

The Showdown (Richmond, VA)

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The Showdown took place on May 12th at Big Ben's Court in Richmond. The list of teams included many of the strong programs in Virginia, including some of the unknown "mom & pop" squads that have some players flying under the radar. Games were played in the U17, U16 and U15 age divisions. There was plenty of talent in the gym and I'm glad I had the chance to evaluate this talent.

There were very good 2013 players in the gym, some very intriguing players for the low D1 programs and elite D3 schools. Below you will find the evaluations of all the 2013 college-level prospects, grouped by point guards, wings and post players.

2013 Point Guards

Conrad, Chris (Waynesboro HS, 2013, 6'0", 1, RR-4) – Chris plays with the East Coast Fusion program (GOLD). He is a very quick lead guard who can get into the lane at will. He is very crafty on the defensive end and draws offensive fouls with his ability to sell the charge either on or off the ball. Chris doesn't have a consistent perimeter game at this point, but he is a good teammate and runs the show with effectiveness.



Chris Conrad (Waynesboro '13)

Coppola, Nick (Benedictine, 2013, 6'0", 1, RR-7) – Nick plays with the East Coast Fusion program. He is a quick point guard with a very strong frame that allows him to get where he wants on offense and control the ball handler on the defensive end. He can hit the open three to keep the defender honest. When guarded closely, he gets by his defender with consistency and creates for himself and teammates once he gets in the lane.



Jamie Wilson (Christchurch '13)

Jones, Tim (Henrico HS, 2013, 5'11", 1, RR-5) – Tim plays with the Team Richmond program. He is a quick point guard with a good feel for the game. He finishes well in the paint and on the break, but he is also a very capable facilitator for his teammates getting in the lane or making good decisions on the break. Tim is tough on the ball and is willing to step in a take a charge as well.

Majors, Josh (Miller School, 2013, 5'10", 1, RR-5) – Josh plays with the East Coast Fusion program. He is a quick lead guard who can help the team win in different ways. He is quick getting to the rim on the break and in the halfcourt. Josh is also a capable shooter from three or pulling up from 15' or so. He makes good decisions on the pick-n-roll and his defense is strong both on the ball and denying the wing.



Kevin Regimbal (James River '13)

Regimbal, Kevin (James River HS, 2013, 6'2", 1, RR-4) – Kevin plays with the East Coast Fusion program (BLUE). He is a heady point guard with good size and strength. He is capable running the show and makes good decisions in the halfcourt and on the break. Kevin can shoot the three and pull up from mid-range with consistency. He isn't a jet on defense, but he'll stay in front of players and contain with his strength and high IQ.

Talley, Jordan (Henrico HS, 2013, 5'11", 1/2, RR-5) – Jordan plays with the Team Richmond program. He is a quick guard with a strong frame. He is not a consistent jump shooter, but he is capable of hitting the three. Jordan plays tough defense, both on and off the ball. He also has nice touch on floaters and other shots around the rim.

Wilson, Jamie (Christchurch, 2013, 5'10", 1/2, RR-4) – Jamie plays with the Virginia Warriors program. He is a skilled combo guard with a good feel for the game and smooth stroke. He is a capable passer, but Jamie's strength is his ability to shoot the ball from a bunch of different spots. He is a good three point shooter, but he can also hit the mid-range shot both off the catch and dribble. He makes good decisions on the break and on pick-n-roll action.

2013 Wing Players

Agee, Boo (Covenant School, 2013, 6'1", 2, RR-3) – Boo plays with the East Coast Fusion program (GOLD). He had the high game of the day, scoring 38 points (including 6 threes). He is a streaky outside shooter, but when he gets on a roll he can really fill up the stat sheet. Boo is inconsistent with his motor, but he is also a capable defender when he's focused. There is talk about him taking a post-grad year moving him into the 2013 class.

Calloway, Tayontae (North Cross, 2013, 6'0", 2, RR-3) – Tayontae plays with the NRV Elite program. He is a decent athlete who can score in different ways. He is a capable shooter from three and he attacks the offensive glass hard.

