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2007 Fall Clinic Top Performers

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Here's a rundown of the 2007 Bob Gibbons Fall Evaluation clinic held at Wake Forest University October 6-7. Includes breakdown of the event and the weekend's top performers.

A maximum capacity group of 250 young prospects attended the sold-out Bob Gibbons Fall Evaluation Clinic October 6-7 in the excellent facilities, including the state-of-the-art Miller Center, on the campus of Wake Forest University. This event included participants from 18 states, the District of Columbia, and Canada.

This clinic stressed teaching and learning the fundamental skills of the game, with the basic concept being "Back to the Basics." In addition participants were evaluated by our staff and myself on their basketball abilities, and their potential to play at the next level. Every player will receive a detailed evaluation report from Bob Gibbons.

Clinic director Andy Muse, a staff member of the NBPA Top 100 Camp, and the head coach at Mount Tabor High School (Winston-Salem), was the keynote speaker on Saturday morning, and demonstrated drills and concepts for players to improve ballhandling, shooting, and passing skills.

The Sunday morning clinic speaker was Will Burkholder, a former player and coach under Jeff Mullins at UNC-Charlotte, and now director of the "Cut the Nets" skills development program in Houston, Texas. Burkholder demonstrated other techniques and methods to help players improve their basic fundamentals.

At this clinic players are divided into teaching stations by positions—lead guards, wings, and posts. Will Burkholder was in charge of instruction for the lead guards; Darryl Robinson, Durham, N.C., Hillside was the head instructor for the wing players; and Gary Bowne, Hickory, N.C., St. Stephens, directed the post player drills.

After an hour of intense drills, players participated in three-on-three competition, before breaking for lunch. Players had been assigned to teams by position, and played two games each day. With the large number of players this year, there were 24 teams playing six sets of games on four courts both days.

The top-rated player in this clinic was 6-9 Jr. P/WF Milton Jennings, Summerville, S.C., Pinewood Prep. Jennings is an intriguing, multi-dimensional big man, somewhat in the mold of Tracy McGrady. He is an effective outside shooter, and can play the wing forward position. He can also use his length, and wide wing span to block shots, rebound, and score at will in the post. He will likely be ranked among the Top Six players in the Class of 2009.

Another 2009 standout was 6-6, 230-pound, PF K.J. Sherrill, Mt.Ulla, N.C., West Rowan. Sherrill is a very physical player, capable of overpowering foes inside. He is a strong rebounder, and has good range on his shot.

Other impressive 2009 players included virtual carbon copy skilled big men, 6-9 PF David

Chadwick, Charlotte, N.C., Latin, and 6-9 PF Lucas Troutman, Honea Path, S.C., Belton-Honea Path. Chadwick's father, Rev. David Chadwick played for Coach Dean Smith at North Carolina. Both of these young men have advanced skills, exceptional shooting ability, and are very mobile. Look for both to play major college basketball. Rounding out the Top 50 2009 prospects were: 6-2 1/2G C. J. Harris, Winston-Salem Mount Tabor; 6-6 WF Willis Hall, Charlotte Christian; 6-6 WF Dee Giger, Arden, N.C., Christ School; 6-5 WF Wake Ellison, Asheville, N.C.; 6-1 2/1G Akeem Richmond, Sanford, N.C., Southern Lee; 6-1 PG Jay Lewis, Greensboro, N.C., Day School; 6-5 2G Garrius Adams, Apex, N.C., Middle Creek; 6-6 PF Joshua McNally-Bibbins, Staten Island, N.Y., Petrides; Serbian native, 6-8 WF Nemanja Mikic, Lenoir, N.C., Patterson School' 6-2 2G Colby Lewis, Clemmons, N.C., Forsyth Country Day; 6-3 2G Zachary Faircloth, Fayetteville, N.C., Terry Sanford.

