

DERBY FESTIVAL UPDATE

2011 Derby Festival: April 15- May 6



BASKETBALL CLASSIC WILL SHOWCASE NATION'S ELITE PLAYERS

All-Star Game to Feature 7 McDonald's All-Americans

April 8, 2011. Louisville, KY. – The Kentucky Derby Festival is pleased to release the rosters for the Derby Festival Basketball Classic presented by papajohns.com to be played **Friday, April 22**, at the KFC Yum! Center in downtown Louisville. The roster includes seven McDonald's All-Americans, including University of Louisville recruits Wayne Blackshear and Chane Behanan and Indiana University signee Cody Zeller. Nearly all of the players scheduled to participate are ranked among the Top 100 nationally by recruiting service Rivals.com. The players will also participate in the Night of Future Stars on **Thursday, April 21**, at Bellarmine University's Knights Hall.

The University of Louisville recruits in this year's Basketball Classic are Blackshear, Behanan, Angel Nunez and Zach Price. The other McDonald's All-Americans on the Basketball Classic roster are: Quinn Cook (Duke), Branden Dawson (Michigan State), LeBryan Nash (Oklahoma State) and Amir Williams (Ohio State).

"In my 25 years of recruiting players for the Basketball Classic, this is the highest caliber roster we've ever had," said Recruiting Chair Dan Owens. "These are future college and NBA stars who will bring a special excitement to the first Classic game played in the new arena. This year's Basketball Classic promises to be an incredible game."

The Derby Festival Basketball Classic is presented by papajohns.com. The contributing sponsors are 99.7 WDJX and Reebok (Official Apparel Partner); the supporting sponsor is The Rock (Basketball Equipment Partner). Said Les Lombardi, Vice President of Marketing for The Rock Basketball: "We are really excited about adding the Derby Festival Basketball Classic to our collection of the nation's best basketball events. It's great to know that the top high school players in the country will be using 'The Rock' for their games." The media partner is FOX 41 TV and SLAM Magazine.

Admission to the Night of Future Stars is free with a ticket to the Basketball Classic. Some of the event's most exciting moments have occurred during the Slam Dunk, 2-on-2 and 3-Point Shooting competitions. There will also be a one-hour autograph-signing session following the event.

ON SALE NOW, Basketball Classic tickets are \$16 (includes \$1 facility fee) and are available at TicketMaster locations (www.ticketmaster.com), by phone (800-745-300) or the KFC Yum! Center box office (502-690-9090).

First held in 1973, the Derby Festival Basketball Classic presented by papajohns.com is the oldest continuously-held high school all-star game in the nation.

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(See next pages for team rosters)

WHITE TEAM

Player	College	Height	Position
Chane Behanan (jersey # 21)	Louisville	6'9	F
Deuce Bello (# 14)	Baylor	6'4	G
Wayne Blackshear (# 9)	Louisville	6'5	G/F
DeAndre Daniels (# 22)	Undecided	6'8	F
George Fant (# 4)	Western Kentucky	6'7	F
Derrick Gordon (# 5)	Western Kentucky	6'3	G
D'Angelo Harrison (# 10)	St. John's	6'3	G
Andre Hollins (# 0)	Minnesota	6'3	G
Tony Kimbro (# 23)	Undecided	6'5	G
Le'Bryan Nash (# 11)	Oklahoma State	6'7	F
Angel Nunez (# 1)	Louisville	6'7	F
Zach Price (# 25)	Louisville	6'11	C
Kevin Ware (# 12)	Undecided	6'4	G

White Team Coaches

Coach Tim Riley – Warren Central High School, KY

Coach Leonard Bishop – Lincoln High School, Texas

GOLD TEAM

Player	College	Height	Position
Braeden Anderson (# 6)	Undecided	6'9	G
Quinn Cook (# 2)	Duke	6'0	G
Branden Dawson (# 15)	Michigan State	6'6	F
Austin Etherington (# 13)	Indiana	6'6	F
Anthony Hickey Jr. (# 32)	Undecided	5'10	G
Trevor Lacey (# 5)	Undecided	6'4	F
Dai-Jon Parker (# 23)	Vanderbilt	6'4	F
Levi Randolph (# 20)	Alabama	6'6	G
LaQuinton Ross (# 24)	Ohio State	6'9	G
Amir Williams (# 25)	Ohio State	6'10	C
Cody Zeller (# 40)	Indiana	6'11	F

Gold Team Coaches

Coach Steve Smith - Oak Hill Academy, Virginia
Coach Kevin Keats - Hargrave Military Academy, Virginia

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