Davis, Zach (Hargrave Military PG, 2013, 6'3", 3, RR-4) – Zach plays with the NRV Elite program and will be heading to Hargrave Military for a PG year next year. He is a developing wing player who has always been in the post during high school. He scored 19 points against a team loaded with college prospects. Zach is very comfortable scoring in the paint off floaters, spin moves and strong putbacks. His stroke looks good to 16' or so, but he has to develop a deeper perimeter game. He is a quick jumper and surprises people with ability to block shots.

Hamlet, BJ (Massanutten Military, 2013, 6'2", 2, RR-6) – BJ plays with the East Coast Fusion program (DALTON). He is a volume shooter who doesn't need much time and space to get his shot off. He had at least 4 threes in each game (3 games for the day) and he is always shot ready. BJ has good athleticism and is capable getting into the lane when being overplayed because of his ability to shoot the ball.

Henderson, Hernon (Covenant School, 2013, 6'1", 2, RR-4) – Hernon plays with the East Coast Fusion program (GOLD). He is a strong wing player who can score in different ways and uses his strength to finish around the basket. Hernon scored 21 points in a key game for the squad and hit 9 threes in three games on the day.

Marshall, Jimmy (Douglas Freeman HS, 2013, 6'5", 3, RR-5) – Jimmy plays with the Virginia Warriors program. He was one of the more intriguing players of the day because he showed some signs of being very good, but he disappeared during other times. Jimmy had a very athletic block at the rim as well as an athletic finish on the break. In one game he hit three 3s, but I don't know how good a feel he has for the game at this point.

Scott, Asa (Douglas Freeman HS, 2013, 6'3", 3, RR-4) – Asa plays with the Virginia Warriors program. He is a long wing player with good athleticism. He is a capable slasher and he can finish with either hand in the lane. When he's confident, he can really score (21 points in one game), but sometimes he blends in and won't jump out at you.

Smith, Marvin (Henrico HS, 2013, 6'5", 4/3, RR-5) – Marvin plays with the Team Richmond program. He is a raw forward with good length and athleticism. His stroke isn't bad, but he gets most of his points on the interior and slashing to the rim. Marvin scored 21 points in one game and showed flashes of getting more comfortable on the wing. He has a chance to be pretty good as he develops more into a 3.



Zach Davis (Hargrave PG '13)



BJ Hamlet (Massanutten '13)



Marvin Smith (Henrico '13)



Boo Agee (Covenant '13)

2013 Post Players

Ayers, Michael (Blacksburg HS, 2013, 6'8", 5, RR-5) – Michael plays with the NRV Elite program. He is a skilled post player with good hands. He made several impressive baskets including a 16' jumper on the baseline, 8' jumper in the paint and a nice jump hook with his right hand. Michael isn't a great athlete, but he has a good frame and runs the floor hard. He needs to get more comfortable banging in the paint.

Bowling, Brett (Wyoming East HS, 2013, 6'4", 4/3, RR-4) – Brett plays with the East Coast Fusion program (BLUE). He is a strong forward with a scoring mentality, but still raw with regard to his feel for the game. Brett has a good looking stroke and is confident in his ability. He had 20, 12 and 17 in his three games showing potential in his ability as a scorer.

Burnashov, Fillip (Blue Ridge School, 2013, 6'5", 4/3, RR-4) – Fillip plays with the East Coast Fusion program (BLUE). He is an international born player (Russia) with a good feel for the game. He has good athleticism and good footwork in the pain. Fillip is capable stepping away from the basket and either hitting the mid-range shot or taking other post players off the dribble.

Daly, Tim (James River HS, 2013, 6'6", 4, RR-6) – Tim plays with the East Coast Fusion program. He is a very skilled combo forward who can score in a variety of ways. He can shoot the three, but he regularly takes other post players off the dribble and either finishes or draws a foul. Tim makes his free throws and has great footwork in the post. His motor is great, the only thing holding him back from a higher rating is his height or his ability to be consistent at the 3.

