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Northern Cali Open Run Brings Out The Bay's Best! *More Than A Dozen Earn Invites to The National Camp Next Summer*

ATLANTA, GA (November 24, 2009) – Northern California has always been known to have great basketball talent such as Jason Kidd, Gary Payton, Drew Gooden, and many other past and present stars of the NBA as well as top high school and college players. On Saturday, November 21, Contra Costa College was the site of the Bay Area Jr All-American Camp Boys Open Run. The drop-in-like event had the feel of an open gym with a show up-and-play format but yet it was very well-organized. Players came out to prove their game and show their skills. All had high hopes of getting an invite to the national camp. The run attracted the next generation of elite talent that will represent NorCal at the Jr All-American Camp and Freshman All-American Camp in summer 2010! About 60 participants, 5th through 8th grade, showed up to ball in front of a large group of coaches, scouts and Jr All-American Camp reps. The Bay's Open Run was coordinated by Carl Foster, a long time coach with Slam-N-Jam/Oakland Soldiers. Foster was assisted by Chris Dennis, who played college ball in Oakland and now runs the King of The Court AAU program in Akron, OH.

Players were placed on teams in two groups, fifth- and sixth-graders together and 7th- and 8th-graders were combined. The one-day event was highlighted by very competitive five-on-five games in the two groups with each player getting to play three games. Equal playing time was enforced for all of the participants. *Rivals'* *NorCalPreps.com* and *jrScout* both had observers there evaluating the talent and covering the event. Jr All-American Camp president and founder Clay Dade came all the way from the company's headquarters in Atlanta to check out the action! He was impressed with the players, most of which he was seeing for the first time.

Fifth-graders Romelo Dunbar, Damari Milstead of Oakland, Damon Harge, Alex Johnson, and Sayvon Hines had terrific performances. Sixth-graders Marcus Oducado, Jamel Rosales, Christian Ellis, and Devin Asiasi stood out from the rest. Among the 2015 class, Devin Greene of ICP Sacramento and the Oakland Rebels' Marcus Harris were unstoppable. The biggest surprise of the 7th-graders was 6'1 Ryan Stewart. The big man moved well and scored easily and often around the basket. The most dominant 8th-graders (2014) were Jonathan Fifer from Oakland, Wyvone "Junior" Birden, Maurice Trotter and sensational guard Trevor Dunbar. Scouts also liked Menlo Park's Nate Thomas, high-scoring super-quick Noah Orlik, Elk Grove's Tre Belton, Terrence White of Sacramento, and 6'3 big-body Lamont Banks from Hayward. Perhaps one of the most intriguing prospects was 6-foot-8 Tyler Herron who came all the way from Cleveland, Ohio. Herron is ranked among the top 15 eighth-graders in the nation according to *jrScout*. He attended the prestigious national Jr All-American Camp last summer in Orlando. Dunbar also attended the camp and, like Herron, was selected to the all-star game.

Congratulations to all of the following players who participated in the Bay Area Jr All-American Camp Open Run!

Aaron Banks
Alex Johnson
Amador Nazarov
Anthony Buserwini
Anthony Onciano
Anthony Sullen
Brandon Mims
Carlos Cunerly Jr

Christian Ellis
Christopher Johnson
CJ Chivers
CJ Hester
Dakotah Smith
Damari Milstead
Damon Harge Jr
Daniel Gonzales

Devin Asiasi
Devin Greene
Forrest Johnson
Franklin Banks
Gabe Adzich
Gabriel Vasquez
Grant Rogers
Jack Kalmbach
Jalen Shipp
Jamel Rosales
Jarvis Edwards
Jaylynn Morgan
Jemaurri Bailey
Jerek Rosales
Jonathan Fifer
Jordan Hickman
Keaton McKoy
Kellen Simpson
Ken Opamuratawongse
Lamont Banks
Malik Anderson
Marcus Harris

Marcus McCollum
Marcus Oducado
Maurice Trotter
Michael Pickney II
Nate Thomas
Noah Orlik
Paul Vaughns
Randy Cruzet
Robert Trujillo
Romelo Dunbar
Royal Long IV
Royce Branning
Ryan Nguyen
Ryan Stewart
Sayvon Hines
Siaan Rojas
Tanner Mitchell
Terrence White
Tre Belton
Trevor Dunbar
Tyler Herron
Wyvone Birden

Other open runs are planned for San Francisco, Sacramento and possibly San Jose. Check the website for dates and locations.

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