2007 USA Basketball Men's Youth Development Festival

• Athlete Profiles •

#19 FAROUQ AMINU

Forward • 6-9 • 210 lbs. Norcross High School '08 Norcross, Georgia

 Lists Florida, Georgia Tech, North Carolina and Wake Forest among his college choices.

High School Notes...

- Attends Norcross High School (Ga.), where he has competed the past two years on the varsity squad and helped lead his team to the 2006 and 2007 state championships.
- Norcross in 2006-07 went 29-3 and earned a No. 12 final national ranking and a No. 4 South Regional ranking by USA Today.
- In 2004-05 Norcross finished ranked third in the nation by USA Today.
- Has posted career highs of 26 points, 21 rebounds and 10 blocked shots.
- Competes in the summer for Georgia Stars and aided his 16U team to the Boo Williams Tournament title and his 17U squad to the King James Tournament championship.

The Personal Scoop...

- Born Al-Farouq Aminu in Atlanta, Georgia, on September 21, 1990, but goes by Farouq.
- Son of Anjirlic and Aboubakar Aminu, has two brothers, Alade (19) and Al-Wajid (8).
- His brother, Alade, recently completed his second year playing for Georgia Tech's basketball team.
- His parents are both teachers, his father is of Nigerian descent and his mother was born in New York.
- This right-hander wears Nos. 21, 42 or 44 because he was born on the 21st, 42 is double that and his brother wears 44.
- · Favorite sport other than basketball: football and soccer.
- Musical instrument I play: tuba.
- Favorite basketball players of all-time: USA Basketball gold medalists Kevin Garnett and Tracy McGrady.
- · Favorite team: Atlanta Hawks.
- · Strangest place ever played hoops: the side of a building.
- · Best player I've ever faced: my brother.
- · Away from basketball I enjoy: playing NBA Live and reading.
- Most interesting place ever visited: Costa Rica because of the culture.
- First basketball memory: hitting my first 3-pointer in a game.
- · Post-basketball aspirations: business management.
- Stranded on an island, I would need: a basketball, a goal and some competition (lol!).
- · Favorite food: wings.

#11 JERIME ANDERSON

Guard • 6-1 • 165 lbs. Canyon High School '08 Anaheim, California

Verbally committed to play for UCLA.

Honors...

- Named 2007 all-state, All-CIF, all-county and league MVP.
- · Named to the Orange County Register's All-County first-team.
- · Chosen as the Century League's Player of the Year in 2006-07
- Earned Southern California Interscholastic Basketball Coaches Association (SCIBA) and Amateur Athletic Foundation honors in 2006-07.

High School Notes...

- Attends Canyon High School (Calif.), where in three varsity seasons he has compiled 1,128 points, 414 rebounds, 454 assists, 309 steals and 90 blocked shots in 85 high school games.
- Aided Canyon to a 20-8 slate in 2006-07, averaged 17.8 ppg., 5.9 rpg., 5.4 apg., 4.6 spg. and 1.6 bpg.
- Put up 13.5 ppg., 5.1 rpg., 5.3 apg. and 3.2 spg. as part of the 2005-06 Comanche season.
- Posted averages of 9.0 ppg., 3.8 rpg., 5.6 apg., 3.3 spg. in 2004-05 season, as Canyon finished 18-9.

- · Born in Buena Park, California, on October 5, 1989.
- Slated to play with 2007 Festival participant Drew Gordon, starting in 2008-09 at UCLA.
- Son of Delana and Mark Anderson, has two brothers, Christopher (14) and Nicholas (10).
- Grandfather, Fernando Anderson served in the Army.
- Favorite sport other than basketball: football, lacrosse, gymnastics and golf.
- Musical instrument I play: trombone.
- Favorite basketball players of all-time: Magic Johnson, Kobe Brvant, Jason Kidd and Michael Jordan.
- · Favorite team: Los Angeles Lakers.
- Favorite non-basketball Olympians: Carl Lewisand Muhammad Ali.
- Best game I've ever watched: Kobe Bryant's 81-point game against the Raptors.
- Best player I've ever faced: Seattle Sonics guard Earl Watson.
- I want to play one-on-one against: Phoenix Suns two-time MVP Steve Nash.
- The most impressive person I ever met: Kobe Bryant.
- · Favorite announcer. Chick Hearn.
- · Away from basketball I enjoy: playing video games, golfing
- · Most interesting place ever visited: Acapulco.
- First basketball memory: playing at the Lakewood YMCA at 4 1/2 years old.
- Post-basketball aspirations: broadcasting or sports management.
- · Can't live without: my Sidekick 3 and basketball.
- Stranded on an island, I would need: an endless supply of food, a book and a beautiful girl.
- Favorite food: steak

#23 ISAIAH ARMWOOD

Forward • 6-7 • 178 lbs.

Montrose Christian High School '09

Baltimore, Maryland

Honors...

· Earned all-state and all-metro recognition in 2006-07.

High School Notes...

- Lists single game bests as 18 points, 15 rebounds, 12 assists, and 6 blocks.
- Averaged 11 ppg., 9 rpg., and 3 apg. in 2006-07, his second varsity season, as Montrose finished state runner-up.
- · Has previously partiicipated in a Nike camp.

The Personal Scoop...

- Born Isaiah Armwood in Baltimore, Maryland, on December 28, 1990.
- Attends the same high school that produced Kevin Durant and Linas Kleiza.
- · Favorite sport other than basketball: football.
- Favorite basketball players of all-time: Kevin Durant and Scottie Pippen.
- · Favorite team: Miami Heat.
- · Best player I've ever faced: Kevin Durant.
- I want to go one on one against: LeBron James.
- · Away from basketball I enjoy: hanging out with friends.
- · Something people would not know about me is: I am very caring.
- Most interesting place ever visited: Hawaii.
- First basketball memory: losing the 9U AAU National Championship at the buzzer.
- · Post-basketball aspirations: starting a business.
- I can't live without: family and friends.
- Favorite food: chicken.

#40 Brennan Cougill

Center • 6-9 • 255 lbs.

Bishop Heelan High School '09

Sioux City, Iowa

Honors...

- Selected as all-conference first team, all-Northwest Iowa, all-district, all-city and second-team all state by the Iowa Newspaper Association in addition to all-state second-team by the Des Moines Register in 2006-07
- · Earned all-city second team in his freshman season in 2005-06.

High School Notes...

- Started all 27 games played in his sophomore 2006-07 campaign and averaged 17.0 ppg., 10.5 rpg., and 2.5 bpg., as Bishop Heelan finished as the state runner-up with a 22-5 record.
- Averaged 12.3 ppg., 8.1 rpg., and 1.1 bpg. in his freshman year in 2005-06.
- Has played with the AAU's lowa Barnstormers where he was the MVP of the Hoosier Showcase.

- Born Brennan Cougill on September 23, 1990. Is the son of Gina Cougill, has one brother, Brady (14), and one sister, Brocklyn (7).
- · Favorite sport other than basketball: football.
- Favorite basketball player of all-time: Shaquille O'Neal.
- · Favorite team: Chicago Bulls.
- · Who is your favorite non-basketball Olympian: Justin Gatlin
- Best player I've ever faced: Chris Singleton.
- I want to go one on one against: Tim Duncan.
- · Who is the most impressive person you've met: My mom
- · Away from basketball I enjoy: hanging out with friends.
- Something people would not know about me is: I am an outgoing person.
- First basketball memory: I was two and my grandpa welded us a basketball pole.
- Post-basketball aspirations: to be a teacher and coach.
- I can't live without: my TV.
- · Favorite food: lasagna.

#39 DEMARCUS COUSINS

Center • 6-10 • 252 lbs. Erwin High School '09 Birmingham, Alabama

 Lists Alabama-Birmingham, Florida, Kentucky, Memphis, North Carolina and Southern California among his college choices.

Honors...

