

Report on 2013 Top of The Rockies

The 2013 Top of the Rockies Tournament was held May 3-5 in Parker, Colorado under the direction of Dave Mathews and the Colorado Chaos program. Seventy-eight teams participated in the event. Here is a report on the event but it is not a comprehensive report on the entire event. We are reporting only on what we saw at the main site (Legend High School) that attracted our attention.

Top Prospects:

6'7" PF Treyvon Andres of Jefferson HS 2014 (Colorado Hawks 17)

Andres is an athletic face-up four man who can be a difficult matchup. He can handle and pass it and gets to the basket on the drive fairly well. He also shows the ability to post up some and has a nice jump hook. He is a capable rebounder and defender who can block shots. Andres has mid major interest and will likely end up at that level.

6'9" C Jonathan Barnes of Ponderosa HS 2014 (Colorado Hawks 17)

Barnes was one of the pleasant surprises of the event. He is a hard-working five-man with fairly good strength and long arms. He runs the floor ok and has good hands. Most impressive was the post-up game he showed with a nice jump hook (that is difficult to defend) and a turnaround shot and drop step. He's also a decent mid-range shooter. He is a solid rebounder who does pursue the ball aggressively. Barnes is way under-recruited at this point and belongs on the radar of 2014 big men at the low to mid major level.

5'8" PG Brian Carey of Denver East HS 2015 (Colorado Chaos D-J Ambassadors 17 Elite)

Carey is an athletic one man who runs the floor very well. He is a solid ball handler and passer and is effective in transition, pushing the break hard. He sees the floor well and usually makes good decision with the ball in his hands. He can get to the basket on the drive and is a decent shooter with 3-point range. Carey looks to be a low major prospect.

5'9" PG Austin Conway of Overland HS 2015 (Colorado Hawks 16)

Conway is a one man who excels in transition. He is a solid ball handler and passer who sees the floor well. He uses his athleticism to penetrate in the lane and make plays. He is a capable defender who also shows some ability to rebound. Conway is likely a mid major prospect.

6'8" PF/C De Ron Davis of Overland HS 2016 (Colorado Hawks 16)

Davis is a combo postman who is well put together physically and has the ability to play inside and outside. He can handle and pass the ball on the perimeter and beat defenders off the dribble. He also has a capable postup game with a nice turnaround shot and a drop step. He can block shots inside on defense and is a solid rebounder. Davis has the ability to take over the game but must assert himself more in order to do that. He is clearly a high major prospect but needs more of a killer instinct to maximize his huge potential consistently.

6'10" PE Isaiah Martin of Denver North HS 2015 (Colorado Hawks 16)

Martin is a long and fairly athletic four man who can run. He can dribble operate on the block (showing a drop step) and is an ok mid-range shooter. He can block shots with his height and long arms and is a capable rebounder. Martin is very thin and really needs bulk/strength to prepare for the next level but should end up as a mid-major recruit.

6'9" C Daniel Meyer of Quakerdale Prep 2013 (Colorado Chaos D-I Ambassadors Elite)

Meyer is a five man with decent strength who runs the floor ok. He has solid postup skills: he can dribble operate on the block, has a turnaround shot and a jump hook. Meyer has received low major offers.

6'4" SF Ty McGee of D'Evelyn HS 2014 (Factory 17's Navy)

Mc Gee is a fairly athletic wing who can run. He is a capable ball handler and passer who pulls up in the half court. He shoots it fairly well with 3-point range and is a solid rebounder. Mc Gee is worth consideration at the low major level.

6'4" SG/PG Jeremiah Page of Rangeview HS 2014 (Colorado Hawks 17's)

Page is an athletic combo guard who is most effective with the ball in his hands. He can handle and pass it and has the ability to make plays for himself or others in transition. He shoots it ok with range to 3 and is a solid driver with an ok first step. Page claims he has interest from mid and high major schools.

5'11" PG/SG Jay MacIntyre of Monarch HS 2014 (Colorado Chaos D-1 Ambassadors 17 Elite)

Mac Intyre is a hard-working combo guard who is very competitive. He handles the ball well and really attacks in transition (finishes well). He shoots it ok with 3 range and has a nice floater shot. He is also a solid on-ball defender. Mac Intyre is worth low major consideration. He is also a Division I football prospect and must make a choice about which sport to play in college.

6'4" SF Marnath Reat of Alameda 2014 (Swamp Squad)

Reat is an active and athletic three-man who was impressive in this event. He has a real nice first step and can get by defenders on the drive on a consistent basis. He also has a nice hesitation move and can shoot it ok. He is a solid rebounder who gets to the ball quickly. Reat (who has some academic issues and may need to go the junior college route) is an upper level low major prospect who is worth a higher look.

5'10" PG Eric Turner of Standley Lake HS 2016 (Swamp Squad)

Turner is a strong and athletic point guard. He is a good ball handler and passer who does a nice job pushing the break. He also has the ability to pull up half court. Turner looks to be a low major prospect at this point.

Other Prospects to Consider: (* indicates highest consideration for this category)

6'5" SF/PF Blend Avili of Eagle Crest HS 2015 (Colorado Miners 16u Elite)

Avili is a competitive combo forward who makes a lot of things happen. He can handle and pass adequately, does a decent job pulling up in the half court, shoots it ok with range to 3 and can dribble operate on the block.

