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A look at the top SoCal weekend performers

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ANAHEIM, Ca. – The Pump N Run/Rebibo edged Prodigy Elite in overtime Sunday afternoon to cap the Asics Double Pump Spring Hoop Fest Tournament at the American Sports Center.

The PNR squad was led by the stalwart play of seniors-to-be in 6-foot-3 **DeAnthony Melton** (Encino Crespi) – who hit the game-deciding bucket – and 6-9 **Trevor Stanback** (Pasadena Maranatha).

Prodigy Elite's leading scorer all weekend was 6-foot **Brian Beard**, who graduated from Rancho Cucamonga High last June and now attends "Elite Prep".

Among Prodigy Elite's better underclassmen are 6-4 senior-to-be **Bryce Peters** (La Verne Damien) and 6-1 **Miles Oliver** (who was a second-team all-CIF Southern Section Open Division selection at Etiwanda this past season).

Another unbeaten team in the "17U" division (although I'm guessing there were a whole lot of 18 or older players in action over the weekend) was the Big Ballers VXT Black, which scored more than 100 points in each of its five games behind the play of 6-6 senior-to-be **Lonzo Ball** of Chino Hills and several of his prep teammates, including brothers **LiAngelo** (Class of 2017) and **LaMello** (who will be a freshman in the fall).

Yet another was Team Bibby from Phoenix, which was led by **J.J. Rhymes** (a 6-3 wing who will be a senior at Phoenix Shadow Mountain in the fall), as well as two of the best football prospects in the West in **Byron Murphy** (a cornerback at Scottsdale Saguaro) and **N'Keal Harry** (a wide receiver at Chandler) who also could play college hoops somewhere if they so desired.

All three of the aforementioned teams didn't participate in "bracket play" hence competed in pre-determined matchups that didn't include one another.

Here are some of the better underclassmen I saw in Anaheim and in Garden Grove (for the 12th SoCal Hoop Review) over the weekend (alphabetically):

Meet Frank

Frank Burlison is a well-regarded basketball writer who was inducted into the U.S. Basketball Writers Association Hall of Fame in 2005. His opinions on the potential of high school and college players are widely respected and sought by college coaches and NBA scouts, personnel directors and general managers from coast to coast. Oh, yes – he can offer plenty of thoughts on movies, television and pop music. Yes, he can rank those, too. Hint: He's a big The Godfather, Larry Sanders, The Wire and The Beatles loyalist.



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Endorsements

"I've known Frank since he was a student at Long Beach State and no writer ever worked harder at studying and understanding basketball. When I was coaching I always put more stock into what he said about (high school) players than anyone I knew. As far as I'm concerned, he's the best there is at evaluating the potential of basketball players."

Lute Olson, Hall of Fame and NCAA Championship Winning Coach

"I have known Frank for 15 years and there is no one outside of those in the Clippers' organization that I trust more than Frank when it comes to player evaluations."

Neil Olshey, Portland Trail Blazers' General Manager

"Frank Burlison has always been a proponent of my talent and, even more so, of my potential – far before it was evident to most. Even as a smaller and determined player who was being overlooked by most high-major colleges and national scouting services, Frank always served as a friendly voice who got me into the door to most events to help me prove my talents."

Russell Westbrook, the No. 4 overall selection in the 2008 NBA Draft out of UCLA and an all-star guard for the Oklahoma City Thunder

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Lonzo Ball (2016/6-5/Chino Hills/Big Ballers)/Spring Fest

Spencer Freedman (2018/6-1/Santa Monica/SoCal All-Stars Red)/ SoCal Review-Spring Fest

Alfred Hollins (2017/6-5/San Francisco Sacred Heart/Oakland Soldiers 16U)/SoCal Review

Jayce Johnson (2016/6-10/Santa Monica/SoCal All-Stars Red)/SoCal Review-Spring Fest

Spencer Johnson (2016/6-3/American Fork, UT/Utah Basketball Club Elite)/SoCal Review

Mitch Lightfoot (2016/6-8/Gilbert Christian/Arizona Power Black)/Spring Fest

Connor McCaffery (2017/6-5/Iowa City West/Iowa Barnstorms 16U)/Spring Fest

Riley Matticks (2016/6-3/Parker, CO, Legend/Next Level Premier)/SoCal Review

DeAnthony Melton (2016/6-3/Encino Crespi/PNR/Rebibo)/Spring Fest

Bryce Peters (2016/6-4/La Verne Damien/Prodigy Elite)/Spring Fest

J.J. Rhymes (2016/6-3/Phoenix Shadow Mountain/Team Bibby)/Spring Fest

Trevor Stanback (2016/6-9/Pasadena Maranatha/PNR)/Spring Fest



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