- Was the lone underclassman on The Birmingham News 2006 Super All-State team and All-Metro first team.
- Earned 2006 Georgia Class 5A Area 12 All-Tournament Team honors.

High School Notes...

- Attends Erwin High School (Ala.), where in two varsity seasons he has helped his squad to a 48-22 overall record.
- In 2006-07 Erwin finished with a 24-12 slate, advanced to the Georgia Class 5A Tournament Final Four and claimed the 5A Area 12 title; averaged 25.0 ppg., 14.0 rpg., 6.0 apg. and 7.0 bpg. through the first half of the season.
- In 2005-06 Erwin went 24-10 and won the 5A Area 12 Tournament as Cousins averaged 20.0 ppg., 10.0 rpg., 6.0 bpg. and 6.0 apg.
- As a freshman he put together a 35-point, 23-rebound, 10-assist game against Wenonah High in 2004-05.
- Plays in the summer for the AAU Birmingham Storm, also played for the Birmingham Raptors in 2003, 2004 and 2005.

The Personal Scoop...

- Born DeMarcus Amir Cousins on August 13, 1990, in Mobile, Alabama.
- Son of Monique and Jessie Cousins, has one brother, Jaleel (13) and four sisters, Ryan (22), Jessica (7), Jesslyn (7) and Auriel (6).
- Didn't start playing organized basketball until the seventh grade.
- This right-hander wears No. 32 because he looks up to Amaré Stoudemire.
- Is a former teammate of 2006 USA U18 gold medalist and Connecticut sophomore Stanley Robinson.
- Favorite sport other than basketball: football.
- Favorite basketball player of all-time: USA Senior National Team member Amaré Stoudemire.
- · Favorite team: Phoenix Suns.
- Favorite non-basketball Olympian: Michael Johnson.
- · Strangest place ever played hoops: in an alley.
- · Best game I've ever watched: Cavs vs. Pistons, Game 5.
- Best player I've ever faced: fellow MYDF participant Greg Monroe.
- I want to play one-on-one against: Amaré Stoudemire.
- The most impressive person I ever met: Michael Jordan, he is a legend and genuine.
- Favorite announcer: two-time Olympic gold medalist Charles Barkley.
- Away from basketball I enjoy: listening to music.
- Most people don't know: that I'm silly.
- · First basketball memory: when I got my first dunk in a game.
- Post-basketball aspirations: enjoying my family and giving back to the community where I grew up.
- · Can't live without: my mother.
- Stranded on an island, I would need: food, a basketball and a boat.
- Favorite food: Chinese.

#35 ED DAVIS

Forward • 6-10 • 220 lbs. Benedictine High School '08 Richmond, Virginia

 Lists Clemson, Connecticut, Georgetown, North Carolina and Virginia among his college choices.

Honors...

- · Named 2007 EA Sports All-America second team.
- Named 2007 all-state and the 2007 Virginia Catholic Player of the Year

High School Notes...

- Attends Benedictine High School (Va.), where he helped lead his squad to the 2007 state championship.
- Averaged 24.3 ppg., 12.1 rpg. 2.1 apg. and 7.6 bpg. as a sophomore in 2005-06.
- Played for Hanover High School (Va.) in 2004-05 and averaged 14.6 ppg., 8.3 rpg., 3.4 apg., 5.0 spg. and 5.2 bpg.
- · Competes in the AAU Boo Williams Summer League.

- · Born Edward Davis on June 5, 1989, in Washington, D.C.
- Son of 12-year NBA veteran Terry Davis and Angela Jones, has one sister, Tatia Davis (19).
- This left-hander wears No. 32 because somebody already had 21.
- Favorite sport other than basketball: football.
- Best player I've ever faced: Ben Wallace.
- I want to play one-on-one against: 2000 Olympic gold medalist Kevin Garnett.
- Favorite announcer. Dick Vitale.
- · Can't live without: a cell phone.
- Stranded on an island, I would need: food, phone and a weapon.
- · Favorite food: chicken.

#26 DEVIN EBANKS

Forward • 6-8 • 202 lbs.
St. Thomas More High School '08
Queens, New York

 Lists Indiana, Miami, Rutgers and Texas among his college choices.

Honors...

- Earned 2006 All-New York Catholic High Schools' Athletic Association (CHSAA) first team honors.
- Named the 2006 MVP of the Big Apple High School Invitational and to the Gonzaga and DC Classic All-Tournament teams.
- Earned the 2005 Big Apple Public School vs. Catholic Sportsmanship Award and named to the 2005 Monsignor King all-Tournament team.

High School Notes...

- Attends St. Thomas More High School (Conn.) where he aided his squad in 2006-07 to a 16-11 mark; averaged 20.2 ppg., 8.1 rpg., and 4.7 apg.
- Helped lead Bishop Loughlin High School (N.Y.) in 2005-06 to a 14-9 slate, averaged 21.0 ppg., 5.0 rpg. and 3.2 apg.
- As a freshman in 2004-05 at Bishop Loughlin, averaged 14.0 ppg. and 3.0 rpg.
- Lists his best outing as posting 33 points, 10 rebounds and six assists versus Winchedon Prep.
- Has played with the AAU's Ahead of the Game, New York Panthers and Metro Hawks.

The Personal Scoop...

- · Born on October 28, 1989, in his hometown of Queens, New York.
- Son of Yvonne L. Jackson and Hubert V. Ebanks, has no siblings.
- Would like to pursue a career in business or sports management following his basketball career.
- Hails from the same school that produced Quincy Douby of the Sacramento Kings.
- This right-hander wears No. 3 because John Starks is his favorite player
- Competed during high school or in the summers with Louisville's Derrick Caracter and UNC's Danny Green; also with college signees Marquis Jones (Rhode Island), Matt Morgan (St. Bonaventure) and Justin Sofman (Rutgers).
- · Favorite sport other than basketball: football.
- I play: the drums and saxophone.
- Favorite basketball player of all-time: John Starks.
- · Favorite team: New York Knicks.
- Favorite non-basketball Olympian: Michael Johnson.
- · Strangest place ever played hoops: at a friend's house.
- Best game I've ever watched: all of the Knicks vs. Bulls playoff games.
- Best player I've ever faced: O.J. Mayo.
- I want to play one-on-one against: Kevin Durant.
- The most impressive person I ever met: St. Thomas More coach Jere Quinn, he has personality, honesty and dedication.
- · Favorite announcer. Dick Vitale.
- Away from basketball I enjoy: resting and relaxing and going on vacation.
- Most people don't know: I watch The Maury Show.
- Most interesting place ever visited: Las Vegas because of all the glamour and glitter.
- First basketball memory: winning MVP at an ABCD Camp in 2005 and 2006.
- Stranded on an island, I would need: phone, food and a TV.
- · Favorite food: cheeseburgers.

#20 TYREKE EVANS

Guard • 6-4 • 191 lbs. American Christian High School '09 Aston, Pennsylvania

 Lists Connecticut, Florida, Georgia Tech, Louisville, Memphis, North Carolina, Texas and Villanova among his college choices.

USA Basketball Notes...

 Is one of two players from the class of 2008, Drew is the other, who have accepted an invitation to attend the 2007 USA Basketball U19 World Championship Team Trials.

Honors...

- Earned 2007 Parade Magazine All-America fourth team honors.
- Named 2007 Philadelphia Inquirer All-Southeastern Pennsylvaia Boys Basketball second team.
- Garned a number of accolades in junior season, including: AA
 Player of the Year, All Delco first team, all state first team and
 player of the year, Slam magazine all-American third team.
- Chosen as Rise magazine's No. 1 player in the country in 2006-07.
- American Christian finished second in state in 2005-06, as Evans received a variety of honors: AA Player of the Year, All Delco first team, state player of the year, and Christian league MVP.
- Received a number of honors that mirrored the previous season:
 All Delco first team, MVP of the Christian league.
- As a sophomore in 2005-06, was named to Associated Press All-State Class A first team after averaging 25 ppg., 8.8 rpg., 5.3 apg. and 3.8 spg., while shooting 48.0 percent from beyond the arc and 80.6 percent from the foul line.

