



26 Players to Watch in July

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Hoops USA- The spring presented plenty of opportunities to evaluate players that are well known throughout the Mid-West and the country but while watching these players there are always others that catch the eye of Inside Prep Sports. Anthony Davis is a prime example and the leader on this list. Others on this list were either injured in the spring or haven't played since last year's A.A.U. season.

6'10" 2011 power forward Anthony Davis (Chicago Perspectives in IL.) Meanstreets 17u- Davis is the talk of 2011 after going through high school as a virtual unknown and then a break out spring.

6'8" 2011 power forward Jalen Reynolds (Livonia Stevenson in MI.) R.E.A.C.H. Legends 17u- He sat out the high school season due to transfer reasons and has solidified himself as a high major player after an impressive spring.

6'8" 2011 power forward Gary Cooper (Monroe in MI.) Ohio Gators 17u-Cooper is a newby to the AAU scene and came into his own over the spring after playing part-time in high school.

6'5" 2011 wing/small forward Andre Henly (Chicago DeLaSalle in IL.) Mac Irvin Fire 17u- He's back at DeLaSalle after getting his grades together at Brem Prep. He's a solid passing wing with solid guard skills for his size.

6'5" 2011 forward LaDontae Henton (Lansing Eastern in MI.) Mustangs 17u- The hardest working player in the industry, "Buckets", puts up numbers game in and game out. It's hard to believe this is his 4th year of playing AAU on the 17u level.

6'5" 2011 forward Dominique Pointer (Quality Education in N. Carolina) The Family 17u- Pure energy a year ago and add in some guard skills a year later equates to a solid MM to MM+ player.

6'6" 2011 forward Marlin Mason (Detroit Cass Tech in MI.) Southfield Transition 17u- Mason has nice size, athleticism, an offer, and a high motor. Watch for him in Chicago and Orlando.

6'6" 2011 shooting guard/wing Dante Williams (Ann Arbor Huron in MI.) Team Pride 17u- Williams had a tremendous playoff run in Michigan and then had hip surgery. He'll be back for an AAU run in July.

6'7" 2011 small forward Timmy Knipp (Elliott County in KY.) Shooting Stars 17u- Knipp runs the floor well, shoots it well from 19' and in, and has a sound understanding of the game.

5'10" 2011 combo guard Patrick Lucas-Perry (Flint Powers in MI.) Mustangs 17u- Lucas-Perry holds numerous offers and will be back after recovering from an early spring ankle injury.

6'6" 2011 small forward Spencer Parker (W. Bloomfield in MI.) Southfield Transition 17u- Parker is a newby to many but not to Inside Prep Sports as he has a solid basketball body with game from 19' and in.

6'6" 2011 power forward James Kelly (Ann Arbor Pioneer in MI.) Michigan Warriors 17u- Kelly is a prime player for and team that can use an athletic 6'6" four-man with a solid jumper from 16' and in.

6'10" 2011 center Jason Pretzer (Jenison in MI.) Grand Rapids Storm 17u- Great grades, nice size, and a jumper from 19' and in will attract mid-majors and Ivy League schools alike.

6'5" 2011 small forward Ladon Carnegie (Grand Rapids Union in MI.) W. MI. Lakers 17u- High energy, a solid mid-major game, rebounding, and athleticism should have MEEAC programs and more on the prowl in the coming months.

6'4" 2012 shooting guard RJ Hunter (Indianapolis Pike in IN.) D3Heat 17u- Gary Harris, jr. gets a lot of the love on the AAU circuit but Hunter is far from Robin and more like Batman to compliment Superman as Hunter knocks down the perimeter shot, attacks the rim, and slashes his way to points.

6'5" 2012 wing Javontae Hawkins (Flint Powers in MI.) Team Detroit 16u- Hawkins is a solid high major prospect in 2012 and a top 50 player nationally as he adds athleticism to the two-guard spot.

6'6" 2012 wing Denzel Valentine (Lansing Sexton in MI.) Mustangs 16u- He has better guard skills than Draymond Green at the same stage but their games are very similar. High Majors aren't ignoring young Valentine as they did Green.

6'10" 2012 center Adam Woodberry (Sioux City East in IA.) Martin Bros. 16u- Woodberry is two-weeks away from turning mid-major and mid-major plus offers into high-major offers if he played like he did in Ft. Wayne at Piece's Bill Hensley Memorial Run n' Slam.

6'8" 2012 power forward Steve Taylor (Chicago Simeon in IL.) Team Ferrari 16u- He's an integral part on the high school level and especially on the A.A.U. season as he can step out and knock down the perimeter shot and get down in the post.

6'7" 2012 forward Barnett Harris, jr. (Gateway H.S. in Monroeville, PA.) Drill4Skill 16u- Barnett is active and his skill level has taken off after a solid summer a year ago. He received an A-10 offer after Inside Prep Sports' Great Lakes Classic in May.

6'8" 2012 forward Sean Sheldon (Traverse St. Francis in MI.) ACB/Bankhoops 17u- Sheldon is a versatile four-man who has youth on his side as growing and getting stronger are in the cards.

6'8" 2012 center Khaliq Spicer (Dearborn Heights Robichaud in MI.) All Michigan 16u- The silent assassin looks to dunk everything around him, block shots, and rebound. Add another 20-30 pounds on Spicer over the next two-years and he'll have more than A-10 schools watching.

6'10" 2012 forward Matthew Willms (Detroit Consortium in MI.) Detroit Stars 16u- He's a member of Canada's National Junior team and he has a world of potential. Welcome to the State's!

6'6" 2012 small forward Deontae "Teddy" Hawkins (Dayton Dunbar in OH.) All-Ohio Red 16u- Hawkins should bring a lot of the fever that Anton Grady had a year back after winning a state title in Ohio.

6'3" 2012 guard Ray Lee, jr. (Romulus in MI.) Team Pride-McCormick 17u- Ray has a world of potential but needs to find consistency.

6'8" 2012 center Coreantae DeBerry (Holland in MI.) W. MI. Lakers 16u- Potential, potential, potential is the key for this virtual unknown. DeBerry has bigger hands than Shaq and feet that rival Lanier's.

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