

Lady Gym Rats Invitational 11th & 10th Grade Recap May 16-17 Ft. Wayne, In



The Lady Gym Rats Invitational is quickly becoming one of the must attend spring events. With 140 teams, several top programs in attendance including Mac Irvin, Michigan Crossover, CHE, Midwest Elite, SMAC, and All-Ohio to name a few and multiple EYBL teams as well. The event and talent also brought out 8 recruiting services and several DII, III, and NAIA schools to the event. Below we recap a majority of the 11th & 10th grade division Indiana teams that attended, along with their players who stood out during the two day event.

11th Grade Division

Pool A

Indy Lady Gym Rats Silver- The flagship squad of the Indy Lady Gym Rats, Indiana's Nike Grassroots program & EYBL team. As expected, this team that rosters 6 of IGBRR's top 8 2016s along with IGBRR top 2 2017s, walked through pool play into the GOLD ELITE championship bracket. Silver was paced by the knock down shooting of sophomore sensation **K. McLaughlin, Homestead**. The 5'7 CG opened the day with a 8-9 performance from behind the arch for 33pts and carried that hot hand throughout the event. 6'1 2016 Purdue commit **F A. Harris, Lawrence North**, used her combination of length and incredible athleticism to clean up on the glass and protect the rim on the defensive end during the event. The Gym Rats went on to capture the 11th grade Gold Elite division championship.



Hoosier Premier Black- Roster moves throughout the HP teams due to unavailable players shook up the normal lineups and roles over the weekend. Several kids were ready to step up including 6'0 **T. Kranenburg, Oregon Davis**, who made a solid contribution over the weekend. The 2016 W/G is long with a nice wing span that she uses to her advantage on both ends. A

capable jump shooter that is able to put it on the floor and goes hard to the rim. 2017 **M.Brouyette, Tippy Valley**, was solid as well. The 5'7 Brouyette is a heady guard, with a strong frame and nice jumper.

NWI Thunder- A couple young 2018 prospects to keep an eye on as they develop include 5'10 sharpshooter **J.Charlesworth, LaCrosse** and 5'10 G/W **Gerdt, Valparaiso**, long versatile shooter with good instincts for the game.

Pool B

Hoosier Premier Red – The Red squad was minus several key members over the weekend which had a cascading effect on HPs teams as players moved off of their normal teams and roles. Several players stepped up and took advantage of the opportunity over the weekend. Two of those on Red included 5'4 PG **K.Stull, John Glenn**, who moved from the Black squad and did a quality job at the point position. The 2017 high motor PG played confident with the ball, both handling pressure and shooting well from behind the arch. 2017 **L. Allen, East Noble**, needed to carry more of the load for Red and she responded throughout the weekend. The 5'7 tough nosed G/W displayed versatility and aggressiveness on both ends, and was also able to knock down the buzzer beating 3 to give her squad the 11th grade Silver Elite bracket championship.



Pool C

Indy Lady Gym Rats Tan – Advanced to championship of the Silver Elite division bracket, losing on a buzzer beating shot. Several high level 2016 central Indiana prospects play on the ILGR Tan squad. One of the most impressive recruits this spring has been PG **L.Thomas, New Castle**. The 5'7 play making guard has a little of everything in her offensive arsenal and continues to improve on the defensive end. High IQ combined with high skill level has her stock as one of the fastest rising this club season. 2016 **S.Davis, Ben Davis**, is as physical as they come around the basket. The 5'10 F goes hard to the boards, defends with intensity and while she has always had good offensive skills at the rim, she has been steadily improving her game outside the paint.



Pool D

Indy Lady Gym Rats Green- advanced to the championship of the Silver bracket, falling by a point. 5'10 **A.Jackson, Merrillville**, continued her impressive play this spring. The 2016 F is athletic with a long frame and has displayed a solid and improving skill set. She gets after it on the boards, finishes consistently at the basket and uses athleticism and length to affect the game defensively. High school teammate **A.Shirrells** had a notable weekend as well. The feisty 5'5 PG uses her quickness to push the pace, get to the rim off the bounce and lock down on opposing PGs on the defensive end.

MBA Select- The 2016 squad made of Michigan and Indiana prospects won their pool and advanced to Gold bracket play. PG **L.Grewe, Mishawaka**, is always a fun one to watch. The 5'7 junior is as fundamental and solid as they come at the PG position. She consistently makes plays on both ends, values the ball, and competes on every possession. **B.Carithers, Northridge**, had a nice event as well. The 5'7 G/W displayed good instincts for the game on both ends, solid athletic play and shot the ball well.

Lady Huskies- mixed grade squad out of the Kokomo area. 2016 G **Q.Merriweather, Kokomo**, is an athletic lefty with a good all around game/skill. Most of the Huskies offense went through the 5'7 guard, who was active getting to the rim off the dribble and capable of hitting the pull up jumper. 6'0 W **B.Barnard, Kokomo**, showed signs of potential, the lengthy 2018 prospect is worthy of keeping an eye on as she develops.