High School Notes...

- Attends American Christian, a private school in Aston, Pa. with 400 students in grades 1 through 12.
- Has been starting at American Christian since seventh grade and has a chance to eclipse 3,000 points before he finishes his prep career
- Lists single-best game as a 2005-06 contest against Hargrave when he scored 49 points, brought down 14 rebounds and dished out 11 assists.
- As a junior in 2006-07, averaged 25.0 ppg., 10.0 rpg. and 8.0 apg, as his team finished 27-8, good for third place in the state.
- Scheduled to attend the Kobe Bryant Skill Development Camp (June 25-28) in Orange County, Calif.
- Scored 33 points to lead American Christian over South Kent School at the Nike Super Six at Madison Square Garden.
- Averaged 25.5 ppg., 5.0 rpg., 6.0 apg., 3.0 spg. and 2.0 blocks in the 2004-05 season.
- Joined the varsity squad in seventh grade, but his stats did not count until he reached ninth grade.
- In two years played with the AAU's Reebok Raiders, Evans won the 14U championship at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex and was named MVP of the tournament.

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The Personal Scoop...

- · Born Tyreke Jamir Evans on September 19, 1989. Goes by Reke.
- Son of Bonita Evans and John Holmes, has four older brothers, Julius (Doc), a Desert Storm veteran; Reggie and Eric (Pooh), who won a state basketball championship at Chester High in 1984, and Dion.
- Favorite sport other than basketball: football, as quarterback.
- Favorite basketball players of all-time: Michael Jordan, LeBron James, Tracy McGrady.
- · Favorite teams: Houston Rockets, Philadelphia 76ers.
- Favorite non-basketball Olympian: Muhammad Ali
- Strangest place ever played hoops: inside of a barn on a farm.
- Best player I've ever faced: Michael Jordan.
- I want to play one-on-one against: Kobe Bryant.
- The most impressive person I ever met: former President Bill Clinton.
- · Favorite announcer: Dick Vitale.
- Away from basketball I enjoy: chilling out with my family and friends.
- Most people don't know about. My comedic side.
- Most interesting place ever visited: The White House.
- First basketball memory: my brothers playing for the state championship.
- Post-basketball aspirations: possibly owning my own business one day.
- · Can't live without: my belief in God.
- · Stranded on an island, I would need: food, water, TV.

#32 DREW GORDON

Forward • 6-9 • 240 lbs. Archbishop Mitty High School '08 San Jose, California

· Verbally committed to attend and play for UCLA.

USA Basketball Notes...

- Is one of two players from the class of 2008, Tyreke Evans is the other, who have accepted an invitation to attend the 2007 USA Basketball U19 World Championship Team Trials.
- Named as a finalist for the 2006 USA Basketball Men's U18
 National Team on June 18, 2006, and was the only member of the
 class of 2008 at the USA U18 National Team Trials.

High School Honors...

- Earned 2007 All San-Jose Mercury News Player of the Year honors and is a three-time All-West Catholic Athletic League first-team selection.
- · Named 2007 EA Sports All-America second team.
- Tabbed the 2007 Cal Hi Sports Athlete of the Year and was a 2007 All-California State first team selection.
- Named 2006 Cal State Sophomore Player of the Year, all-state third team, All-Northern California first team, All-CCS first team and All-WCAL first team in 2005-06.
- Named to 2006 Pangos All-American Camp Top 20 "Cream of the Crop."
- Named 2005 Freshmen All-America, CCS Freshman of the Year, All-WCAL first team and All-CCS second team in 2004-05.

High School Notes...

- Has played three varsity seasons for Archbishop Mitty High School (Calif.), starting 65 of 66 games played, and has aided teams to a 82-21 record.
- Lists career highs as 28 points, 21 rebounds and 11 blocked shots.
- Helped his 2006-07 squad to a 31-5 record, No. 4 final state ranking, No. 9 in the West Region by USA Today and to the state championship game; started all 36 games and averaged 15.7 ppg., 10.1 rpg. and 3.9 bpg, shooting 60.0 percent from the floor and 69.0 percent from the line.
- As a sophomore in 2005-06, started 34 games, averaged 16.2 ppg., 11.9 rpg., 3.0 apg., 2.0 spg. and 3.8 bpg. in aiding his team to 29-5 record and a third place finish in the state tournament.
- As a freshman in 2004-05, played in all 32 games and started 31, averaged 11.5 ppg., 8.5 rpg., 1.0 apg., 2.5 spg. and 4.0 bpg.
- · Has competed with AAU Oakland Soldiers since 2003.
- Attended the 2005 and 2006 ABCD Camps and ranked among the top ten both years Participated in the ABCD All-Star Game.
- Also is a standout in track and field for Archbishop Mitty. Finished
 7th in the state in shot put (58'3") and eighth in discus (177'6") in
 2005 and sixth in the shot put and fifth in discus in 2006.

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The Personal Scoop...

- · Born on July 12, 1990, in Los Gotos, California.
- Son of Shelly and Ed Gordon, has one younger brother, Aaron, and one younger sister. Elisabeth.
- His father played basketball at San Deigo State (1980-83) and professionally in Mexico (1984-85).
- Attends the same school that produced Olympians Brandi Chastain (soccer) and Kerri Walsh (beach volleyball).
- This right-hander wears No. 32 because he likes Magic Johnson.
- Favorite sport other than basketball: ice hockey and track and field.
- Favorite basketball player of all-time: Olympians Kevin Garnett and Dwyane Wade.
- · Favorite team: Los Angeles Lakers.
- · Favorite non-basketball Olympian: Jessie Owens.
- · Best player I've ever faced: Kevin Love.
- I want to play one-on-one against: Drew Gooden.
- The most impressive person I ever met: Michael Jordan.
- · Away from basketball I enjoy: running track.
- Most people don't know: I have a 4-foot-tall Curious George that I sleep with.
- Most interesting place ever visited: South Africa, it's totally different than the U.S.
- First basketball memory: Playing on a hoop attached to a wine barrel in our back yard.
- · Post-basketball aspirations: a career in computer sciences.

#21 FERRAKOHN HALL

Forward • 6-7 • 205 lbs. Memphis University High School '09 Memphis, TN

Honors...

- Named Most Oustanding Player at the 2007 Young Life Classic.
- · Selected to the Carbondale Holiday All-Tounament Team.
- Recognized all-state and all-region in 2007.

High School Notes...

- Has played two varsity seasons at Memphis University High School (Tenn.).
- Recorded season-highs of 27 points and 13 rebounds in 2006-07.
- As a sophomore in 2006-07, averaged 12.8 ppg., 6.3 rpg., 1.7 apg., 1.1 spg. and 1.0 bpg. to help his squad to a 25-9 record and a state title.

- Born Ferrkohn E. Hall on September 20, 1990. Is the son of Stephani Scuggs, has one brother, James III (30), and one sister, Shannon (30).
- · Favorite sport other than basketball: football.
- Favorite basketball player of all-time: LeBron James.
- Favorite non-basketball Olympian: Mary Lou Retton.
- · Best player I've ever faced: Brandon Wright.
- I want to play one-on-one against. Chauncey Billups.
- First basketball memory: putting my hoop together when I was 7.
- Post-basketball aspirations: to be successful in sports management.
- I chose my number because: When Penny Hardway was at the U
 of M, that was his number, and that's who I idolize.
- · Can't live without: education, my family, God.
- Stranded on an island, I would need: a lot of food, a cell phone, and an airplane.
- · Favorite food: mac and cheese.

#13 JRUE HOLIDAY

Guard • 6-4 • 195 lbs. Campbell Hall High School '08 Chatsworth, California

· Lists UCLA and Washington among his college choices.

