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2008 Las Vegas Spring Classic and Spring Showcase Top Pool Play Performers...

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The Las Vegas Spring Showcase and Spring Classic are in full swing and a number of players have caught our eye in the gyms in the two tournaments so far this weekend...

We have been bouncing from gym to gym trying to observe the top talent in the two spring tournaments that are being played this weekend in Las Vegas. The Dana and David Pump head up the management team at the Double Pump Spring Classic, while Hal Pastner's Vision Sports group leads the Spring Showcase.

Unlike summer in Vegas where you can stay the whole day at one site, then move on the next day, this weekend's events make it imperative that you keep moving to see all the top talent. In the summer you wait for it to come to you, this weekend we've been on the move constantly to see the best across the many gyms in the Valley of the Sun.

We have seen close to forty teams over pool play despite our having to move from site to site. With that in mind here's a look at some of the top individual performers we've seen so far in pool play this weekend in Las Vegas..

Bak Bak 6-foot-10 C (Double Pump Elite) – This long African import impressed us with his shot blocking on "D", but really solidified his being on the list here with soft touch and excellent feet on the blocks.

Carlos Lopez 6-foot-10 PF (Pump N' Run Elite) – [UNLV](#) commit showed why the Runnin Rebels are so high on him. He attacks the glass, scores in close and showed he can also step out and attack the hoop.

Victor Rudd 6-foot-9 PF (2D1 Basketball Academy) – This athletic big man can score from three with some regularity. He can face hoop and drive and finish too. Lots of high major programs were on hand to take a look.

Colin Borchert 6-foot-9 PF (Arizona Rebels Top Prospects) – This skilled big man had 26 points in his team's victory over the 707's Finest. He has excellent hands, finishes strong inside 7 can pop out and knock down 15-17 footer.

Jordan Dykstra 6-foot-9 PF (Martin Brothers Select-16) – [Iowa State](#) commit this skilled face up type big man can take you off the dribble or pop pull-up jumper. He uses wingspan inside to score over post players. Similar to young Nick Collison.

Angelo Choi 6-foot-9 (2011) C (Pump N Run Power) – This diaper dandy showed all the first signs of becoming an impact big man. He scored around the hoop, blocked shots and competed on the glass. New name for high majors to be following.

Joe Burton 6-foot-8 PF (Compton Magic Elite) – He has dropped 30-40 pounds and that new mobility has really made him a hot prospect again. He has excellent hands and uses his size to control space and score or board. Rising again in the top one hundred.

Anthony Brown 6-foot-8 PF (Southern Cal Elite) – He really plays hard gets to hoop off the dribble,

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Dexter Strickland
Year: **Class of 2009**
Position: **Guard**
Height: **6'3"**
Weight: **175 lbs**
Hometown: **Elizabeth, NJ**
School: **St. Patrick**
AAU Program: **Team New Jersey**
Commit: **North Carolina**

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makes big plays on defense, and is an excellent passer for big man. Lots of high majors were in the gym when we watched.

[Tyler Honeycutt](#) 6-foot-8 WF (Pump N' Run Elite) – This skilled wing man continued what he started Easter weekend, only this time the college coaches were there to witness this blossoming top one hundred prospect. He can knock down three or score at the rim in traffic.

[Zachary Nelson](#) 6-foot-7 CF (PHPS) – This tough power man scored 28 points in game we watched this afternoon. He has a great nose for ball on offensive glass, finishes in paint and can pop mid-range jumper.

[Malcolm Moore](#) 6-foot-7 PF (Martin Brothers Select-17) – This physical power forward gets to hoop, can post and jump hook over bigger foes or throw it down off drop step. He impressed coaches with his ability to pass the rock out of the post.

[Dwayne Polee](#) 6-foot-7 (2010) CF (Southern Cal Elite) – [USC](#) commit showed why Trojans moved on him early. He is an efficient scorer who scored around the hoop out to 17-feet. He takes what you give him and doesn't back down from anyone.

[Givon Crump](#) 6-foot-6 WF (Arizona Magic Elite) – This sweet shooting wing can really knock it down from around the perimeter. He showed he can score off the dribble too.

[Chanse Creekmur](#) 6-foot-6 (2010) WF (Martin Brothers Select-16) – This skilled wing man started to get noticed this afternoon. He knocked down three to go with ability to score off dribble in transition.

[Malik Story](#) 6-foot-5 WF (Southern Cal Elite) – This sweet shooting swing man knocked down three, showed he can pass it in transition, or score at the rim. May head to prep school, so stay tuned on this one.

[Mitch Bruneel](#) 6-foot-5 (2008) WF (Idaho Select White) – He scored 33 versus Compton Magic in his team's 74-69 loss this afternoon. He can drive and finish or hit jumper off the dribble from arc on in. He hit eight of nine free throws in the second half.