Lutkenhaus, John (Douglas Freeman HS, 2013, 6'5", 3/4, RR-4) – John plays with the Virginia Warriors program. He is a skilled forward with a good feel for the game. He moves well without the ball and made some good passes from the wing and high post. He hit a 15' step back jumper, an 18' pull-up and a catch-n-shoot from just inside the three point line. John finished well on the break and has a good motor. He didn't show an ability to hit the three, but he was very good from mid-range.

Mallory, De (Albemarle HS, 2013, 6'4", 4, RR-4) – De plays with the East Coast Fusion program (BLUE). He is a hard-working post player with a soft touch around the basket and an ability to step away from the hoop and hit the face-up jumper. He had a high game of 17 in his second game of the day. De needs to keep working on his conditioning and aggressiveness on the boards.

Rogers, David (Covenant School, 2013, 6'7", 5, RR-4) – David plays with the East Coast Fusion program (GOLD). He is a developing post player with good footwork and a great attitude. He runs the floor hard and doesn't try to do more than he's capable of. As his confidence improves, he will turn into a solid college prospect. David shows flashes of aggressiveness that instantly makes him successful on the court.



Michael Ayers (Blacksburg '13)



Tim Daley (James River '13)



John Lutkenhaus (Freeman '13)

Legend

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The group of 2014 players in the event included a mix of solid wings and post players. Depending on your need, there are players that could fit your need. Below is the list of players separated by point guards, wings and post players.

2014 Point Guards

Butler, Dorian (Fluvanna HS, 2014, 5'10", 1, RR-3) – Dorian plays with the East Coast Fusion program (STENGER). He is a solid point guard who runs the show efficiently and takes what the defense gives him on the offensive end. He can hit the three if left open and he's crafty getting into the lane. Dorian needs to get stronger physically and more aggressive on both ends of the court.

Engleman, Eric (Godwin HS, 2014, 5'10", 1, RR-3) – Eric plays with the East Coast Fusion program (STENGER). He is a solid guard with a good feel for the game. He makes good decisions on the court and doesn't try to do more than he can do. Eric is a good shooter who makes the defense pay if they double off him or don't find him in transition. His potential physical growth will help make him versatile at the next level playing either guard spot.

Hess, Josh (Abingdon HS, 2014, 5'11", 1/2, RR-5) – Josh plays with the East Coast Fusion program (SHIELDS). He is a very skilled combo guard who can extend the defense with his stroke out to the NBA line. He is quick with the ball and can break down the defense and finish in the lane. Josh has a good feel for the game and makes good decisions on the break and in the halfcourt.

Hogg, Ben (Brookville HS, 2014, 5'11", 1/2, RR-4) – Ben plays with the East Coast Fusion program (SHIELDS). He is a strong point guard who can play off the ball as well as on. He is very aggressive on both ends of the floor and uses his strength to score in the lane and on the break. Ben doesn't look to shoot the perimeter shot often, but he has a good feel for the game and sets his teammates up for good looks. He is a gritty player that gets on the floor for every loose ball.

Johnson, Derrick (Glen Allen HS, 2014, 6'2", 1, RR-6) – Derrick plays with the Richmond Phenoms program. He is a talented point guard with good size and a good feel for the game. He can hit the three either catch-n-shoot or pulling up. Derrick isn't flashy with the ball, but he knows how to get to his spots and create for himself and his teammates.

Shelor, John (Giles HS, 2014, 6'1", 1/2, RR-4) – John plays with the NRV Elite program. He is a tough combo guard who does a little bit of everything. He hit a 10' pull up jumper as well as a couple of catch-n-shoot threes. John made two very impressive backdoor passes and had a strong finish on the break. His defense is solid; good on the ball and he had a steal off the ball as well. John dove for a loose ball and played with an overall toughness which was good to see.

2014 Wing Players

Burton, Chandler (Narrows HS, 2014, 6'4", 3/2, RR-5) – Chandler plays with the NRV Elite program. He is a shooter with a good looking stroke and high release. He doesn't need much space to get his shot off and can hit the three or mid-range jumper. Chandler knocked down a pull up three that was very impressive as well. He has a good feel for the game; made a nice pass into the post as well as a pass to a backdoor cutter for a layup. He will need to prove he can play against more athletic players over the next year.



