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Boys Basketball



Updates (1/8/18)



2019 6'1 PG RayJ Dennis (Oswego East HS, IL)

Update: Dennis' recruitment is beginning to heat up after visits to UW-Milwaukee and Northern Illinois. In the past few days, D1 programs IUPUI, Holy Cross, and Lafayette are among the schools that have inquired about the smooth lead guard.



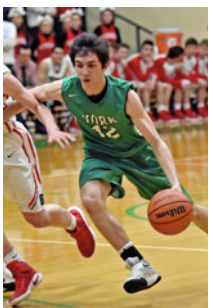
2018 6'5 G JD Gunn (Wheaton Academy, IL)

Update: The extremely athletic Gunn is looking hard at Biola University (NAIA), potentially playing either basketball or soccer. He also intends to visit Loras College (D3) in coming weeks.



2018 6'6 F Kyle King (St. Charles North HS, IL)

Update: King, who is among the state's most under-recruited big men, is targeting division two and division one preferred walk-on situations. Several D1 programs have inquired about adding King as a walk-on.



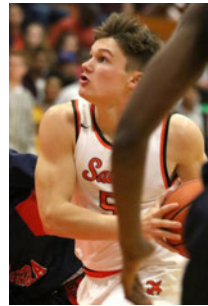
2018 6'2 G Angelo Martucci (York HS, IL)

Update: The defensive stud Martucci took an overnight visit to Cornell College (D3) this past weekend, and he has narrowed his list to Cornell, Carroll University (D3), and St. Norbert College (D3) after the visit.



2019 6'4 G Mitch Mascari (Geneva HS, IL)

Update: Mascari, who we believe to be the top shooter in the state of Illinois, is attracting early interest from several scholarship-level programs including Hillsdale College (D2). Analysts have recently indicated that they believe Mascari is a surefire D2 prospect who could potentially attract D1 interest.



2018 6'1 G Zach Robinson (St. Charles East HS, IL)

Update: The sharp-shooting senior is having a tremendous year for East, and UW-Oshkosh (D3) currently sits at the top of his list. Robinson is also considering other D3 suitors and remains open to hearing from new programs.



2018 6'1 G Ben Tompson (Bartlett HS, IL)

Update: Tompson will visit Loras College (D3) on the 27th of January. He's also actively being recruited by Benedictine University (D3).



2018 6' G Damian Virgen (West Aurora HS, IL)

Update: The scoring combo-guard has visited Aurora University (D3). He is also in the process of scheduling visits to Benedictine University (D3) & Rock Valley Community College (NJCAA).

Commitments



2018 6'2 Gs Keegan & Kyle Graebner (Minooka HS, IL)

Commitment: Benedictine University (D3)

Story: Last week, two of the longest-tenured Dark Horse athletes ended their recruitments by picking Benedictine University (D3) over a slew of other D3 options. Many D3 and NAIA programs invested significant resources in recruiting the twins, but the boys chose Benedictine because of the location, playing-time opportunities, and the fact that the school offers their desired majors.



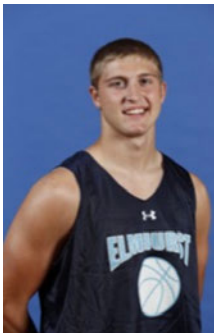
Performances of the Week

Alumni Spotlight



2018 6'5 G Isayas Aris (Chicago Christian HS, IL)

Performance: Aris, an uber-athletic guard with a projectable body, scored 17 points to lead Chicago Christian to a win over conference opponent St. Edward's.



2017 6'5 G Justin Fox (Dwight Township HS, IL)

Current School: Elmhurst College (D3)
Update: Against CCIW foe Illinois Wesleyan, the freshman Fox scored 11 points on 5-6 FG while earning 23 minutes of play.



2019 6'1 PG RayJ Dennis (Oswego East HS, IL)

Performance: In an Oswego East win against Plainfield North, Dennis dropped 15 points to go along with 6 assists.



2014 6'6 G John Konchar (West Chicago HS, IL)

Current School: Fort Wayne (D1)
Update: One of the best mid-major players in America, Konchar posted 19 points and 9 rebounds in a loss to Oral Roberts. Konchar is averaging 13 PPG and 8 RPG as a redshirt junior while shooting 46.8% from the field.



2019 6'2 G Hezekiah Trotter (Schaumburg HS, IL)

Performance: Trotter, who excels on the football field as well as the basketball court, scored 23 points for Schaumburg in a tough loss Saturday.



2016 6'6 G Justin Pierce (Glenbard West HS, IL)

Current School: College of William & Mary (D1)
Update: In a huge win over Delaware, Pierce scored 11 points to go along with 9 rebounds. Pierce is now averaging 12.5 PPG and 8.7 RPG while scoring at one of the most efficient clips in the country – 47.7% FG, 38.5% 3PT, and 86.1% FT.



2018 6' G Damian Virgen (West Aurora HS, IL)

Performance: The dynamic scoring combo-guard scored 19 points while dishing out 6 assists in a West Aurora win Friday night.



2015 6'2 G Josh Ruggles (Wheaton-Warrenville South HS, IL)

Current School: Loras College (D3)
Update: Against rival University of Dubuque, Ruggles went for 30 points on 9-13 shooting from the field. Ruggles is having an All-American-caliber junior campaign, averaging 21.8 PPG, 4.4 RPG, and 3.9 APG while shooting 50.5% FG, 43.5% 3PT, and 90.5% FT.



Football

Due to the current recruiting dead period, there are no updates for ongoing recruitments this week



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Girls Basketball

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2018 5'11 F Kelle Knopp (Plainfield North HS, IL)

Update: After visiting Barton College (D2) last week, multiple D3 programs have made contact, including St. Mary's College and North Park University (D3). Millikin University (D3) has also offered Kelle a roster spot for next season.



2019 5'11 F Kristin Ralston (Glenbrook South HS, IL)

Update: After averaging 17.5 PPG in her holiday tournament, Ralston has attracted the attention of several Ivy League programs along with Eastern Michigan and Robert Morris University.



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