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My Nike Elite 100 standouts from St. Louis

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St. LOUIS, Mo. – The latest edition of the Nike Elite 100 wrapped up action late Sunday morning on the Saint Louis University campus.

Actually, it could have been called the “Nike Elite 100 plus three” since there were 103 members of the national classes of 2018 and ’19 on hands – “rising” juniors and sophomores, if you will, come late summer.

The proceedings (drills, practices and games) were well-managed and all instruction from camp coaches was on-target.

Here’s a look at 18 of the players (kind of a random number) that impressed me most.

Remember, I don’t see them (in all instances) as the best 18 “prospects” in the camp but the 18 that caught my eye and impressed me, often for multiple reasons.

Listed alphabetically:

2018

Ayo Dosunmu 6-2 Chicago (Morgan Park)

Comments: He made quite the splash for the Mac Irvin Fire squad when it was moved from the 16s EYBL circuit for Week III (Hampton, VA) and he showed why, here. He was the best scorer among the “point guard types”.

Spencer Freedman 6-0 Santa Ana, CA (Mater Dei)

Comments: The slender left hander was the best floor leader and passer here, helping his “Los Angeles” squad to a 10-0 record (along with 6-9 Mater Dei teammate, **Michael Wang**, he missed the final two games Sunday morning because of their return flight to Southern California).

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.



To learn more about Frank's scouting services, [click here](#).

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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Joseph Hauser 6-7 Stevens Point, WI (Stevens Point)

Comments: He was the smoothest and most accurate jump shooter – especially from deep – that I watched here.

Kamaka Hepa 6-8 Portland, OR (Jefferson)

Comments: The recent move-in from Alaska was as offensively “skilled” as any “big” here, especially as a passer.

Keldon Johnson 6-4 Sterling, VA (Park View)

Comments: The EYBL on the 17s level (Boo Williams) was another of the exceptional scorers on hand. He was impossible to keep out of the land and his mid-range jump shot was nearly always spot-on, as well.

Louis King 6-6 Jersey City, NJ (Hudson Catholic)

Comments: King was quite impressive a few weeks ago while playing in the Under Armour Association event (for New Jersey-based Sports U) in Southern California a few weeks ago. He was just as impressive here. His head-up battle with Trenton Watford was one of the more competitive matchups I saw over the weekend.

Thomas Kithier 6-7 Macomb, MI (Dakota)

Comments: Look for his stock among college recruiters – in Big Ten country and beyond – to sky rocket, ASAP. He scored at will at times, both in congested areas in the lane and via jumpers from the short corners or wings.

Jamie Lewis 6-2 Atlanta (Westlake)

Comments: If forced to make designate a “point guard-type” at the event with the best future – over the next two years of high school and into college – this fellow would get the nod.

Jontay Porter 6-9 Seattle (TBD)

Comments: The left hander is big, strong and oh-so assertive as both a scorer (in the low post or via mid- and deep-range jump shots). He and **Spencer Freedman** made like “Stockton and Malone” during that 10-zip Los Angeles run.

Silvio de Sousa 6-7 Montverde, FL (Academy)

Comments: He was a late arrival (Friday night) to camp and so I just go to watch him with the Oklahoma City squad just once (Saturday evening). He obviously made a strong impressive with his forcefulness and efficiency in and around the lane.

Trendon Watford 6-8 Birmingham, AL (Mountain Brook)

Comments: He’s oh-so-skilled and creative as a handler (mostly in navigating his way into a jump shot or drive to the rim). He forced a few shots and pounded his dribble a bit too frequently at times, though.

Emmitt Williams 6-6 Bradenton, FL (IMG)

Comments: No one played harder and no one rebounded better than this guy, who had a strong spring season with EACH1 TEACH1 on the 17s EYBL level.

2019

Tyger Campbell 5-10 La Porte, IN (La Lumiere)

