

TURFWARS HOOPSTARS

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DMV TURF WARS: HOOPSTAR SHOWCASE 8/24/2019

By T'Neisha "Coach T" Turner

Coming fresh off the DMV Turf Wars Summer League, CEO of DMV Turf Wars, James "Boogie" Washington looked to gather some of the DMV's top players at the middle school/high school level to participate in the Inaugural DMV Turf Wars Hoopstar Showcase. The atmosphere was unlike any other. It was a basketball family type of atmosphere. Live music by DJ Ty and play by play commentary by Coach Geno of the Princess Warriors. Parents entered the gym embracing the players as well as the coaches. Players were embracing one another, but soon as the horn sound, it was a different story. Players going head to head, having fun, while competing at both sides of the floor. It definitely was something worth watching.

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Amani Watts- I thought Amani did a really nice job of rebounding the basketball and getting her team extra possessions on the offensive end. She finished nicely around the basket. She came up big down the stretch getting possession of some untimely rebounds. She worked hard from start to finish.

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Game Evaluations

By: Derrell Matthews & Curtis Cunningham

Game 1: Middle School

Kendall Walker- Pound for pound, Kendall had the best performance of the day. She is long and very athletic. Kendall showed skills in every phase of the game. She used her size and quickness to be an effective defender. She rebounded well in traffic. Her ball handling skills were evident as she used both hands to navigate traffic in fast break situations. She utilized the triple threat technique and made good decisions while scoring from all levels. She scored from 3 point range, got to her spots in the mid range area and finished tough around the rim using both hands. However, what was most impressive was her ability to involve her teammates. Several times she penetrated the lane to set up a teammate for an easy layup or open 3. Kendall's performance was a joy to watch.

Amaya Durrett- Lefty ball handler with a mind set to score the ball. Amaya rarely used her right hand but was unstoppable going left. She continuously penetrated the lane and finished at the rim or drew the foul. Amaya displayed an effective step back jumper from mid range that she used while penetrating right. As the game went on, she dropped a couple of 3s to show her ability to score from all levels.

Kryslynn Stewart- Quick lead guard that is an exceptional on ball defender. As the lead guard, Kryslynn played with poise and initiated the offense by making good entry passes. She showed the ability to score the ball from mid range but her strengths lie in controlling the tempo on offense and being disruptive on defense.

Tamia Washington and J'Niya Weaver- Both Tamia and J'Niya are solid unselfish basketball players. They have a high IQ for playing the game. They are players that put on any team will make a positive contribution. They defended with gusto. On offense, both played with exceptional poise. They took good shots and hit open shots. They passed to open teammates, rebounded against taller players and mostly provided whatever was needed to complement the play of their teammates. In an all-star setting that is rare but an tribute to their abilities to play within themselves regardless of the game situation.

Game 2: High School (Preliminary)

Zanai Barnett-Gay- Relatively speaking, Zanai is a rebounder extraordinaire. She went after every ball coming off the rim on both ends. An attribute of a good rebounder is one who gets rebounds that do not come directly to them. Zanai had many of those. She has good instincts for determining where the ball will come off and used her body effectively to position herself to go up and rebound with both hands. On offense, those rebounders resulted into tough put backs. On the defensive end, her rebounds turned into fast breaks after a strong outlet pass. Every team needs a rebounder. Zanai showed she is one of the best.

Ahna Thomas- Ahna showed an ability to hit the spot up 3 point shot. She has an ability to find the open spot and possesses a quick release on her jumper. Ahna runs the court well, catches the ball in traffic and finishes around the rim. As Ahna continues to develop her triple threat moves and thus her penetration skills, her jump shot will become even more effective. She has good size and show the ability to be an effective defender and rebounder.

Game 3: High School (Feature)

Nia Ford- Nia is a solid wing player. She effortlessly moved around the court making plays on both ends. Nia showed throughout the game an ability to score the ball. Given her picturesque form, she was consistent shooting the three but also showed toughness in traffic scoring near the rim. It was obvious Nia understands the game and plays with a quiet but keen sense of confidence and poise.

Kennedy Clifton- Kennedy is a long and lanky lefty with the ability to shoot the 3. Her good ball handling skills gives her the advantage to move against defenders who get close to challenge the 3. As she perfects her triple threat decision making, her overall offensive game will accelerate upward. Using her length to her advantage makes her an effective defender. Making a commitment to hard work, especially defensively, will propel Kennedy to be recognized as one of the better players in the DMV.

Jersey Mayfield- Usually a frontcourt player in an all star game finds it difficult to show an ability to score. They just don't get the touches in opportune situations. That was not the case for Jersey. Every shooting opportunity she got, Jersey scored, especially from 3 point range. One way to describe her game is she can SHOOT. Even her misses were on target, just short or long. As she becomes more comfortable moving without the ball and better with the ball against defenders, Jersey will excel offensively. Jersey has good size but a commitment to improve her foot speed will make her a better defender outside of the paint.

Tyhnia Skinner- Quick lead guard with excellent ball handling skills. Tyhnia plays the game with extreme confidence. She has the ability to penetrate hard and stop on a dime to score off the dribble over taller defenders. Something not often seen. Her quickness is evident in on ball defensive situations. The better she gets at using her noted skills while leading a team through strategic arrangements both offensively and defensively will bode well for her future.

Regina Walton- Super quick lead guard that runs a team with poise and compassion. Regina is "Jack Rabbit " quick and plays the game knowing her quickness is an asset. Opposing lead guards were pestered and constantly challenged while trying to execute something as simple as an entry pass. Regina has a small frame but it is obvious her ambition does not consider that a liability.