

Rising Blue Star Nationals

Day 1 Recap

July 18th Franklin, OH



Eleven Indiana teams of 11U-14U youngsters participated in the Rising Blue Star Nationals two day event in Ohio. At the end of the event **Indiana Flight Strike/Storm** had come away with the 14U Division National Championship. At the conclusion of the team event an all-star team was selected by the Blue Star Media evaluators on hand.



Indiana Flight Strike took on a new identity over the weekend as the “Storm” due to some roster adjustments to accommodate the age restriction of the event. The youthful 2018 core of Traylor, Nix, Deckard, Hill and Giller, along with the guest play of 2019 T.Boruff & McCool were more than equal to the task with a championship performance.

2018 5'7 SF **J.Nix, Martinsville / Flight**, comfortable and competent playing multiple roles and positions.. can play physical but has a finesse game as well, will defend the bigger stronger forward or step out and lock down on a guard. Hard hat kid that comes to play team ball and possess a solid skill set along with nice mid-range jumper.

2019 6'0 F **T.Browning, Rushville / Flight**, big forward frame and as physically strong as any in her class. Has improved skill considerably over the last year. Comfortable putting the ball on the floor, footwork around the basket has improved and finishing with strength. Looking comfortable and playing with confidence.

2019 5'8 G **A.Fugats, Bedford North Lawrence / ILGR**, smooth skilled guard that has multiple weapons on the offensive end. Nice stroke from the 3 line and has good footwork and flow that helps her create space with the ball. Sees floor well and good instincts for the game.

2019 5'9 G **L.Thompson, Lafayette Central Catholic / ILGR**, length with deceptive athleticism. While possessing a very effective jumper she is becoming more than a shooter utilizing her physical traits to slash to basket to create scoring opportunities. Needs continue development on left.

2019 5'11 F **C.McElroy, Indian Creek / IE Central**, big body forward that demonstrated a versatile offensive game. Has the frame and strength to operate around the rim effectively but also has solid skill from the wing with ability to put the ball on floor and effective range on jumper to 15'. Attacks ball off rim with nice agility for size.

2019 5'2 PG **M.Johnson, Martinsville / Flight**, every time we see her play its hard believe that there are not two of her on the floor because she seems to be everywhere. Has such a good feel for the game, allows her to anticipate and make plays on both ends. Can knock down the three and has ability to score going to the basket despite her size. High motor kid.

2020 5'9 F **S.Graver , Dekalb / Always 100**, solid strong frame for age with versatile skill set. Can handle the ball on the perimeter, shoots the 3 well, big and strong enough to operate in the paint.

2020 5'9 W/G **R.Loobie, Franklin Central / Flight** , athletic wing that covers a lot of court. Length, wings and athleticism translates into a lot of productive activity on both ends. Good in the transition game and attacking the basket.

2020 5'11 G **M.Layden, Northwestern / Indiana's Best**, a lengthy guard that can play multiple spots with a skill set beyond her years. Was smooth with ball, a nice stroke on the jumper out to the arch and able to take advantage of her length and agility going to the rim. As with most youngsters will need to add strength and explosiveness as she progresses.