Pool F

Gym Rats 2016- winners of the bronze division bracket, a collection of Junior Ft Wayne area talent. The Gym Rays were led throughout the weekend by 5'10 W **S.Rhonehouse, Fremont**. Rhonehouse bit of an "under the radar" prospect that has some promising upside. Skilled, long and fluid wing that not only had a standout weekend but was also one of our top performers at last summer's Top 100 workout. PG P.Thomson, Northfield, heady guard that does a good job of handling pressure and making good decisions with the ball.

Pool G

Indy Lady Gym Rats Maroon- won pool and advanced to gold bracket play. 6'3 big body post **S.Cathey, North Central**, physical force in the paint. Half court presence with size and has good hands to go with physical strength. Maroon got good guard play from several members as well.

10th Grade Division

Pool A

Indy Gym Rats Purple- combination of 2017 & 18s that won their respective pool and advanced to Gold bracket play. 2017 wing **R.Millikan, New Castle**, simply knocked down shots time and again. A 5'10 wing with a nice strong frame that has a nice stroke from mid range out to 3s.

Pool C

MBA Select 2017- Northern Indiana sophomore prospects. 5'8 **C.Dunlap, Argos**, smooth play making guard that has good instincts on both ends. Good handles, attacks, with a nice stroke. 5'9 F **H.Dunn, Tippy Valley**, strong frame that is aggressive to the ball and rim with respectable mid range game. 5'10 **A.O'Connor, SB St Joe**, another notable that has a long athletic frame that can handle the ball.

Gym Rats Pulver- 2017 prospects out of the FW area. 5'11 **R.Hinton, Woodland**, strong F frame that played physical around the hoop. Was athletic and aggressive to the glass and had nice touch and finished around the basket. Got to the line often with aggressive & physical approach.

Pool D



Indy Lady Gym Rats Red- One of the top 2017 squads in the state and silver bracket runner-ups. Led by 5'8 GC **M.Howard-Bass**, Columbus North, both athletic and skilled. Arsenal of weapons on the offensive end with ability to stroke the 3 or use explosiveness off the bounce to create and get to the rim. 5'8 SG **K.Casteel, Plainfield**, solid fundamentals with good stroke on the jumper and able to get to rim with good handles and footwork.

Flight Thunder- very talented squad of 2017s & 18s from central Indiana that won their pool and finished runner-up in the Gold division. While the young prospects are deep on this team, the Thunder are often led by the combination of W **R.Blackwell, Plainfield**, and sharpshooter **C.Hardin, Center Grove**, who once again had multiple games in the tournament of contest with 7 or more triples. 6'0 Blackwell is a long versatile wing that is continuing to improve in all aspects of her game. Reliable jump shooter that can put the ball on the floor and finishes going to the basket with her length. Has ability to take it to the next level as frame fills out and she adds bulk and strength.



Pool E

SkyDiggs Gold – Some top 2017 talent out of central Indiana, won their respective pool. SDE was led by **R.Olmstead, Brownsburg**, versatile guard/wing that shot the ball very well from deep over the weekend. The 5'9 sophomore also rebounds well from the wings and can defend multiple spots. PG **A.Huffman, Franklin Central**, one of the better true PG in the class. Extremely high bball iq, makes plays on both ends, high level shooter with good handles. Backcourt mate **P.Saylor, Roncalli**, is definition of energy. 5'4 G has improving offensive game but the effort she puts in on the defensive end and winning the hustle game is what grabs your attention.



BGC Fire- 2017 & 18 prospects from the Fort Wayne area. 2018 PG **S.Tyson, FW Wayne**, made a lot of plays over the weekend. The 5'2 PG brings a lot to the table despite her size including quickness, good feel for the game, and the ability to create for both herself and teammates. 2018 **B.Douglas, FW Northop**, displayed some nice athleticism around the basket. The 5'10 forward went hard to the boards and played physical in the paint.

Pool F

Gym Rats 2018- skilled squad of Fort Wayne area frosh that won their pool and advanced to semi-finals of the Gold bracket. Several young prospects to keep an eye on including 5'11 F **E.Ross, FTW Dwenger**, skilled F with a solid frame. **K.Damman, FTW Carroll**, 5'8 G/W with good shooting touch from mid out to the line and 5'10 **L.Steckler, FTW Carroll**, who seems to be adding to her game on weekly basis.



Midwest Finest- 2018 central Indiana prospects. 5'9 **T.McKenzie, Brownsburg**, an athletic guard that is explosive to the rim and rebounds well from the guard position. High potential youngster.

Pool G

Thunderbirds 2017- Collection of sophomore talent out of the northern Indiana area, that won their pool and advanced to Gold bracket play losing to the eventual champ. Thunderbirds were led by a trio of promising Warsaw prospects. **D.Groninger, Warsaw**, wiry athletic length and uses it to be effective on both ends of the court. Displayed nice versatility on the offensive end by hitting jumpers and getting to the rim and using her 5'10 frame to finish. 5'9 **M.Graham**, has a solid forward frame with guard skills. Played physical with and without the ball, rebounds well from the guard/wing position and able to run the point. 5'5 **M.Rivera**, high motor point guard that has a lot of raw skill. Aggressive and quick on both ends, goes to the hole hard and defends well.



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