Josh Hess (Abingdon '14)



John Shelor (Giles HS '14)



Chandler Burton (Narrows '14)



Malik Crute (Monacan '14)

Cayton, Tanner (Christiansburg HS, 2014, 6'1", 3, RR-3) – Tanner plays with the NRV Elite program. He is an undersized forward who doesn't back down from anyone and is gritty on both ends. He can hit the perimeter shot from three or mid-range, but he is most effective around the rim where he is aggressive on the offensive glass. Tanner isn't a great athlete at this point, he will need to grow to have an impact at the next level.

Crute, Malik (Monacan HS, 2014, 6'0", 2, RR-5) – Malik plays with the Richmond Phenoms program. He is an athletic scoring guard who is effective as a shooter or slasher. He hit two 3s in the game on his way to scoring 18 points. Malik had an impressive dunk on the break and is aggressive on the offensive glass.

Ellis, Garrick (Thomas Jefferson HS, 2014, 5'11", 2, RR-5) – Garrick plays with the Richmond Phenoms program. He is a streaky shooter and can get shots off in a hurry if you don't pressure him. He hit three 3s in a 6 minute stretch that put their opponent away. He also made a smart pass on the break and is a good teammate. He needs to grow or develop into a combo guard at his current height.

Ford, Bobby (Madison HS, 2014, 6'3", 2/3, RR-5) – Bobby plays with the East Coast Fusion program (SHIELDS). He is a wing player with good size and a great stroke. He has a high release and very good range on his shot. Bobby can score the basketball in a variety of ways and is confident on the floor. He has two older brothers that are 6'8" and 6'6", if he grows to either of those two sizes, his rating will grow as well.

Jennelle, Derek (Princeton HS, 2014, 5'10", 2, RR-3) – Derek plays with the NRV Elite program. He is an undersized shooting guard, but he still has time to grow physically over the next couple of years. Derek is crafty in the paint, finished with a nice pass fake and had an up-n-under. He is a capable shooter from three and mid-range.

Oddo, Keith (North Cross, 2014, 6'1", 2/3, RR-4) – Keith plays with the East Coast Fusion program (SHIELDS). He is a wing player with great footwork and a great feel for the game. His lack of athleticism is made up for with his ability to use fakes and footwork to take angles and still be successful. Keith can really shoot the ball off the catch and dribble. He also is a scrappy player and is willing to take charges and dive for loose balls.

Stenger, Jonathan (James River HS, 2014, 6'3", RR-5) – Jonathan plays with the East Coast Fusion program (STENGER). He is a shooter with great range and a high release on his jumper. He can shoot off the catch as well as the dribble. Jonathan had ten 3s over three games on the day. He has a good feel for the game and can finish with both hands in the lane. If he grows a little more or develops an ability to attack the rim when overplayed, his rating could rise.

2014 Post Players

Kessler, Jacob (Mills Godwin HS, 2014, 6'4", 4, RR-4) – Jacob plays with the Richmond Phenoms program. He is an undersized post player who runs the floor well and can consistently finish in the paint. Jacob has good hands and shows he's a willing teammate and he competes on both ends.

Lorenzo, Sam (St. Anne's Belfield, 2014, 6'6", 5, RR-4) – Sam plays with the East Coast Fusion program (STENGER). He is a good interior player who knows and accepts his role in the AAU setting. He is a strong rebounder and is aggressive on both ends of the floor. Sam steps in and takes charges with regularity. He can score with his back to the basket and he's capable hitting the perimeter shot out to the three point line. He has limited athleticism, but tries to make up for it with his motor.



Bobby Ford (Madison '14)



Garrick Ellis (T.Jefferson '14)



Keith Oddo (North Cross '14)



Jon Stenger (James River '14)

Milanovich, Luke (Midlothian HS, 2014, 6'5", RR-4) – Luke plays with the East Coast Fusion program (STENGER). He is a skilled power forward with the ability to score inside and out. He posts up smaller forwards and can bring bigger guys away from the basket. Luke makes most of his free throws and he has a good feel for the game.

