USJN Gateway Challenge Recap May 13-14, 2017 St. Louis, Missouri



Nearly 20 Indiana teams took their talents west of the Mississippi to compete in the 10th annual USJN Gateway Challenge. Four of those teams were able to win their respective pools and advance to championship bracket play Sunday. Those teams included Sky Digg Elite 16U, Indiana Elite Swish 17U, Indiana Elite Swish 15U, and Indiana Flight Attack. The following are a few prospects that were notable in our viewings throughout the event.....

2018 Anna Newman 5'3 PG IE Swish Evansville North

High motor, quick hands and explosive feet, true point with overall command of the floor from court vision, decision making, and leadership. Creates space for herself and teammates with handles and quickness. Finds seams and strong interior passer in traffic. Picked up a couple more offers over the weekend.

2018 Ryann Bunting 5'7 G SDE Westfield

Nice athlete with solid combo skill set to compliment. Can knock down threes in bunches when she gets going, with deep range. Has the ability to handle ball when needed and can get to rim and create off of athleticism and hops. Can be a handful for defense in spurts when she is making good decisions with the ball.

2018 Christine Alexander 6'1 C Showcase Martinsville

Big strong frame with good hands and feet. Plays physical on both ends and reacts well to the ball off the rim. Runs floor pretty well and strong with the ball around the basket. Can benefit from additional conditioning.

2019 Tiayanna Jackson 6'5 C Baylor East Chicago Central

Long thin frame with wings, can dominate on both ends at times. Comfortable with the ball outside the paint, with soft hands and good feet. Can put the ball on the floor if necessary but at best when using length deep in the paint. Inconsistent motor effects overall game at times. Defends well both in the paint and away.

2019 Bethany Mackin 5'9 G Showcase Martinsville

Getting a lot of reps at the point which is growing her offensive game. Strong going to basket and finishing in traffic and against contact. Showed ability to hit open jump shots out to the three. Adding explosive step off the bounce and creating separation for pull-up are needs. Rebounds well from guard position

2019 Melody Johnson 5'7 G SDE Perry Meridian

A tremendous athlete, explosive off the dribble and gets to the rim and finishes with hops. Strong rebounder and quick aggressive defender. Needs to add consistent jumper to balance offensive game. Does a good job of getting teammates involved and creating.

2020 Rachel Loobie 6'0 W Flight Franklin Central

A top 2020 Indiana talent that has most of the tools at a young age. Solid forward frame, plays strong around the basket but capable on the wing with ability to hit jump shots or put the ball on the floor. Athletic rebounder and able to defend multiple spots with length and athleticism.

2020 Molly Ream 5'6 G Always 100 FTW Dwenger

Played smart and explosive with the ball, showed good set of handles and created opportunities for herself and teammates. Got to the basket but struggled finishing in our viewing. Defended well on the ball with quick hands and feet and showed overall good feel for the game.

2020 Anneke Furr 5'9 G IE Swish Bloomington South

Long wiry guard frame with wingspan. Handled pressure well and showed ability to find seams and get to the basket and uses length to get scoring opportunities. Active in passing lanes on defense and can rebound from the guard position. Needs continued skill develop but nice base skills.

2020 Taylor Norris 5'8 W Showcase Cascade

An aggressive two-way player that makes noticeable contributions on both ends of the floor. Uses extremely high motor to rebound and get after it on the defensive end. Capable jumper and can finish against forwards in the paint. Improving foot speed and agility.



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