

## Gym Rats Spring Kickoff Day 1 Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup> Recap

Following are some notable performances from Saturdays event at Spiece Fieldhouse in Ft.Wayne, Indiana

### 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Division

ILGR Silver – loaded with 2016 Jr All Stars and D1 commits the ILGR Silver won the 2015 Gym Rats Spring Kickoff. On day one Silver didn't get tested, winning both contests by 50+ points. 2017 **K. McLaughlin, Homestead**, was spot on from the field draining jumper after jumper and 2016 Notre Dame commit **Jackie Young, Princeton**, used her length and athleticism to have her way around the basket as well as on the defensive end. Other Indiana Jr All Stars on the roster include **S. Shelton, Mt.Vernon / Kentucky**, **L.Corsaro (injured), Roncalli / Kentucky**, **A.Harris, Lawrence North / Purdue**, **C.Onken, Lafayette CC**, **J.Scaife (not present)**, **Muncie Central/Dayton**.



ILGR Green - 2017 **Taylor Steele, Highland**, showed off a very well rounded game doing a little of everything for her team on the day. Scored in multiple ways, defended well and the 5'8 G was aggressive to the boards as well. 2016 5'11 **Ashaila Jackson, Merrillville**, extremely athletic wing that was active on the glass and consistently finished on her attempts going to the rim.

Always 100 Davis - was led by 2016 standout **TaShayla Sutorius, FW Wayne**, a very fluid and athletic scorer that can defend multiple positions with good instincts for the game. 6'1 **Daisha Green, Leo**, has a nice strong post frame, played with confidence around the hoop, and was aggressive to the ball off the rim.

Indiana Lady Huskies - 2016 5'8 G **Q.Merriweather, Kokomo**, had a really nice day for the Huskies. Athletic guard, that seems to be involved in every play on both ends. Was aggressive with the ball and showed the ability to knock down the jump shot as well.

ILGR Tan - very solid team from top to bottom with nice balance. 2016 **Laura Thomas, New Castle**, was impressive throughout the day. 5'8 G has a great feel for the game and continues to improve in nearly every aspect of her game. She was knocking down jumpers, setting up teammates in transition and doing her part on the boards and defensive end. 5'11 Ball State commit **Alijah Walker, Brownsburg**, was doing her part in the paint playing physical on both ends and taking care of the boards and finishing around the rim.

Always 100 Ray - 2016 **Sarah Fryman, Huntington North**, led her team throughout the day. The 5'9 G/W had nice mid-range touch and played hard off the ball on both ends.

Always 100 Andrews - 2016 **Julia Cardwell, Marion**, was active around the basket and played physical ball throughout the day. The 5'11 forward controlled the boards, finished around the basket and got herself to the free throw line consistently with her aggressive play. 2016 SG **Taya Andrews, Bishop Dwenger**, displayed her scoring ability, along with

the confidence to take the big shots down the stretch. **Lauren Cunningham , Homestead**, a 2018 is a youngster to keep an eye on as she develops with this group.

## 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Division

ILGR Red- 10<sup>th</sup> grade championship team that has several notable 2017s. **M. Howard – Bass , Columbus North**, was a tough match-up for opponents on Saturday. She displayed a combination of explosiveness off the bounce along with some knockdown long distance shooting. At one time the 2017 guard knocked down threes on four consecutive possessions. 2017 PG **J.Wright, Merrillville**, showcased her handles, quickness and ability to setup her teammates throughout the day

Always 100 Roller - – 2019 **Carissa Garcia, Concordia**, is a star in the making. 5'6 guard showed both skill and poise beyond her years. Great skill set from the youngster but it was her instincts for the game and her court demeanor while playing up that set her apart. 2017 PG **Kaylee Roller, Norwell**, had a notable day as well. The 5'6 PG pushed the pace and setup the attack for her team while making good decision with the ball.



ILGR Purple – 2019 **E. Scaggs, Inpls Cathedral**, was solid throughout, the youngster has a good combination of skill, instincts with a solid frame. 2018 F **A.Burr, Westview**, showed promise in the paint. The 6'1 frosh has a strong frame and played with intensity on both ends and had flashes of potential on the offensive end .

Indiana Thunderbirds 2017 – 2017 **Madison Graham, Warsaw**, had a nice showing for the Thunderbirds. The 5'9 CG played physical with and without the ball, was proficient on the offensive end and overall had a smooth game. Warsaw teammate Mariah **Rivera** was notable as well. The 5'5 2017 PG had a high motor, played physically on both ends and did a nice job of getting to the rim.

## 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Division

Gym Rats 2018- Fort Wayne Gym Rats squad won the 9<sup>th</sup> grade division, with a nice collection of 2018 prospects. Led by 5'11 W/F **Ellen Ross, FW Bishop Dwenger**. Ross has rare combination of size, skill, and instincts. The frosh uses her strong frame with physical play around the basket but has the finesse and skill to be equally as lethal from the wing. 5'10 W **Laney Steckler, FW Carroll**, showed versatility and a well rounded game as well. Length with skill from the wing / guard spot. PG **Corie Jones, East Noble**, does a good of making good decisions with the ball and plays with a high motor.

ILGR Gold – 2019 group that was playing up that made it to the championship game. This team is loaded with skill, high potential and pedigree. A few names that may ring a bell, due to D1 siblings, that will be fun to watch in coming years include **K. Goss, Ben Davis, M.Walton & T Irvin ,HSE, C.Crawford, Tipton**. One of the top 2019s **J.Allen, BNL**, was not in attendance Saturday.