6'3" SG Brady Baer of Akron HS 2014 (Colorado Chaos D-I Ambassadors Elite)

Baer is a two-man with solid all-around skills. He can handle and pass fairly well and pulls up in transition and in the half court. He moves ok without the ball and can shoot it with 3-point range.

***6'4" SF Will Bower of Cherry Creek HS 2015 (Denver Elite)**

Bower is an active and energetic three man who can be hard to guard. He moves without the ball, pulls up well half court, gets to the basket on the drive and can post up some.

***5'10" PG/SG Will Duggan of Fort Collins HS 2014 (Colorado Chaos D-I Ambassadors Elite)**

Duggan is a high-energy combo guard with a motor that never stops running. He was quite impressive in the transition game in this event, showing the ability to pull up and to go all the way and finish. He moves well without the ball and is a good shooter with 3-point range.

6'5" SG/SF Jake Holtzman of Chaparral HS 2015 (Colorado Hawks 16)

Holtzman is a wing man with nice all-around skills. He moves ok without the ball, is a decent driver, a fairly good passer and a capable rebounder. But clearly his best asset is his ability to shoot the ball (with 3-point range).

6'1" PG Mitch Lombard of Rock Canyon HS 2015 (Colorado Hawks 16)

Lombard is a one-man with a nice motor. He is a solid ball handler and real good passer. He has a nice hesitation move and is a capable defender.

6'0" PG Brandon Malone of Chaparral HS 2014 (Chaparral/Colorado Hawks 17's)

Malone had a solid performance splitting his time between two teams. He handles the ball well, is a good passer and makes a lot of play in transition. He pushes the break intelligently and sees the floor well. He also shows the ability to pull up in transition or go all the way and finish. Malone is worth low major consideration.

6'0" PG Andrew St. German of Chatfield HS 2014 (Colorado Shining Stars 17 Black)

St. German is a good ball handler and passer who does a nice job making plays in transition. In the half court he drives it fairly well (has a nice hesitation move), can shoot it with 3-point and has a nice floater shot.

6'2" SG/PG James Willis of Lutheran HS 2015 (Denver Elite)

Willis is a fairly athletic combo guard with some burst of speed and a nice motor. He is a capable ball handler in transition, an ok driver and a good shooter who has 3 range.

Names to Note:

6'5" C Jason Baraza of Northridge HS 2014 (Colorado War 17's)
6'1" PG Brandon Book of Swink HS 2014 (Colorado Chaos D-I Ambassadors 17 Blue)
6'4" SF/PF Kip Boryla of Regis HS 2015 (Colorado Miners 16u Elite)
6'4" SF Ryan Cook of Cheyenne East, WY HS 2014 (Colorado Chaos D-I Ambassadors 17 Blue)
5'9" PG/SG Brandon Crocker of Cherry Creek HS 2015 (Denver Elite)
6'3" SF Vaughn Samson of Regis HS 2015 (Colorado Chaos D-I Ambassadors 2015)
6'1" SG Ridge Droskin of Grand Junction HS 2015 (Colorado Shining Stars 16's Black)
5'10" PG Tyler Garcia of Rock Canyon HS 2015 (Colorado Hawks 16's)
6'4" SF Dezmond James of Ponderosa HS 2013 (Colorado Hawks 17's)
6'4" SG Ryley Stewart of Highlands Ranch HS 2015 (Colorado Chaos D-I Ambassadors 2015)
6'0" PG Isaiah Lottie of Cherokee Trail HS 2015 (Colorado Miners 16u Elite)
6'9" PF Ian MacDonald of Dakota Ridge HS 2014 (Colorado Chaos D-I Ambassadors 17 Blue)
6'2" SG Thomas Neff of Arvada West HS 2015 (Colorado Miners 16u Elite)
5'10" PG Tyler Olsen of Glenrock, WY HS 2015 (Colorado Chaos D-I Ambassadors 16 Elite)
5'11" PG Elijah Ross of Eaglecrest HS 2015 (Colorado Chaos D-I Ambassadors 2015)
6'4" SF Dinay Pal of Alameda HS 2014 (Swamp Squad)
6'3" SG Brandon Pleiman of Valor Christian HS 2014 (Colorado Chaos D-I Ambassadors 17 Blue)
6'6" PF Njdiang Reat of Alameda HS 2013 (Swamp Squad)
6'2" SF Jonah Richards of Douglas, WY HS 2015 (Colorado Chaos D-I Ambassadors 16 Elite)
5'10" PG J.R. Smith of Grandview HS 2014 (Colorado Celtics)
6'2" PG/SG Lorenzo Snoddy of South HS 2014 (Factory 17's Navy)
6'5" PF/C Zach Stevens of Ralston Valley HS 2014 (Colorado Shining Stars 16's Black)
5'11" PG Marcus Triplett of Aurora Central HS 2015 (Team Rock)
6'9" C Zach Pirog of ThunderRidge HS 2015 (Colorado Chaos D-I Ambassadors 2015)
6'3" PG Andrew Ullman of Jefferson Academy 2015 (Colorado Shining Stars 16's Black)
5'10" PG Mario Walker of Falcon HS 2014 (Colorado Chaos D-I Ambassadors 17 Black)
6'2" SG Cameron Weber of Roosevelt HS 2014 (Colorado War 17's)
6'1" PG/SG Chris Williams of Smoky Hill HS 2014 (Colorado Shining Stars 16's Black)