White, Jackson (Steward School, 2014, 6'8", 5/4, RR-7) – Jackson plays with the East Coast Fusion program (DALTON), he plays up on a U17 squad. He is a developing post player with a good feel for the game and a great foundation with his footwork and post moves. Jackson lacks strength at this point and he gets pushed off the block and knocked off balance when he's in the paint. His stroke is nice out to 18' and he's confident taking that shot as a trailer on the break or from the high post.



Luke Milanovich (Midlo '14)

The best group of prospects had to be in the U15 Division. There are players who will end up being recruited by the highest level of D1 all the way through D3. The below players have all have D1 potential at this point. The level of D1 will depend more on the physical development of the players over the next three years, but their skill sets are undeniable. These players should be put on mailing lists ASAP. Feel free to contact me for more detail on these prospects. The following players from the class of 2015 (& 2016) are grouped according to point guards, wing players and post players. Players are listed in alphabetical order by last name.

2015 Point Guards

Cross, Jalen (Woodside HS – Team Loaded JONES) is a 5'10" lead guard with good strength and quickness. He showed a little of everything as he hit a three, had several nice runners in the lane and he made good decisions on the break and in the halfcourt.



Curt Jones (Sportsquest '15)

Johnson, Malik (LC Bird HS – Richmond Metro 15s) is a small point guard with a high IQ. He makes good decisions on the break and in the half court. Malik hit a three when the defense layed off him and he was able to get in the lane and create when pressured. He is also a good defender with quick hands. At 5'5", he will need to keep growing to maximize his potential.



Malik Johnson (LC Bird '15)

Jones, Curt (Sports Quest Academy – Team Loaded JONES) is a 6'1" point guard who is actually in the class of 2016 playing up. He is a very mature leader on the floor who plays with confidence and has a good feel for the game. Curt regularly makes the extra pass to get a better shot for a teammate. He also looks confident with his mid-range pullup and he can hit the three.

Saylor, Jordan (Charlottesville HS – East Coast Fusion CONWAY) is a quick point guard who plays hard at both ends and is a capable three point shooter as well as a slasher. At 5'6", he needs to grow over the next couple of years in order to maximize is potential for the next level. He gets after it on defense and applies good pressure on the ball.

Shelton, Grayson (Blacksburg HS – NRV Elite 15s) is a small guard (5'7") with a good feel for the game. He made a very nice backdoor pass to a cutter in traffic. He can hit the open three with consistency as well.



Korey Turner (Midlo '15)

Turner, Korey (Midlothian HS – Team Richmond 15s) is a capable lead guard who makes good decisions on the floor. He is 5'11", but has a lanky frame and looks like he could add a few more inches. Korey makes the extra pass to get his teammates better shots and he makes good decisions on the break. He is a strong finisher, had several and1s over two games.

2015 Guards

Girstantas, Micah (Covenant School – East Coast Fusion CONWAY) is a skilled wing player with a good feel for the game. At 5'11" in height, his growth over the next couple of years will help determine the level of play he can compete at in college. Micah can shoot the ball out to the three point line and he makes good decisions in the halfcourt. He is an okay defender, but will have to prove that he can defend athletes on a consistent basis.

Herndon, Matt (Christiansburg HS – NRV Elite 15s) is a crafty combo guard with good instincts. He is effective from three and had a nice runner in the lane as well. Matt will need to grow more in the coming years (5'8"), especially if he wants to play off the ball.

Merchant, Cameron (Pulaski HS – NRV Elite 15s) is a raw wing player with good athleticism and the potential to grow as a player. At 6'2" he is already playing above the rim and he finishes strong in the half court and on the break.

Morgan, Devin (Matoaca HS – Team Richmond 15s) is a strong combo guard who is a capable scorer and good defender. He can shoot the three and get to the basket and finish. Devin is a confident player on the floor and a good teammate. His growth over the next few years will determine what level of ball he can play in college.

