CA (St. John Bosco)**

- Didn't play a lot in this event but showed promise as one of the gifted newcomers under Coach **Derrick Taylor** (formerly of Woodland Hills Taft).

### Class of 2015

**Malik Anderson**                      **6-6    200    Post    Mission Hills, CA (Alemany)**

- With so many experienced/quality players around him, he will not turn in the same numbers that some others in this sterling Southland freshman class will. *See Vol. 1, Nos. 1&2.*

**K.J. Smith**                              **5-10+ 155    1G    Westlake Village, CA (Oaks Christian)**

- The son of former NBA standout guard and current TNT analyst **Kenny Smith** isn't as physically advanced as some of the other frosh PGs but has all the tools to ultimately be a 6-3 playmaker like his dad. Always plays with his head up and is just as willing to push the ball with a pass as he is with the dribble. A likely high-major recruit.

**Bennie Boatright**                      **6-4+    170    Wing    Westlake Village, CA (Oaks Christian)**

- Slender and fluid and seems to have good instincts. Strength/assertiveness will dictate his ultimate on-the-floor position and the level at which he is recruited.

### UPCOMING REPORTS

**Vol. 1/No. 4: Fullcourt Press Las Vegas Fall Classic (at Bishop Gorman/Sept. 28)**

**Vol. 1/No. 5: Fullcourt Press All-Frosh/Soph Camp (at Corona, CA, "The Edge"/Oct. 1-2)**