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The brackets have been posted for the [Las Vegas Easter Classic](#), which will be held on April 5th-8th in Las Vegas, NV, and you can view them by clicking onto [VisionSports.com](#). Not only will this be the first "live" basketball tournament for Division I college coaches to start the recruiting year, but tournament director **Hal Pastner** is promising that it will be better than ever, as he expects to have over 300 teams playing in over 750 games during the Easter weekend. And that's saying a lot, because last year's tournament featured elite players like 6'9 **Kevin Love** from Lake Oswego (H.S.) OR, 6'9 **Kyle Singler** from South Medford (H.S.) OR, 6'1 Jr **Brandon Jennings** from Mouth of Wilson (Oak Hill) VA, 6'3 **Jerryd Bayless** from Phoenix (St. Mary's) AZ, 6'7 **Taylor King** from Santa Ana (Mater Dei) CA, 6'7 **Gary Johnson** from Houston (Aldine) TX, 5'8 **Jai Lucas** from Houston (Bellaire) TX, 6'8 Jr **Troy Guillenwater** from Simi Valley (Stoneridge Prep) CA, 5'8 **Isaiah Thomas** from South Kent (Prep) CT, and 6'5 Jr **Malik Story** from Lakewood (Artesia) CA and attracted head coaches like Duke's **Mike Krzyzewski**, Arizona's **Lute Olson**, UCLA's **Ben Howland**, USC's **Tim Floyd**, Kansas's **Bill Self**, Texas A&M's **Billy Gillispie**, Oregon's **Ernie Kent**, UNLV's **Lon Kruger**, and San Francisco's **Jessie Evans**. This year's field will feature teams like the Southern Cal All Stars, Team Texas, Houston Hoops, St. Louis Eagles, Las Vegas Prospects, Compton Magic Elite, Portland Legends, Belmont Shore, Broward Bobcats Elite (FL), Arizona Stars, Arizona Magic, P. Miller Ballers, Inland Reebok I, Utah Pump N' Run, M33M Magic (TN), Gimie Basketball Klubb (Norway), and Next Level Australia and players like 6'1 Jr **Brandon Jennings** from Mouth of Wilson (Oak Hill) VA, 6'4 Jr **Willie Warren** from Ft. Worth (North Crowley) TX, 6'9 Soph **Renardo Sydney** from Lakewood (Artesia) CA, 6'8 Jr **Luke Babbitt** from Reno (Galena) NV, 6'5 Jr **Demar Derozan** from Compton (H.S.) CA, 5'8 **Isaiah Thomas** from South Kent (Prep) CT, 6'5 Jr **Malik Story** from Lakewood (Artesia) CA, 6'1 Jr **Rotnei Clark** from Claremore (Verdigris) OK, 6'2 Jr **Jeremy Green** from Austin (Bowie) TX, 6'6 Frosh **Randy Collins** from LaPorte (H.S.) TX, and 6'0 Frosh **K. C. Ross-Miller** from Irving (God's Academy) TX. And, as usual, it looks like Pastner has stacked the deck by putting all of the elite teams into super pools and most of them will play on Saturday, April 7th, and Sunday, April 8th, at Cox Pavilion on the campus of UNLV. Especially noteworthy is the game between the Southern Cal All Stars and Team Texas, which will be played at 10:20 AM on Saturday morning. Not only will the winner of this game be favored to win the entire tournament, but this also very well could be the battle for the #1 ranking nationally in the Class of 2008, as Jennings is currently is our #1-ranked junior and Warren, who was sidelined most of last spring and summer with a back injury, has taken his game to another level this spring and, as a result, has a number of people, including our Texas Editor **Tim Miller**, touting him as the best player nationally in his class. The [Las Vegas Easter Classic](#) will tip-off at 10:20 AM on Thursday morning and the headquarters will be at Durango High School for the first two days. Then, the center of attention on Saturday and Sunday will turn to the Cox Pavilion, where the playoffs will begin with first round games on Saturday afternoon at 3:00 PM and end on Sunday afternoon with the championship game in the Platinum Division on Court #1 at 4:10 PM. Pastner also is telling us that the [Houston Kingwood Classic](#), which will be held on April 20th-22nd in Houston, TX, will feature over 700 teams this year and, once again, will be the largest weekend basketball tournament in the United States. As a matter of fact, this year's tournament is so big that **Dana** and **David Pump** have cancelled their tournament in Las Vegas, NV, which was supposed to run at the same time, so that they can field their best team in the [Houston Kingwood Classic](#). And making the story even more interesting is the fact that the possibility exists that Pump N-Run Elite, which is the team that won the [Arizona Cactus Classic](#) in late May and upset DC Assault in the championship of the [adidas Super 64 Tournament](#) in Las Vegas, NV, and the Southern Cal All Stars, which went undefeated last summer when 6'9 **Kevin Love** from Lake Oswego (H.S.) OR was in the line-up, could meet this spring in the [Houston Kingwood Classic](#) in what would be the first meeting ever for these two perennial powerhouse programs. If you will recall, the Pump brothers wanted to schedule this game after they both won their respective tournaments in Las Vegas, NV near the end of July, but, at the time, **Pat Barrett**, who is the President and CEO of the Southern Cal All Stars, ducked the competition. Pastner also tells us that he expects to the [Main Event](#) to attain an even higher level this summer, as he's gotten numerous phone calls from AAU coaches who used to take their team to the [Reebok Big Time Tournament](#), but now want to play in his tournament. This year's dates for the [Main Event](#) once again will be July 22nd-26th and the headquarters up until the final day will once again be at Durango High School.. We'll provide you with more details when they become available. Pastner also tells us that the [Las Vegas Spring Showcase](#), which will be held April 27th-29th, in Las Vegas, NV and, like the [Las Vegas Easter Classic](#) and [Houston Kingwood Classic](#), will be live for college coaches, is going to be surprisingly good, as a numerous teams take advantage of his discount for entering into multiple tournaments. Pastner also is starting

something new this year, which is the *Rivals.com Summer Showcase* in Las Vegas, NV on July 5th-8th and, once again, he will wrap-up the summer with the *National Youth Basketball Championships/Las Vegas Summer Classic* on July 27th-31st. Obviously Pastner is going to be busy this spring and summer and I'm looking forward to providing with all the highlights from the *Las Vegas Easter Classic*, *Houston Kingwood Classic*, and the *Main Event*.