Honors...

- Earned 2007 Parade Magazine All-America third team honors.
- Selected as the 2007 Gatorade California Player of the Year.
- · Named 2007 EA Sports All-America second team.

High School Notes...

- Had impressive game at May 2007 Cactus Classic, scoring 27 points, while dishing out four assists and grabbing half a dozen rebounds.
- Attends Campbell Hall High School (Calif.), where he helped lead his team to a 33-1 mark, the 2007 California Division V state title and a No. 2 overall finish among all divisions; averaged 24.8 ppg., 9.8 rpg. and 6.0 apg.
- Campbell Hall also finished 2006-07 ranked No. 15 nationally and No. 4 in the West Region by USA Today.
- As a sophomore Campbell went 26-6 and finished among the top 10 in the state.
- Aided Campbell as a freshman in 2004-05 to a perfect 32-0 record.
- Has competed for the AAU's RC Bulls, West Coast All-Stars, Belmont Shore and Pump & Run.

The Personal Scoop...

- · Born on June 12, 1990, in Thousand Oaks, California.
- The son of Toya and Shawn, has two brothers, Justin (18) and Aaron (10), and one sister, Lauren (13).
- Both of his parents played college basketball and his brother plays hoops at the University of Washington.
- If he weren't playing basketball, would want to play football in college.
- Attends the same high school that once listed Mary Kate and Ashley Olsen among its student body.
- · This ambidextrous player wears No. 21 because his dad wore it.
- · Favorite sport other than basketball: football.
- I play: the drums.
- · Favorite basketball player of all-time: my dad.
- · Favorite team: Houston Rockets.
- Best player I've ever faced: my dad.
- I want to play one-on-one against: anybody who wants to play me.
- Away from basketball I enjoy: music, going to parties and playing videogames.
- First basketball memory: my dad teaching me to dribble in the kitchen when I was about four-years-old.
- · Post-basketball aspirations: become a performance trainer.
- Can't live without: my family.
- Stranded on an island, I would need: my family, a Bible, an endless supply of basketballs and a basketball court.
- Favorite food: ribs.

#15 Scotty Hopson

Guard/Forward • 6-6 • 190 lbs. University Heights Academy '08 Hopkinsville, Kentucky

Verbally committed to attend and play for Mississippi State.

Honors...

 Named in 2007 all-region, all-district and was the All-A Classic Player of the Game.

High School Notes...

- Attends University Heights Academy (Ky.), where his squad finished with a 14-13 record in 2006-07; started all 26 games played and averaged 21.0 ppg., 8.0 rpg., 5.0 bpg., 4.0 apg. and 2.0 spg.
- Aided University Heights Academy as a sophomore to a 28-6 mark, started one of 24 games played and averaged 11.0 ppg., 6.0 rpg., 3.0 bpg. and 2.5 apg.
- As a freshman University Heights went 35-4 and advanced to the Kentucky Final Four.
- Competes in the summer for the AAU's Midstate Ballerz.

- Born Brian Scott Hopson on August 8, 1989, in Mulehenburg County, Kentucky, and goes by Scotty.
- Son of Jeanette Hopson, has one brother, James (35), and two sisters, Joy (30) and Anecia Greenwade (27).
- Two of his uncles, Arthur Torian and Ray Torian, served in the U.S. Army.
- Will graduate in a class of 39 out of 101 students at University Heights.
- Attends the same school that produced Greg Buckner of the Dallas Mavericks.
- If he weren't playing basketball, would want to become an electrician.
- Favorite sport other than basketball: football.
- Favorite basketball player of all-time: Michael Jordan.
- · Favorite team: Phoenix Suns.
- Favorite non-basketball Olympian: Michael Johnson.
- Strangest place ever played hoops: in the snow.
- Best game I've ever watched: Bulls vs. Jazz during the '98 NBA Playoffs.
- Best player I've ever faced: Greg Buckner.
- I want to play one-on-one against: Kobe Bryant.
- · Favorite announcer. Dick Vitale.
- Away from basketball I enjoy: listening to music.
- · Can't live without: my basketball.
- Stranded on an island, I would need: basketball, food and water.
- · Favorite food: fried chicken.

#16 MALCOLM LEE

Guard • 6-5 • 175 lbs.

John W. North High School '08

Moreno Valley, California

Verbally committed to attend and play for UCLA.

High School Notes...

- Attends John W. North High School (Calif.), where he has completed three varsity seasons.
- Assisted J.W. North in 2006-07 to a 19-9 slate, started all 17 games played and averaged 18.0 ppg., 7.0 rpg., 1.9 apg., 3.0 spg. and 2.0 bpg.
- · Averaged 15.0 ppg. and 5.0 rpg. as a sophomore.
- As a freshman in 2004-05 averaged 11.0 ppg. and 3.0 rpg.
- Has posted all-time single-game bests of 34 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists.
- Competed in the summers for Tarheel Nation (1998-2004) and for Inland Reebok from 2004-present.

The Personal Scoop...

- · Born on May 22, 1990, in Riverside, California.
- · The son of Delma and Toshio Lee, has one sister, Shandrika (25).
- This right-hander wears No. 3 because it's a lucky number.
- · Favorite basketball player of all-time: Kobe Bryant.
- Favorite team: Los Angeles Lakers.
- · Best player I've ever faced: my internal me.
- I want to play one-on-one against: Kobe Bryant.
- · Favorite announcer. Dick Vitale.
- · Away from basketball I enjoy: workout.
- Most people don't know: that I'm a quarter Japanese.
- Most interesting place ever visited: Cayman Islands and Ocho Rios, it was my first cruise.
- · Post-basketball aspirations: becoming a sports agent.
- · Superstitions: splitting poles.
- Can't live without: God.
- Favorite food: Italian.

#9 Korie Lucious

Guard • 5-11 • 165 lbs. Pius XI High School '08 Milwaukee, Wisconsin

· Verbally committed to attend and play for Michigan State.

High School Notes...

- Attends St. Pius XI High School (Wis.) where in 2006-07, he started 23 of 24 games played and averaged 24.2 ppg., 2.6 rpg., 5.4 apg. and 4.3 spg.
- Attended Rufus King High School (Wis.) in 2005-06 and averaged 12.1 ppg., 6.5 apg. and 2.3 spg.
- Has competed in the summers for AAU's DTA Wisconsin since the fourth grade.
- · Has been to the adidas Superstar Camp since the third grade.

- Born Korian Lucious on November 5, 1989, in Gary, Indiana, but goes by Korie.
- Son of LaTonia Guider and Antone Brazil, has two older siblings: brother Donald Lucius Jr. (21) and sister Starlesha Brazil (20).
- · Is a member of his high school's Honor Roll.
- This right-hander wears No. 34 because of Devin Harris.
- · Favorite sport other than basketball: soccer.
- Favorite basketball player of all-time: Kobe Bryant.
- Favorite team: Dallas Mavericks.
- · Best player I've ever faced: Greg Paulus.
- I want to play one-on-one against: Kobe Bryant.
- The most impressive person I ever met: Magic Johnson.
- · Away from basketball I enjoy: hanging out.
- · Most people don't know: I'm kind of shy.
- · First basketball memory: making my first shot.
- Can't live without: cell phones.
- Stranded on an island, I would need: my family, a ride home, food and water.

8 LESLIE McDonald

Guard • 6-4 • 185 lbs.
Briarcrest Christian School '09
Memphis, Tennessee

Honors...

- Collected a pair of MVP honors at the Chubby Andrews Classic and the Playground Area Shootout at Fort Walton.
- Headlined his area with various accolades, including first team all-region, all-region tournament team and region player of the year.
- Selected to the all-state tournament team and all-state, first team as well as all-metro.
- Was a finalist for both Tennessee Mr. Basketball and the Gatorade Player of the Year.

High School Notes...

