

2016 Lafayette Back to School League Tournament & All-Star Game Saturday October 8th

Seven squads squared off on Saturday October 8th in Lafayette at the new Legacy Courts in the Back to School League tournament championships. After the quarter final round JBFH Finest, made up of talented 2021 prospects and Team Harvey featuring 2019 5'10 guard Lexi Thompson of LCC and 2018 guard Sarah Vas of Northwestern squared off in the first semi. The Finest made a valiant charge in the last two minutes but ultimately came up a point short in a tight 44-43 contest. In the other semi Team Best who was led by dynamic 2018 guard Kylie Martin, West Lafayette, cruised in their semi against Team Case and 2017 Bailey Gasser of Delphi. Going into the championship it appeared the deck was stacked against Team Harvey, with having an extra game on their legs and not having the services of 2020 guard Jordan Coffman, LCC, who shot the ball very well in the first two contest of the day. However, it was team Harvey who looked the fresher of the two squads and rode a 24 point performance from tournament MVP Lexi Thompson, who was equally as good on the defensive end against her counterpart Martin, to a 52-41 championship victory. 2018 Vas chipped in 10 pts for the winners while 2019 guard Morgan Crook, Marquette Catholic, led runner-up Team Best with 15.



ALL-TOURNEY TEAM (Left/Right) Taylor Boruff (Northwestern), Lexi Thompson (Lafayette Central Catholic), Sarah Vas (Northwestern), Kylie Martin (West Lafayette), Savannah Thompson (Lewis Cass)

Following the tournament championship was the league All-Star game that featured 19 of the top prospects that participated in the Back to School League and tournament. Team White behind All-Star game MVP 2019 Taylor Boruff, Northwestern, and a game leading 15 points from 2018 Kora Loer defeated Team Red 63-48. Team Red was paced by 2017 Bri Hahn, Northwestern, with 12 and 2021 prospect Ariana Wiggins with 11.



ALL-STAR GAME PARTICIPANTS

Following are several prospects that had noteworthy performances during our viewing of the event...



Team Harvey

Lexi Thompson 2019 G Lafayette Central Catholic

A 5'10 guard known for her shooting ability but displays a solid all-around game and uses her length effectively on both ends of the court. D1 prospect, that will take her game to the next level as she develops explosiveness and top end handles. Scored 24 points in championship game and was named tournament MVP & All-Tourney Team. 2015 & 16 All-Indiana Elite 80 participant.

Sarah Vas 2018 G Northwestern

Sarah was consistent contributor for her championship team throughout the event. Played aggressive to the rim with a high motor on both ends, while displaying leadership qualities. As she becomes more consistent from possession to possession she will be a solid contributor for Northwestern and prospect to keep an eye on at the D3/NAIA level. All-Tourney Team.

Team Best

Kylie Martin 2018 G West Lafayette

Everything looks like it comes easy to this high level prospect. Smooth playing point guard that excels with her athleticism, natural ability, and skill set. Good in the open court, with her court vision and ability to get to the rim and make plays at the basket. Ability to fine tune skill set will ultimately determine the level this high potential prospect takes her game too. All-Tourney Team & regular season MVP. 2015 All-Indiana Elite 80 participant.

Morgan Crook 2019 G Marquette Catholic

Small in size but plays physical, aggressive and with a high motor. Not afraid to go hard to the rim and take on contact while making plays at the basket. Does a good job of handling pressure, makes good decisions with the ball and capable of setting table or getting buckets. Leading scorer for her runner up squad in championship game with 15 points.

JBFH Finest

Ariana Wiggins 2021 G Undecided

One of Indiana's top 2021 prospects. Top end athleticism combined with solid lefty skills, and good feel for the game makes the sky the limit for this prospect. Very capable shooter but at her best using athleticism and skills to attack the basket in both the open court and off the bounce in half court sets. Shows good instincts, quick feet and hands on defense.

Katey Richason 2021 F Zionsville

Solid skill set with size. 6'0 strong forward frame that is comfortable with the ball away from the basket, makes good decisions with the ball, nice smooth jumper out to 3, and does the physical work around the basket. Nice job of rebounding and defending around the hoop as well. Will be able to stretch out game even more on both ends as she adds additional lateral quickness. High caliber 2021 prospect to keep an eye on.

Team Case

Bailey Gasser 2017 W Delphi

Bailey led her squad throughout the event with consistent hardnosed play. A 5'10 wing that displayed versatility at both ends of the court. Can defend multiple spots with size, physical play and good instincts. Rebounded from the wing and capable of handling the ball in the open court and from the wing. D3 prospect.

Lafayette Blue Chips

Sydney Jacobsen 2020 G Harrison

Sydney was a standout on her squad for the day. Strong 5'10 frame for her age to go along with a nice rounded guard skill set. She played with a high motor and an aggressive mindset on both ends throughout the event. Combination of size, skill, athleticism makes her a versatile prospect. Played strong going to the basket and got herself to the free throw line often. 2020 to keep an eye on.



Team Walker

Taylor Boruff 2019 G Northwestern

One of the top skilled 2019 prospects in the state. Solid handles, great court vision, lefty that creates for herself and teammates, and has good feel and instincts for the game. To continue path to elite level will need to continue to work on top level conditioning and value possessions by minimizing unforced turnovers. All-Star game MVP & All-Tourney Team. 2015 & 16 All-Indiana Elite 80 participant. D1 prospect.

Indiana Hoops

Savannah Thompson 2017 G Lewis Cass

We haven't seen Savannah as much as some of the other prospects but she stood out with her play over the last month in our two viewings. She does a good job of leading from the point and getting herself and teammates in positions to be successful. Heady point guard that handles pressure, is a capable jump shooter, has skills to create her own opportunities and see the floor. Small frame, could use added size and strength to frame to increase value at next level but has skill set, poise, and intangibles. All-Tourney Team . D3 prospect

Colleen Leonard 2017 G McCutcheon

First thing we noticed about Colleen is her communication and leadership. She did a great job of directing teammates on both ends, along with encouraging and being an enthusiastic teammate. Strong 5'11 frame with some nice guard/wing skills. Shots the 3 and can use her size to play physical to the rim. Needs continued work on footwork to create against smaller more agile defenders. Able to use length to defend multiple spots and rebounds well from the guard/wing spot. Nice prospect with potential at the D3/NAIA level.