Other impressive juniors were 6-2 1/2G Ben Cherry, Charlotte Myers Park; 6-0 PG Michael Grace, Winston-Salem Mount Tabor; 6-3 2G Frank Tanner, Harrisburg, N.C., Hickory Ridge; 6-3 2G Noah Fischer, Ripley, W. Va.; 6-3 1/2G Brandon Henderson, Durham, N.C., Hillside; 6-3 2G Connor McCall, Charlotte, N.C., home schooled; 6-6 WF DaMetrius Upchurch, Garner, N.C.; 6-5 WF Marvin Burch, Huntersville, N.C., Hopewell; 6-9 C Aaron Coats, Erwin, N.C., Triton; 6-9 C Patrick Shaugnessy, Chattanooga, Tenn., Grace Baptist; 6-9 C Domas Rinksalis and 6-1 2G Stephen Allman, both from Roanoke, Va., Roanoke Catholic; 6-6 P/WF Will Carpenter, Winston-Salem R.J. Reynolds; 6-7 PF Christian Bors, Washington, D.C., Sidwell Friends; 6-10 C Ignas Palaima, Swannanoa, N.C., Asheville Christian; 6-9 C/F Eddie Prato and 6-1 1/2G Coron Williams, both of Christchurch, Va., Christchurch School; 6-1 2G Brandyn Curry, Huntersville, N.C., Hopewell; 6-8 C/F Samuel Johnson, Swannanoa, N.C., Asheville Christian; 6-4 G/F Quan Alexander, Charlotte Myers Park; 6-6 P/WF Ryan Hargrave, Taylorsville, N.C., Alexander Central; 6-0 1/2G Stephen Brown, Johns Island, S.C., Charleston Collegiate; 6-4 G/F Matthew Harper, Englewood, Tenn., McMinn Central; 6-0 1/2G Tracy Travis, Spartanburg, S.C., Day School; 6-0 2G Caleb Davis, Hickory, N.C., St. Stephens; 6-0 2G Brian McNair, Wilson, N.C., Greenfield School; 6-2 1/2G Floronta Wynn, Goldsboro, N.C., Wayne Country Day; 5-10 170 Marcello Bodkin, Goldsboro, N.C., Charis Prep; 5-11 PG Ryan Conrad, Charlotte Providence Day; 5-9 PG Brian Sigman, Poca, W. Va.; 6-7 C/F Austin Harper, Spartanburg, S.C., Day; 6-5 P/WF Clifton Williams, Fayetteville, N.C., E.E. Smith; 6-4 G/F Jeremy Atkinson, Wilson, N.C., Fike; 6-3 G/F Corey MacDonald, Hilton Head, S.C., Hilton Head Christian; 5-9 PG Chad Taylor, Sanford, N.C., Southern Lee; 6-0 2G Alex Hill, Hilton Head, S.C., Hilton Head Christian; 6-4 G/F Thomas Tankelewicz, Apex, N.C., Middle Creek; and 6-0 1/2G Rashad Moore, Charlotte, N.C., Charlotte Christian.

This was an s.a.t. weekend, and many seniors were making college visits. Thus, our 2008 attendance was somewhat lower than normal. However, there were some very promising prospects, including versatile 6-7 P/WF David Pellom, Wilmington, N.C., New Hanover; and 6-7 PF Kendall Smith, Kernersville, N.C., Robert B. Glenn. Smith is being recruited by several mid-majors, including Air Force, Harvard, UNC-Greensboro, Elon, and High Point. He did an excellent defensive job on Milton Jennings in their matchup, including blocking three of Jennings shots, and making baskets against him.

Another impressive senior was 6-4 G/F Keith Gabriel, Charlotte, N.C., United Faith Christian, the twin brother of 6-8 Kenny Gabriel. Both brothers had planned to attend this clinic. However, Auburn offered Kenny Gabriel an official visit, which he made, and committed during the weekend to Coach Jeff Lebo's program.

Other senior standouts: 6-1 PG Donnelle Atkinson, Farmville, N.C.; powerful 6-1 2G Tariq Caldwell, Stockbridge, Ga.; hard-nosed court warrior, 6-4 G/F Sean Bernardeau, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.; skilled 6-4 G/F Derek Craig, Spring, Texas, Klein Collins; 6-1 2G David Hudgins, Spartanburg, S.C. Day; 6-6 PF Michael Morger, Charlotte West Mecklenburg; 6-7 PF Jacob Lail, Hudson, N.C., South Caldwell; 6-3 2G De'Andre Gandy, Charlotte Victory Christian; 6-2 2G Gabriel Lowder, Winston-Salem, North Forsyth; 6-4 G/F Alex Murray, Fayetteville, N.C., Terry Sanford; 6-1 2G Francesco Giordano, Georgetown, Ontario, Christ The King; 6-10 C Zach Hicks, Raleigh, NC, Wake Christian Academy; 6-3 G/F Bryan Ashford, Roanoke, Va., William Fleming; 6-2 2G Thomas Berlacher, Charlotte Providence; 6-6 PF Zach Hollifield, Canton, N.C., Pisgah; 6-3 G/F Travis Evans, Indian Trail, N.C., Porter Ridge; 5-8 PG Byron Brown, Buffalo, N.Y., City Honors; 6-0 PG Jonathan Marsh, Buffalo, N.Y., Bennett; 6-3 WF Lamar Bradbury, Charlotte Providence; 6-3 G/F Casey Collins, Hudson, N.C., South Caldwell; 6-3 WF Andrew Crawford, Mullins, S.C.; 5-11 1/2G Bryantt Crutchfield and 6-2 G/F Patrick Monroe, both of Hickory, N.C.