- Attends Briarcrest Christian School (Tenn.) where he averaged 19.1 ppg on 62.0 percent shooting from the field and 32.0 percent shooting from beyond the arc in 35 games during his 2006-07 sophomore campaign. Also added 6.5 rpg.
- Played with the AAU's Bellevue War Eagles and advanced to the national championship game three years in a row from U-13 to U-15.
- Expected to play in the 2007 Steve Nash and LeBron James skills camps.

The Personal Scoop...

- · Born on February 4, 1991 in Memphis, Tennessee.
- Is the son of Leslie McDonald, Sr. and Wanda Young, has 14-year-old twin brothers, Jhalen and Shalen.
- · Father played college basketball.

#36 GREG MONROE

Center/Forward • 6-9 • 200 lbs. Helen Cox High School '08 Gretna, Louisiana

Honors...

- Earned 2007 Parade Magazine All-America third team honors.
- Named 2007 EA Sports All-America second team.
- · Listed as the 2007 Gatorade Louisiana Player of the Year.
- Named 2007 Louisiana Mr. Basketball.
- Selected the 2007 Louisiana Class 4A Player of the Year and listed on the 2006 and 2007 Louisiana Class 4A All-State first teams.
- Collected 2006 and 2007 New Orleans Metro Player of the Year and 2007 conference MVP honors.

High School Notes...

- Attends Helen Cox High School (La.), where he has amassed 1,944 points, 1,310 rebounds, 331 assists, 132 steals and 424 blocked shots in 105 varsity games over three seasons; while aiding his school to an overall 89-16 record, including a perfect 16-0 in conference play.
- Posted career highs of 30 points versus Ellender High School and 18 rebounds versus O.P. Walker High School, both in 2006-07.
- Aided Helen Cox in 2006-07 to a final regular season No. 1 ranking in the state, the Louisiana Class 4A State Tournament second round and a 36-4 mark; played in all 40 games and averaged 19.2 ppg., 13.0 rpg., 3.5 bpg. and 3.1 apg.
- Helped Helen Cox to the 2006 Louisiana Class 4A State Tournament quarterfinals and a 32-6 slate as a sophomore; averaged 17.8 ppg., 11.5 rpg., and 3.2 apg.
- As a freshman Helen Cox went 21-6 as Monroe averaged 18.5 ppg., 13.1 rpg., 3.2 apg. and 3.5 bpg. (NOTE: Helen Cox was not a member of the Louisiana High School Athletic Association so the team was not eligible for the state tournament, nor was Monroe eligible for honors. It featured grades 7-10, but the team played a varsity schedule and was considered an independant school).
- · Also runs on his school's cross country team.
- · Competes in the summer for Louisiana Select.

- Born on Gregory Monrow on June 4, 1990, in New Orleans, Louisiana, but goes by Greg.
- The son of Norma and Gregory Monroe, Sr., has one older sister, Brittany (21).
- · Uncle, Norman Dixon, played football at BYU.
- · A member of the National Honor Society.
- · Favorite sport other than basketball: football.
- Favorite basketball player of all-time: LeBron James.
- · Favorite team: Cleveland Cavaliers.
- Favorite non-basketball Olympian: Michael Johnson.
- · Best player I've ever faced: Kevin Love.
- I want to play one-on-one against: my father.
- The most impressive person I ever met: Marc Morial, the former mayor of New Orleans.
- · Favorite announcer. Charles Barkley.
- Most people don't know: I am actually right-handed, although I play with my left.
- First basketball memory: playing on the nine and 10-year-old
- Post-basketball aspirations: to become a psychologist.
- Can't live without: basketball.
- Stranded on an island, I would need: basketball, water and food.
- · Favorite food: spaghetti and meat sauce.

#27 Reeves Nelson

Guard • 6-7 • 220 lbs. Modesto Christian High School '09 Modesto, California

Honors...

 Named 2007 California All-State Division V, and to the All-California Sophomore Team, All-Stanislaus District first team and all-league first team.

High School Notes...

- Attends Modesto Christian High School (Calif.), where in two varsity seasons he has aided his team to a 59-9 record and two Nor-Cal championship finals.
- Posted career bests of 27 points, 19 rebounds, nine assists, seven steals and six blocked shots, all in the 2006-07 season.
- Started all 34 games played as a sophomore in 2006-07 while aiding Modesto Christian to a 29-5 slate, averaged 15.6 ppg., 8.9 rpg., 4.5 apg., 3.0 spg. and 1.3 bpg.
- Started 10 of 24 contests played as a freshman as Modesto Christian went 30-4, averaged 9.0 ppg., 6.0 rpg., 3.0 apg. and 2.0 spg.
- Competed for the AAU's Oakland Soldiers in 2006 and Pump 'n Run Elite in 2007, aiding his 2007 squad to a first place finish in the Fayetteville, Ark., tournament and second in the Houston Kingwood Classic.
- Was named the Best of the Best Team at age 14 as a member of the Double Pump West Coast All-Stars.

The Personal Scoop...

- · Born on September 18, 1991, in Modesto, California.
- Son of Sheila and Brian Nelson, has two younger siblings, Raymond (14) and Alexa (11).
- · A member of his high school's Honor Roll.
- This right-hander wears No. 22 because it's different.
- Played high school and/or AAU basketball with BYU signee Luiz DeToldeo, Washington signee Adrian Oliver and Kentucky signee Michael Porter.
- · Favorite sport other than basketball: football.
- Favorite basketball player of all-time: Magic Johnson.
- · Favorite team: Los Angeles Lakers.
- Favorite non-basketball Olympian: Michael Johnson.
- Strangest place ever played hoops: in a church.
- Best player I've ever faced: 2006 USA U-18 gold medalist Michael Beasley.
- I want to play one-on-one against: Michael Jordan.
- The most impressive person I ever met: 2006 USA U18 National Team head coach Lorenzo Romar, he's a dynamic individual.
- · Favorite announcer: Jay Bilas.
- · Away from basketball I enjoy: hanging out with friends.
- · Most people don't know: I have a freckle on my left palm.
- Most interesting place ever visited: Disneyworld, it was fun.
- First basketball memory: playing Slam 'n Jam at age 10.
- · Post-basketball aspirations: going into the business world.
- · Can't live without: my friends and family.
- Stranded on an island, I would need: shelter, fresh water and a machete.
- Favorite food: ice cream.

28 DESHAWN PAINTER

Forward • 6-9 • 210 lbs.

Booker T. Washington High School '08

Norfolk, Virginia

High School Notes...

- Has played two varsity seasons at Booker T. Washington High School (Va.).
- Averaged 16.0 ppg., 12.0 rpg. and 5.0 apg. as a sophomore in 2006-07.
- Averaged 10.0 ppg., 8.0 rpg., and 2.0 apg. as a freshman in 2005-06.

- Born February 4, 1990.
- This right-hander wears No. 4.
- Favorite sports other than basketball: football, soccer and cross country.
- · Favorite basketball player of all-time: Kevin Garnett.
- · Favorite team: Los Angeles Lakers.
- Strangest place ever played hoops: in the snow.
- I want to play one-on-one against: Kevin Garnett.
- · Favorite announcer: Charles Barkeley.
- · Away from basketball I enjoy: watching movies.
- Most people don't know: I live to help people.
- Most interesting place ever visited: Colorado.
- · First basketball memory: my first dunk.
- · Can't live without: basketball, my mom and God.
- · Stranded on an island, I would need: girls, family and food.
- Favorite food: pizza.

#37 ANDY POLING

Center • 6-10 • 200 lbs. Westview High School '08 Portland, Oregon

Verbally committed to attend and play for Gonzaga University.

Honors...

- Named a Portland Oregonian 2007 Class 6A All-State honorable mention and to the 2007 All-Metro League first team.
- Selected 2006 Portland Oregonian Class 6A All-State second team and All-Metro League first team.
- · Earned 2005 All-Metro League third team honors.

High School Notes...

