

Christian Life's Leslee Smith has recently committed to SMU.

# PROTECTING THE PAINT

HOUSTON'S BIGS NEEDED FOR MORE THAN DEFENSE

**W**hile the guards get all of the love around the Bayou City, Houston is also home to several Division I power forwards and centers. Coincidentally, three of the top 10 big men all play for Humble Christian Life in Leslee Smith of the Bahamas, Chris Coleman of Buffalo, New York, and Jason Carter of Fort Bend Marshall. All three are Division I prospects, but will there be enough balls to go around for everyone to be seen?

The most coveted of local 2010 big men is Bellaire's Tobi Oyedeji, who committed to Texas A&M this spring. The 6-foot-7 forward is the last line of defense for the Cardinals, but he needs to work on the offensive side of his game. Westbury Christian and Long Beach State-commit Nick Shepherd is a long, rangy athlete, who will need to take over games if his team is going to make another playoff run.

St. Thomas' Chase Kammerer has committed to Air Force, while La Porte's Randy Collins and College Park's Sam Ryan will be recruited later in the process. Collins is a skilled post, who is a little undersized, while Ryan is still developing a offensive game at 6-foot-10.

#### TOP BIGS

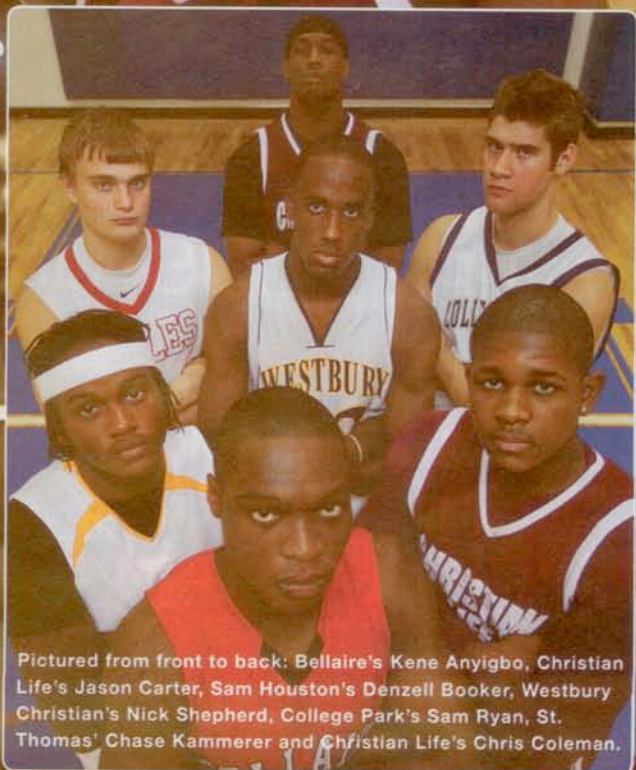
1. Tobi Oyedeji, Bellaire, 2010
2. Leslee Smith, Christian Life, 2010
3. Chris Coleman, Christian Life, 2011
4. Randy Collins, La Porte, 2010
5. Nick Shepherd, Westbury Christian, 2010
6. Chase Kammerer, St. Thomas, 2010
7. Jason Carter, Christian Life, 2010
8. Denzell Booker, Sam Houston, 2011
9. Maurice Letcher Ellis, Cy Springs, 2012
10. Sam Ryan, The Woodlands, 2010

#### TOP HYBRID GUARDS

1. Brandon Peters, Yates, 2010
2. Deviedas Pukis, Christian Life, 2011
3. Joe Young, Yates, 2010
4. Julien Lewis, La Marque, 2011
5. Tevin Svihovec, Kingwood, 2010
6. Jamel Outler, Bellaire, 2010
7. DeAngelo Harrison, Dulles, 2011
8. Nevin Johnson, Lutheran North, 2011
9. Darrious Curry, Stratford (Pending), 2010
10. DeMarco Richardson, Cy Woods, 2010

#### TOP SWING FORWARDS

1. Wannah Bail, Lutheran North (Pending), 2012
2. Mikhail McClain, Second Baptist, 2010
3. Sheldon McClellan, Bellaire, 2010
4. Kene Anyigbo, Bellaire, 2010
5. Anthony Norris, Sam Houston, 2011
6. Tarran Petteway, Galveston, 2011
7. Amos Olatayo, Elsie, 2010
8. Derail Green, Klein Forest, 2012
9. Michael Carey, Lutheran North (Pending), 2012
10. Jordan Leslie, Tomball, 2010



Pictured from front to back: Bellaire's Kene Anyigbo, Christian Life's Jason Carter, Sam Houston's Denzell Booker, Westbury Christian's Nick Shepherd, College Park's Sam Ryan, St. Thomas' Chase Kammerer and Christian Life's Chris Coleman.