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News & Notes from the Main Event

There are a few players in the class of 2009 that are starting to separate themselves as must get players for teams from coast to coast. One of those guys is Texas D1 Ambassadors forward [John Henson](#) and his teammate [Cory Jefferson](#) is close behind.

The 6-foot-10 thin big men are certainly no strangers to the high-major attention. Since both really emerging in the spring and consistently playing well at the national events, the duo has established themselves as very attractive prospects.

Henson is one of the most unique players in the 2009 class. Against Team Davis on Thursday morning, the Round Rock (Texas) native put in a modest 13 points but he also blocked seven shots and grabbed nine rebounds all the while playing three positions.

Just how good is Henson? He has as much upside as anyone in the class. It has been encouraging to see him tap into it this summer.

Henson said he has offers from Southern Cal, Notre Dame, Marquette, Texas, Baylor, Texas A&M, Arizona and Kansas State. Florida and Ohio State are also hot on his trail.

Jefferson was equally effective, scoring 11 points while grabbing 11 rebounds and blocking three shots. The offer list for Jefferson includes Marquette

Once committed to New Mexico, Arlington, Texas native [Chris Babb](#) said he wanted to open things back and reneged on his pledge to the Lobos right after the Peach Jam. The 6-foot-4 shooter was hot against Mac Irvin, scoring on four three-pointers and finished with 18 points.

Things will certainly get interesting this fall on the recruiting front. Babb said he is still considering New Mexico but expect the Big 12 schools to get a look for official visits, according to his father.

As it the case any time [Willie Warren](#) steps onto the floor, the Team Texas guard was rolling as the team's first scoring option. He put in 21 points in the semi-final victory.

After a rocky first half, [Rotnei Clarke](#) came out strong in the second with strong moves to the hole with the dribble and the well-known shooter changed it up a bit and played more in the midrange with floaters and lay-ups. Clarke finished with 23 points and mixed up his attack in the second half.

Mac Irvin was getting a lot done with [Jelani Poston](#) on the floor. The 6-foot-6 forward from Chicago was posting up and scoring on tough shots as well as being the top rebounder for his club. An elbow to the side of opponent Daniel Orton's head sent Poston to the bench for the rest of the game. That's when it all fell apart for the Fire.

Poston is headed to American Christian next year in Philadelphia and he'll take interest from SMU, Illinois State, UAB and Illinois-Chicago with him.

While he didn't have a great game or even a lot of time to get going, class of 2011 forward **Mike Shaw** of De La Salle High School. After watching a lot of 15 and under ball, which features players in Shaw's own age group, it's easy to see why those in the Windy City are raving about the youngster. The 6-foot-8 forward is a cut above the rest of his peers in terms of body and length. Time is certainly on his side and odds are, his name will be mentioned at length when talking about the top players in the rising freshmen class.

All eyes on us

The Team Texas-Mac Irvin Fire game had Doug Wojick of Tulsa and John Pelphrey with Arkansas while assistant coaches from Oklahoma, Texas, UCLA, Oklahoma State, Kansas, New Mexico and Illinois were on hand for the game.

The Texas D1 Ambassadors duo of John Henson and Cory Jefferson had Lute Olson on hand to see the game while assistant coaches from Texas, Oklahoma State, UCLA, Marquette

Wichita State was on hand to see [Chase Harper](#) of the Ambassadors, too. The burly 6-foot-5 two-sport athlete said he has an offer from the Shockers and is being courted for both sports by a number of schools.

The 15 and under championship game at the adidas Super 64 game between D.C. Assault and the Ohio Basketball Club drew assistants from Kentucky, Ohio State, West Virginia, Virginia Tech and Stanford. Georgia head coach Dennis Felton snuck a peek as well.

When the Atlanta Celtics and Indiana Elite met up in the semi-finals of the 17 and under division, Kelvin Sampson, Leonard Hamilton, Matt Painter and Dennis Felton were on hand with assistant coaches from North Carolina, Kentucky, Georgia Tech, South Carolina, Virginia Tech, Auburn, South Florida, Valpo, Boston College, Notre Dame, NC State, Tennessee and Kennesaw State made it out.

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