- Has played three varsity seasons for Westview High School (Ore.), where he has amassed 1,172 points, 650 rebounds, 120 assists, 172 blocked shots and 46 steals in 85 games played.
- Aided Westview to a 21-7 mark and the 2007 Oregon Class 6A Tournament quarterfinals, averaged 14.0 ppg., 8.0 rpg. and 2.0 bpg.
- As a sophomore, Westview finished sixth in the state and collected a 22-6 mark, averaged 18.0 ppg., 10.0 rpg. and 2.5 bpg.
- Westview went 17-13 and finished fifth in the state during his 2004-05 freshman season, averaged 10.0 ppg. and 7.0 rpg.
- Has played for the AAU's Portland Panthers since 2004.

The Personal Scoop...

- Born Carey A. Poling on October 24, 1989, in Redmond, Washington, goes by Andy.
- The son of Jenny and Mark Poling, has one brother, Jack (7).
- · Is a recreational golfer.
- Mother played volleyball in college and uncle Mark Schoberg ran cross country in college.
- Will graduate in a class of 800 from a student body of 2,700.
- · This right-hander wears No. 54, it was the only one in my size.
- · Favorite sport other than basketball: golf.
- · Favorite basketball player of all-time: LeBron James.
- · Favorite team: Phoenix Suns.
- · Favorite non-basketball Olympian: Michael Phelps.
- Strangest place ever played hoops: in a pool.
- Best player I've ever faced: Luke Walton.
- I want to play one-on-one against: LeBron James.
- The most impressive person I ever met: Reggie Guyton, he's a good person.
- Favorite announcer: Reggie Miller.
- Away from basketball I enjoy: sleeping, playing video games, reading and watching movies.
- Most people don't know: my great-grandma is 100-years-old.
- Most interesting place ever visited: Graceland, the home of the King.
- First basketball memory: playing for the YMCA Eagles.
- · Post-basketball aspirations: becoming a writer.
- · Superstitions: double tap on yellow lights.
- · Can't live without: my mom.
- · Favorite food: Ritz crackers.

#17 TRAVIS RELEFORD

Guard • 6-5 • 195 lbs.
Bishop Miege High School '08
Kansas City, Missouri

 Lists Kansas, Kansas State, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Texas and Texas A&M among his college choices.

Honors...

Named 2007 all-state first team, all-metro first team and conference player of the year.

High School Notes...

- Attends Bishop Miege High School (Kan.), where he helped his squad in 2006-07 to a 19-6 record and a third place finish in the state; averaged 20.1 ppg., 7.0 rpg., 4.0 apg., 3.0 spg. and 2.0 bpg.
- Has recorded single-game career bests of 43 points, 20 rebounds and eight assists.
- Competes with the AAU's KC Pump & Run and his squad won the adidas Super 64 16-Uchampionship in 2005.

- Born on February 22, 1990, in his hometown of Kansas City, Missouri.
- The son of Venita Vann and Tracy Releford Sr., has three brothers, Tracy Jr. (18), Trevor (15), June (10), and two sisters, Tamara (12) and Katelin (6).
- · Favorite sport other than basketball: football.
- Favorite basketball player of all-time: Kobe Bryant.
- · Best player I've ever faced: Michael Beasley.
- · Away from basketball I enjoy: hanging with friends.
- Most people don't know: I'm a mac.
- Most interesting place ever visited: Virginia Beach, it was my very first vacation.
- First basketball memory: my first dunk in the seventh grade.
- · Can't live without: money.
- · Favorite food: pizza.

#29 DELVON ROE

Forward • 6-8 • 220 lbs. St. Edward High School '08 Lakewood, Ohio

Verbally committed to attend and play for Michigan State.

Honors...

- Earned 2007 Parade Magazine All-America fourth team honors.
- Named the 2007 EA Sports National Junior of the Year.
- · Named 2007 EA Sports All-America second team.
- Was the runner-up for 2007 Ohio Mr. Basketball honors.
- The Cleveland Plain Dealer selected Roe as its 2006-07 Player of the Year.
- · Awarded recognition as the EPA National Junior of the Year.
- Named to the Plain Dealer first team and all-state honorable mention, all-district first team in 2005-06.
- Recognized as all-state and all-conference in 2004-05, his freshman season.

High School Notes...

- Attends St. Edward High School (Ohio), where he led his squad to a 25-1 mark, the Ohio Division 1 semifinals, a No. 23 final national ranking and a No. 5 Midwest Regional ranking by USA Today in 2006-07.
- Averaged 22.5 ppg., 11.5 rpg., 5.2 apg., 4.2 spg., and 5.7 bpg. in 2006-07
- Averaged 20.5 ppg., 10.7 rpg., 3.2 apg., 2.2 spg. and 5.1 bpg. in his 2005-06 sophomore season.
- In 2004-05, his debut campaign, averaged 16.3 ppg., 9.6 rpg. and 3.2 bpg.
- · Plays AAU for King James Shooting Stars.
- Participated in the 5-Star Camp and the Nike Hoop Jamboree Camp where he was named MVP.

The Personal Scoop...

- Born on October 3, 1989. Is the son of Tracy and Delvon Blanton, has one brother, Delvontae Blanton (5) and one sister, Delvona Oliver (25).
- Sister played college basketball at Maryland and signed as a free agent for the WNBA's New York Liberty before competing overseas.
- Favorite sports other than basketball: baseball and golf.
- Favorite basketball player of all-time: Tim Duncan.
- · Favorite team: Cleveland Cavaliers.
- Strangest place ever played hoops: in the woods.
- Best game I've ever watched: game five of the 2007 Cavs vs. Pistons series.
- Best player I've ever faced: LeBron James.
- I want to play one-on-one against: Michael Jordan.
- The most impressive person I ever met: Magic Johnson.
- · Favorite announcer. Dick Vitale.
- Away from basketball I enjoy: playing golf.
- Most people don't know: I like to read.
- Most interesting place ever visited: Las Vegas, the city never stops.
- First basketball memory: When I was 10 years old, I made the game-winning basket from half-court.
- Post-basketball aspirations: to be a lawyer.
- Superstitions: wearing the same brand of socks for every game, listening to the same music, chewing a stick of gum in the layup line.
- · Can't live without: hot Cheetos
- Stranded on an island, I would need: hot Cheetos, basketball and PSP.
- Favorite food: chicken.

#24 LANCE STEPHENSON

Guard • 6-5 • 195 lbs. Lincoln High School '09 Brooklyn, New York

Honors...

- · Honored as the New York City 2006-07 Player of the Year.
- Named the 2007 EA Sports National Sophomore of the Year after being selected the 2006 EA Sports National Freshman of the Year.
- Named 2007 EA Sports All-America second team.
- Selected first team all-state and state finals MVP.
- Earned City Championship MVP.
- · Garnered MVP recognition from EBC Rucker Pro League.
- In his initial campaign, earned all-state third team.

High School Notes...

- Lists single best game as a 43-point performance against St. Patrick's New Jersey. Stephenson shot 17-of-22 from the field.
- Attends Lincoln High School (N.Y.), where he led the Railsplitters to the 2007 New York Federation Class AA state title, scoring 14 of his 29 points in the fourth quarter to secure his second Public Schools Athletic League (PSAL) crown.
- Averaged 25.2 ppg., 9.7 rpg. and 5.5 apg. as a sophomore.
- Lincoln also earned a No. 17 final national ranking and a No. 5
 East Regional ranking by USA Today at the conclusion of the
 2006-07 season.
- Helped Lincoln as a freshman in 2005-06 to the PSAL title, averaging 22.2 ppg., 9.2 rpg., 5 apg. and spg. through the year.
- Finished 2005 ABCD all-star camp ranked eighth.
- Wrapped up 2006 ABCD all-star camp ranked third.