Continuing with top 2008 prospects: 6-1 1/2G Evan Salzano, Asheville, N.C., Carolina Day School; 6-0 2G Lance Walker, Sissonville, W.Va.; 6-4 P/WF Matt Whiteside, Hudson, N.C., South Caldwell; 6-2 G/F Vincent Dombrowski, Morganton, N.C., Patton; 6-1 1/2G Wes Glover, Denver, N.C., East Lincoln; 6-0 1/2G Myrion Jones, Winston-Salem North Forsyth; 5-11 PG Kip Kelley, Apex, N.C., Middle Creek; 6-4 2G Mindaugas Markevicius, Roanoke, Va., Roanoke Catholic; 6-2 2G Austin Moore, Canton, N.C., Pisgah; 6-0 1/2G Ben Mulkey, Richlands, N.C.; 6-1 PG Jonathan Setters, Greenville, N.C., D.H. Conley; 6-2 G/F Rakeem Singleton, St. Stephen, S.C., Timberland; 6-2 G/F Earl Ware, Columbia, S.C., Ridge View; and 6-4 P/WF Andrew Young, Ripley, W. Va.

The best of the large number of 2010 (sophomores) participants were: exceptionally talented 6-7 P/WF Reco McCarter, Goldsboro, N.C. Wayne Country Day; 6-6 WF Anthony Thomas, Winston-Salem Parkland; 6-4 G/F Damarcus Harrison, Greenwood, S.C.; rugged 6-6 PF Kene Anyigbo, Rosenberg, Texas, B.F. Terry; 6-5 PG Brian Richardson, Wilson, N.C., Greenfield; 6-0 PG Eric Smith, Mullins, S.C.; powerful 6-5 PF Domanic Wilson, Lake City, S.C.; 6-2 2G Joab Jerome, Brooklyn, N.Y., Xaverian; 6-3 2G Jamel Outler, Bellaire, Texas; 6-4 G/F Arche' Hicklin, Roanoke, Va., Catholic; 6-7 PF Darryl Houston, Powder Springs, Ga., Hillgroves; 6-4 2G Corey Baker, Lake City, S.C.; 6-5 P/WF Akil Mitchell, Charlotte Christian; 6-10 C Sam Ryan, The Woodlands, Texas, College Park; 7-1 C David Wishon, Concord, N.C.; 6-1 2G Chevaughn Lawrence, Richmond, Va., Benedictine; 6-2 PG Reynolds Maharajh Charlotte Christian; 6-3 G/F Adison Lawrence, Taylors, S.C., Eastside; 6-0 2G Josh Corry, Gaffney, S.C.; 5-11 PG Mitchell Oates, Greensboro, N.C., Page; 6-5 WF Keith Downing, Huntersville, N.C., Hopewell; 5-6 PG Richard Brown, Charlotte Latin; 5-10 PG Earl McLaurin, Charlotte Country Day; 6-3 G/F Allen Hauser, Winston-Salem North Forsyth; 6-2 2G Jarick Brown, Raleigh, N.C., Millbrook; and 6-4 2G Trevonte Dixon, Florence, S.C., Wilson.

Top advanced beyond their years, Class of 2011 (freshmen) prospects were: outstanding 5-11 PG Anthony Collins, Houston, Texas, Westbury Christian; 6-2 2G Trey Davis, Richmond, Va., Henrico; 6-1 2G Delante Daniels, Raleigh, N.C., Leesville Road; 5-6 PG Jazmond Kelly, Baton Rouge, La., Southern Laboratory; 6-10 C John Cannon, Burnsville, N.C., Mountain Heritage; 6-1 1/2G Chase Fischer, Ripley, W. Va.; 6-5 P/WF Je'Vante Bryant-Crump, Kernersville, N.C., Robert B. Glenn; and 6-6 P/WF Tyler Poole, Hickory, N.C.

Precocious 2012 (eighth graders) prospects were 5-10 PG Bryce Thomas, Lake City, S.C.; 5-7 PG Tyler Lewis, Clemmons, N.C., Forsyth Country Day; and 5-10 1/2G Xander Maddox, Charlotte Providence Day.

We were very pleased with the highly favorable post-clinic remarks and words of thanks from both players and parents about the organization, structure, game management, and positive teaching atmosphere at our fall clinic. We did get back to the basics!

My thanks to our outstanding staff, especially, Coach Andy Muse, and our assistant clinic director, Sean Vestal, the head coach at North Forsyth High School (Winston-Salem) for their hard work and jobs well done.

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