Robinson, Cam (Manchester HS – Richmond Metro 15s) is a heady wing player at 6'1". He can shoot the three (two of them in the game) and had great footwork on a pump-fake and then pull-up as he went by his defender and hit the mid-range shot before getting to the help defense.

Thornhill, Juan (Altavista HS – East Coast Fusion CONWAY) is an athletic wing player with good strength and touch around the rim. He plays above the rim and can finish with both hands. He already has the size he needs (6'2") to be a good prospect for the next level. Juan is also a good teammate and has a great motor.

2015 Wings

Anderson, Melo (Heritage HS – Team Loaded JONES) is a talented wing player who can do a little bit of everything. At 6'2" he already shows an ability to shoot the three and get all the way to the rim. Melo made a smart pass on the break and attacks the offensive glass aggressively for putbacks.

Armstrong, Tre (Matoaca HS – Team Loaded JONES) is a long wing player (6'3") who is a load to handle as he plays the top of the press. He doesn't have to show much of an all-around game at this point because he is so much more athletic than the opponent. Tre had several strong finishes on the break and he plays hard at both ends. Very athletic.

Bohrnstedt, Kaleb (Blacksburg HS – East Coast Fusion CONWAY) is a versatile small forward with good size (6'5") and strength. He really shoots the ball well past the three point line and he's capable at pulling up off the dribble as well. Kaleb has a great feel for the game and is aggressive on the glass. He jumps well and uses his strength to successfully defend opposing post players.

Freeman, Lewis (Warwick HS – Team Loaded JONES) is an athletic small forward who at 6'2" is tough to handle in transition. He was all over the rim for tip-ins and dunks on the break. Lewis's form looked good on a 16' jumper, but didn't have to do more than score around the basket.



Cameron Merchant (Pulaski '15)



Devin Morgan (Matoaca '15)



Juan Thornhill (Altavista '15)



Tre Armstrong (Matoaca '15)

Henry, Justin (Tomahawk Creek MS – Team Richmond 15s) is a very intriguing wing player. He is 6’3” and only a 2016 playing up. He is a strong finisher in the lane and on the break, but he also has the ability to hit the three (three of them in one game) and he makes his free throws.

2015 Post Players

Broaddus, Jay (John Marshall HS – Richmond Metro 15s) is an undersized post player at 6’0”, but he has a very good feel for the game in the post and a strong frame. He made a good dribble move past an opposing big guy and confidently drew a foul when he got to the basket.

Harrison, Jalen (Fluvanna HS – East Coast Fusion CONWAY) is an athletic power forward with good size and strength. At 6’5” he is strong enough to defend opposing front court players, but he’s also athletic enough to defend players shorter than him. Jalen can shoot the ball out to 17’ and he is a strong finisher with either hand in the paint. He needs to develop more into a small forward with his perimeter game, but he has a bright future.

Johnson, Demetrius (Altavista HS – East Coast Fusion CONWAY) is a powerful front court player with a great motor and athleticism. He has very good hands and he is aggressive once he gets the ball. On defense, he attacks the glass with intensity and will run down most loose balls. At 6’4”, he’ll have to grow a little to be effective at the next level. He is a high level football prospect as well.

Purvis, Marsellis (LC Bird HS – Team Loaded JONES) is a skilled post player who is way ahead of his peers when it comes to scoring in the paint. He is patient with the ball and has good footwork to go with his powerful frame. Marsellis is also a capable shotblocker in the paint. If he continues to grow (currently 6’5”), he’ll be a handful in the years to come.

Taylor, Thomas (LC Bird HS – Team Richmond 15s) is a developing post player who is 6’6” and growing. He is more comfortable on the defensive end, posting several blocks each game. Thomas has a good motor and you can tell he’s a coachable player. He has good athleticism and decent hands. He could end up being one of the more recruitable players in the event.



Kaleb Bohrnstedt (Blacksburg '15)



Jalen Harrison (Fluvanna '15)



Marsellis Purvis (LC Bird '15)



Thomas Taylor (LC Bird '15)



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