- Born on September 5, 1990 to Bern and Lance Sr, has one brother, Lantz.
- · Competed on 2001 AAU National Champion Team Next.
- Attends the same high school that produced NBA stars Stephon Marbury and Sebastian Telfair.
- Favorite sport other than basketball: football.
- Favorite basketball player of all-time: Kobe Bryant.
- · Favorite team: Houston Rockets.
- · Best player I've ever faced: Greg Oden.
- I want to play one-on-one against. Kobe Bryant.
- The most impressive person I ever met: Baron Davis.
- · Favorite announcers: Dick Vitale and Marv Albert.
- Away from basketball I enjoy: swimming at the beach in Coney Island.
- · Most people don't know: I suck my thumb.
- First basketball memory: playing basketball with my mom and dad.
- Stranded on an island, I would need: basketball, girlfriend and food
- · Favorite food: turkey burger

#12 DEXTER STRICKLAND

Guard • 6-3 • 185 lbs. St. Patrick's High School '09 Elizabeth, New Jersey

· Lists Florida, Michigan State, North Carolina and Villanova.

High School Notes...

- · Has played two varsity seasons at St. Patrick's High School (N.J.).
- Aided his squad in 2006-07 to a 30-2 slate, a state title, a second consecutive Tournament of Champions crown and a final USA Today No. 2 national ranking and a No. 1 ranking in the East regional.

The Personal Scoop...

- Born on October 1, 1990 to Sherron and Dexter Strickland has one sister, Brandi.
- · Also played football.
- · Attends the former high school of Al Harrington.
- This right-hander wears No. 1, because that's the spot he wants to be at.
- · Favorite sport other than basketball: football.
- Favorite basketball player of all-time: Michael Jordan.
- · Strangest place ever played hoops: the beach.
- · Best player I've ever faced: O.J. Mayo.
- · I want to play one-on-one against: LeBron James.
- The most impressive person I ever met: LeBron James, because he's humble.
- Away from basketball I enjoy: playing PSP.
- · Can't live without: my iPod, PSP and my girl.
- Favorite food: Chinese.

#10 JORDAN THEODORE

Guard • 6-1 • 165 lbs.
Paterson Catholic High School '08
Englewood, New Jersey

Honors...

- Recognized as an North Jersey All-Area, All-Passaic County and all-conference member in 2006-07.
- · Named all-conference in 2005-06.

High School Notes...

- Has compiled 700 points, 192 rebounds, 288 assists, 175 steals and 36 blocked shots in three varsity seasons at Paterson Catholic H.S. (N.J.).
- Lists single-best game as a 31-point, 8-assist, 7-rebound performance vs. DePaul Catholic.
- Averaged 20.0 ppg., 6.0 rpg., 10.0 apg. and 4.0 spg. in 2006-07, as Patterson Catholic finished 18-8.
- In his 2005-06 sophomore season, averaged 16.0 ppg., 4.0 rpg., 6.0 apg., 3.0 spg. and 2.0 bpg.
- In his debut season, 2004-05, averaged 4.0 ppg., 1.0 rpg., 5.0 apg. and 1.0 spg. in 19 games played.
- Has played with the AAU's New York Gauchos from 2005 to 2007.
 Has also competed with Team Roc from 2000-2002, Englewood Rec from 1998-2002, Paterson Rec from 2001-04, and Playaz Basketball from 2000-2004.

- Born Jordan Theodore on December 11, 1989.
- Is the son of Carol and Roy Theodore. Has two brothers, Kwane Washington (27), and Roy Theodore (19), and two sisters, Tiffany Theodore (29), and Joi Theodore (27)
- Favorite basketball players of all-time: Michael Jordan and Steve Nash.
- · Favorite team: Phoenix Suns.
- Favorite non-basketball Olympian: Michael Johnson.
- · Favorite announcer. Mary Albert.
- Strangest place ever played basketball: Jamaica.

#31 JT THOMPSON

Forward • 6-6 • 215 lbs. Forrest Hills High School '08 Union County, North Carolina

· Committed verbally to Virgina Tech.

Honors...

 Earned all-conference honorable mention and all conference in his first two high school seasons, respectively at Forrest Hills High School (N.C.)

High School Notes...

- Transferred to Hope Christian Academy, a private school, before the 2006-07 season where he was not eligible for honors but led his team to a 29-8 record.
- Increased his scoring to a four-year best 23.5 ppg. and added 12 rpg. in 2006-07, to go along with 2.0 apg. and 2.5 bpg.
- Averaged 18.0 ppg., 12.0 rpg., 2.0 apg. and 3.0 bpg. in 2005-06 as a junior, as Forest Hills finished 30-2.
- As a sophomore, Hills posted a 24-7 record, as he averaged 19 ppg., 11 rpg., 2 apg., 2 spg., 3 bpg.
- In his first high school season, 2003-04, averaged 15 ppg., 8 rpg and 3 bpg. while Hills finished with a 24-7 record.
- Lists single best game as 51 points and 16 rebounds against the Bay Stingrays Australian travel team.

The Personal Scoop...

- Born on January 1, 1989, is the son of Liz and Robert Robinson.
- Has played with the AAU's Charlotte Nets as well as the Charlotte Royals where he advanced to the Top 4 Super Showcase and the Top 25 Nationals
- Will graduate from a class of 65 students at Hope Christian Academy.
- Has a superstition about wearing jersey No. 33 because he has always played well in it.
- Favorite basketball players of all-time: LeBron James and Michael Jordan.
- · Favorite team: Chicago Bulls.
- · Favorite non-basketball Olympian: Carl Lewis.
- · Best player I've ever faced: Dwight Howard.
- · I want to play one-on-one against: Carmelo Anthony.
- The most impressive person I ever met: Dwight Howard because of his character.
- Most interesting place ever visited: Las Vegas.
- First basketball memory: In eighth grade, I had a fast-break dunk and fell on my back.
- · Can't live without: My mom.
- Stranded on an island, I would need: a DVD player, food and a basketball hoop.
- Favorite food: pizza.

#4 ERVING WALKER

Guard • 5-7 • 140 Christ the King High School '08 Brooklyn, New York

· Verbally committed the University of Florida.

Honors...

- Named New York Daily News All-City first team, New York Post All-CHSAA first team and all-league first team in 2007.
- Earned 2006 all-league third team, New York Daily News All-Queens second team and New York Post All-CHSAA third team honors.
- Won the 2005 MVP award at the city championships.

High School Notes...

- Attends Christ the King High School (Ny.), where he has competed three years, the last two on varsity team.
- Aided his squad in 2006-07 to a 25-6 slate and the New York State Catholic finals.
- Won the New York City CHSAA Class AA final, a No. 21 final national ranking and a No. 8 East Regional ranking by USA Today; started all 31 games played in 2006-07 and averaged 17.5 ppg., 2.4 rpg., 5.3 apg. and 2.0 spg.
- His single-game best of 27 points came when Christ the King trailed St. Raymond's by 20 in the second quarter, and he scored 19 in the fourth quarter to send the game into overtime where his team won by four.
- As a sophomore in 2005-06, started all 30 games played as his squad went 25-5; averaged 17.0 ppg., 2.2 rpg., 4.4 apg. and 2.3 spg.
- Helped his team as a freshman to a 20-5 slate, started all 25 games played and averaged 28.0 ppg., 4.0 rpg., 6.5 apg. and 1.6 spg.
- Played for the AAU's Juice All-Stars in 2005, 2006 and 2007.
- As a member of Team Next from 2001-2004, aided his teams to the 2001 AAU national championship, a third place finish at the 2002 AAU nationals, sixth in 2004 and seventh in 2003.
- Was an All-Star at the 2005 and 2006 adidas Superstar Camps.