[Quamaine Crymes](#) 6-foot-4 (2008) SG (Belmont Shore Up & Coming) – This quick wing finished with 25 points in the afternoon action versus 43 Hoops. He showed in earlier game that he has range and can create dribble drive.

[Roberto Nelson](#) 6-foot-4 SG (Compton Magic Elite) – [Washington](#) commit can knock down deep three or create drive, pull up or finish at rim. He did nice job filling in a t point too.

[John Jenkins](#) 6-foot-4 SG (Tennessee YOMCA Tigers) – This solid shooting wing man scored 28 points in game we watched this afternoon including four-threes. He can do more than score from wing, he created drive and scored off the dribble too.

[Xavier Thames](#) 6-foot-4 CG (Compton Magic Elite) – This solid ballhandling combo is a good passer who creates for his teammates, as well as himself. He has range to arc, but is really tough taking it to the hoop. Lots of high majors were taking a look today.

[Kyle Fogg](#) 6-foot-3 SG (Belmont Shore) – He continued to play well in Vegas and showed he is more than a scorer in game we watched today. He hit teammates with pass and got after it in open court "D".

[Quentin Dailey](#) 6-foot-3 (2008) CG (EBO/2K Sports) – He is an athletic wing man who has tools to score off the dribble or hit jumper from around the perimeter. He had a real mix of mid to high major schools at game to take a look today.

[Justin Hawkins](#) 6-foot-3 SG (Compton Magic Elite) – [UNLV](#) commit was at his best this afternoon, he scored from arc and off the dribble at the rim. He showed he can create for teammates too. He is looking to break into our rankings with his performance in Vegas.

[Tyler Lamb](#) 6-foot-3 (2010) CG (Pump N' Run Elite) – This smooth young combo really impressed us with his ability to score in traffic or with perimeter jumper. He has combo skills and had a number of high major assistants buzzing with some excellent passes off the dribble drive.

[Demetrius Walker](#) 6-foot-3 CG (Southern Cal Elite) – This athletic combo is starting to re-gain or at least re-hone the tools that had him rated among best in the class as a frosh. He played like a rising top one hundred talent and proved he can play either spot in the back court with his play this weekend.

Avery [Marshall](#) 6-foot-2 CG (Northwest Panthers) – This explosive combo can flat out score off the

dribble, knock down three ball or finish in traffic. But, what had coaches buzzing was his ability to make pass to open man too!

[Elijah Johnson](#) 6-foot-2 CG (Pump N' Run Elite) – He can play either guard spot, has passing skills to make others better around him. He can “D” you up or break you down off the dribble. He's a streaky shooter, but really gets a lot done on court.

[Abdul Gaddy](#) 6-foot-2 PG (Northwest Panthers) – [Arizona](#) commit has great court sense, can set you up to score with pass or create drive or score. He has a real knack for finishing in traffic. He will be a good one for the Wildcats down the road.

[Anthony Marshall](#) 6-foot-1 PG (Las Vegas Prospects) – This quick left hander can break you down and explode to hoop. He finishes in traffic and is an excellent shooter off the dribble, but needs to show consistency from beyond the arc. Lots of high majors were in the gym to watch him shake & bake.

Corbin Miller 6-foot-1 (2011) CG (Salt Lake Metro Black) – This young guard exploded for 32 points this afternoon including six-threes. He has good ball skills and is a deadly shooter when left alone. One to watch for the future.

Zakary Hackett 5-foot-11 PG (South Florida Raiders) – This quick point set up teammates in transition, but still found time to score 22 points versus [Belmont](#) Shore. He should see recruiting pick up after today's performance.

Cezar Guerrero 5-foot-11 (2011) PG (Belmont Shore) – No doubt he is one of top freshman point guards in USA, as he continues to impress with his maturity on the court and ability to create opportunities for his teammates.

[Mitch Marquis](#) 5-foot-10 PG (Martin Brothers Select-17) – This tough and smart ball handler and passer exploded for 18 points and 14 assists versus So Cal All-Stars Elite in 88-82 thriller last night. He sets up teammates with pass and only looks to score when other options break down. He as excellent Basketball I.Q.

Editor's note: We haven't had a chance to see Team Odom ([Jordan Hamilton](#) & [Hollis Thompson](#)), Branch West, [California](#) Supreme, [Colorado](#) Chaos, Inland I, [Arizona](#) Premier Black, or 43 Hoops at this point, so we will have more additions to make over the weekend.

Watch for more coverage from the Las Vegas Classic & Showcase once the Championships rounds end tomorrow, right here at **[Hoopmasters.com](#)**.

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