- · Born on January 17, 1990, in New York, New York.
- · Son of Kim and Robert Walker, has one sister, Shaniqua (22).
- A member of the Honor Roll throughout high school.
- Hails from the same high school that produced numerous standouts, including Lamar Odom.
- This right-hander wears No. 11 because he's had it since he was five years old.
- Played college and/or AAU ball with Villanova-bound Corey Fisher and Malcom Grant and Manhattan-bound Andrew Gabriel; competed alongside Seton Hall's Larry Davis and Drexel's Robert Hampton.
- Favorite sport other than basketball: baseball and football.
- · Favorite basketball player of all-time: Olympian Allen Iverson.
- · Favorite team: New York Knicks.
- Favorite non-basketball Olympian: Michael Johnson.
- Best game I've ever watched: Knicks vs. Heat (Game 7)
- · I want to play one-on-one against: Earl Boykins.
- The most impressive person I ever met: my mother, she's a strong person.
- Away from basketball I enjoy: spending time with friends and family.
- · Most people don't know: that I'm a momma's boy.
- First basketball memory: when I was seven and I sent the game into overtime by hitting a three at the buzzer.
- Post-basketball aspirations: to become a sports broadcaster.
- Can't live without: my mother.
- Stranded on an island, I would need: mother, father and cell phone.

#22 STORM WARREN

Forward • 6-8 • 215 lbs. Richwood High School '08 Monroe, Louisiana

Honors...

- Named all-district MVP, All-Northeast Louisiana first team, allstate first team and all-American for the 2006-07 season.
- Selected as all-district first team, All-Northeast Louisiana first team, and all-state second team in 2005-06.
- In his 2004-05 freshman season, chosen all-district honorable mention and most-improved.

High School Notes...

- Averaged 24.6 ppg., 18.0 rpg., 3.5 apg., 2.2 spg. and 9.1 bpg. in 2006-07, as Richwood finished 32-9.
- Put together averages of 20.2 ppg., 15.3 rpg., 2.4 apg., 3.1 spg. and 6.2 bpg. in 2005-06, while Richwood finished 30-12.
- Richwood won the state title in 2004-05, and Warren contributed 8.1 ppg., 6.0 rpg., 2.0 spg. and 3.1 bpg.
- In 2007, will play with the AAU's Louisiana Select.
- In 2006, competed with the AAU's Louisiana Stars and also participated in the Adidas all-American camp.
- In 2005, played for the AAU's Jackson Panthers and New Orleans Jazz, also attending the Adidas all-American camp.

The Personal Scoop...

- Born on November 4, 1988 in Monroe, Louisiana
- · Is the son of Tammy Goodin and Edward Warren
- Participated in the 2007 Pongos all-American camp.
- In addition to basketball, plays football and runs track.

#25 WILLIE WARREN

Guard • 6-4 • 195 lbs.

North Crowley High School '08

Fort Worth, Texas

Honors...

- Selected the 2007 Fort Worth Star-Telegram Boys Basketball Player of the Year.
- Named 2007 District 4-5A MVP, all-state first team, all-region first team and all-area first team.

High School Notes...

- Attends North Crowley High School (Texas), where he aided his 2006-07 squad to the area finals and a 29-6 record; started 34 of 35 games and averaged 23.7 ppg., 3.2 rpg., 4.7 apg. and 2.5 spg.
- Helped North Crowley as a sophomore to the area finals and a 26-9 slate; started all 28 games played and averaged 16.7 ppg., 3.0 rpg., 2.8 apg. and 2.3 spg.
- Competed as a freshman in 2004-05 for Cedar Hill High School (Texas) and aided his team to a 25-6 record, averaged 7.8 ppg., 2.7 rpg. and 2.4 apg.
- · Competed eight summers for AAU's Team Texas.
- Also played football in high school.

- · Born on October 22, 1989, in Dallas, Texas.
- The son of Mabika Warren-Frazier, who played basketball in college.
- Will graduate in a class of 500 from a student body of 2,000.
- This right-hander wears No. 32 because it was his mom's number.
- · Favorite sport other than basketball: football.
- Favorite basketball player of all-time: Allen Iverson.
- Favorite team: Philadelphia 76ers.
- Favorite non-basketball Olympian: Michael Johnson.
- Best player I've ever faced: Brandon Jennings.
- I want to play one-on-one against: myself.
- · Favorite announcer: Dick Vitale.
- · Away from basketball I enjoy: hanging with my friends.
- · Most people don't know: I'm shy.
- First basketball memory: the first person I dunked on.
- · Post-basketball aspirations: public communications or coaching.
- · Superstitions: wearing the same shoes after a loss.
- · Can't live without: my mom and basketball.
- Stranded on an island, I would need: a basketball, a court, my mom, a house with food and the necessary materials.
- · Favorite food: pizza.

#30 JAMIL WILSON

Forward • 6-6 • 205 lbs.

Racine Horlick High School '09

Racine, Wisconsin

Honors...

• Earned an all-state honorable mention nod in 2006-07 as well as first-team all-conference and all-county status.

High School Notes...

- In two varsity seasons from 2005-07, lists his single-best game as a 2007 regional final when he scored 34 points to go along with 14 rebounds and seven assists.
- Competed with AAU's Wisconsin Playground from fifth to 10th grade in addition to playing with Running Rebels and Milwaukee Stars.

The Personal Scoop...

- · Born Jamil Wilson on November 21, 1990. Goes by Jay.
- Parents are Carolyn and James Wilson, has two sisters, Jazmin (11) and Kamisha (21).
- Has been recognized as all-conference first team in volleyball.
- Has been a teammate of Men's Youth Development Festival participant Korie Lucious.
- I play: bass clarinet.
- · Favorite team: Cleveland Cavaliers.
- · Favorite basketball player of all-time: LeBron James
- · Best player I've ever faced: Wesley Matthews.
- · I want to play one-on-one against: LeBron James.
- The most impressive person I ever met: Dwyane Wade because
 of his dedication and love for the game.
- · Favorite announcer: "Sir" Charles Barkley or Dick Vitale.
- Most people don't know: I am a good swimmer/diver.
- Most interesting place ever visited: Australia because of its foreign way of basketball.
- If you weren't playing basketball you would: be a pediatrician.
- · Can't live without: basketball, family and God.
- Stranded on an island, I would need: Bible, family and a basketball court.
- · Favorite food: Mom's tacos.

#38 Tony Woods

Center • 6-10 • 200 lbs. Rome High School '08 Rome, Georgia

 Lists Alabama, Connecticut, Florida and Kentucky among his college choices.

Honors...

 Recognized as an all-conference selection an as a regional player of the year in 2006-07.

High School Notes...

- In three seasons playing for Rome High School (Ga.), lists a December 2006 contest against the Cartersville Hurricanes as his best. Woods tallied 37 points and 21 rebounds in the contest.
- Averaged 15.2 ppg., 11.0 rpg. and more than 4 bpg. in the 2006-07 season.

- Born Samuel Antonio Woods, Jr. on January 24, 1990, in Rome, Georgia. Goes by Tony.
- Parents are Samuel "Tony" Woods, Sr. and Jackie Cunningham, has two sisters, Arlea (15) and Ashleigh (16).
- Cousin, Rick Garrertt, plays basketball at Wabash Valley (Ill.) Junior College. Father played basketball at Brigham Young.
- · Favorite basketball player of all-time: Amarè Stoudemire
- · Favorite team: Phoenix Suns.
- Best player I've ever faced: Men's Youth Development Festival participant Greg Monroe.
- I want to play one-on-one against: Farragut (III.) High School forward/center Michael Dunnigan.
- The most impressive person I ever met: my grandmother because she has lived through many tough situations.
- · Most people don't know: I rap for fun and am kind of good at it.
- · Most interesting place ever visited: It will be Las Vegas this July.
- First basketball memory: playing in a game when I was seven years old. The ball felt like it weighed 18 pounds.
- Superstitions: putting salt in my shoes to make me jump higher.
- Can't live without: music, particularly hip-hop.
- Stranded on an island, I would need: food, girls and a jukebox full of old-school hip-hop.
- · Favorite food: lasagna.