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2013 Spalding Hoopball Classic Teams Announced

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Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame brings the Nation's top teams to Springfield for the 2013 Spalding Hoopball Classic

SPRINGFIELD, MA – The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame announced the high school teams today for the 2013 Spalding Hoopball Classic, presented by Big Y World Class Markets. Springfield College will host the games at Blake Arena from January 17-21 during Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend. The nation's premier event will once again showcase the top high school basketball teams from across the country. This year's elite matchups including **Oak Hill Academy** (Mouth of Wilson, VA) vs. **Simeon High School** (Chicago, IL), **Prestonwood Christian Academy** (Plano, TX) vs. **Archbishop Mitty High School** (San Jose, CA), **New Hampton School** (New Hampton, NH) vs. **Huntington Prep** (Huntington, WV) and **Montverde Academy** (Montverde, FL) vs. **Findlay College Prep** (Henderson, NV).

Other legendary programs scheduled to participate include **St. Benedict's Prep** (Newark, NJ), **Montrose Christian** (Rockville, MD), **DeMatha Catholic High School** (Hyattsville, MD) and **St. Anthony High School** (Jersey City, NJ), coached by Hall of Famer Bob Hurley, Sr.

The 2013 Spalding Hoopball Classic continues its tradition of talented players by featuring several ESPN's Top 100 in the class of 2013, including top 10 stars **Jabari Parker** (Simeon High School/Chicago, IL), **Julius Randle** (Prestonwood Christian Academy/Plano, TX), **Aaron Gordon** (Archbishop Mitty High School/San Jose, CA), **Noah Vonleh** (New Hampton School/New Hampton, NH) and **Kasey Hill** (Montverde Academy/Montverde, FL) as well as 2014 standouts **Andrew Wiggins** (Huntington Prep/Huntington, WV), **Jahlil Okafor** (Whitney Young High School/Chicago, IL) and **Dakari Johnson** (Montverde Academy/Montverde, FL). The event also includes the nation's No. 1 girl's player, **Mercedes Russell** from Springfield (Oregon) High School.

"We are excited once again to be hosting the nation's best high school basketball event, with a lineup of players and teams that will bring fans, media and basketball enthusiasts from around the country to Springfield College," said John L. Doleva, President and CEO of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

Last year's games were highlighted by **Shabazz Muhammed** (UCLA), **Nerlens Noel** (Kentucky), **Brandon Ashley** (Arizona), **Kyle Anderson** (UCLA) and **Anthony Bennett** (UNLV). Spalding Hoopball Classic alumni made their mark in this year's 2012 NBA draft including No. 1 draft pick **Anthony Davis** (New Orleans Hornets), **Michael Kidd-Gilchrist** (Charlotte Bobcats), **Austin Rivers** (New Orleans Hornets) and **Tony Wroten Jr.** (Memphis Grizzlies).

"Spalding is proud to partner with the Basketball Hall of Fame to support the Hoopball Classic, both of which epitomize the elite level of basketball that our brand strives for," said Gary Barfield, EVP of Russell Brands, LLC.

In addition to the game, Spalding also sponsors the Spalding Skills Challenge which features three events including the Spalding Half-Court Hustle, Spalding 3-Point Shootout and the Spalding Slam Dunk Contest at Blake Arena on Sunday, January 20th. An associated youth tournament, the Junior Hoopball Classic, will return this year with details located at www.basketball.org.

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MassLive.com, the online home of the Republican, will provide extensive coverage of the 2013 Hoophall Classic including game stories, videos, stats, photos and player interviews. Log on to MassLive.com/HoophallClassic for complete coverage.

The Spalding Hoophall Classic is presented by Big Y World Class Markets. Supporting sponsors for the Hoophall Classic are Nike Basketball, Springfield College, MassMutual and Comcast XFINITY.

Several games from the 2013 Spalding Hoophall Classic will be televised nationally, with broadcast information will be available soon.

Tickets will be on sale starting November 1st. For more information, please visit the official web site, www.thehoophallclassic.com.

About Spalding

Division of Russell Corporation, the Spalding Group is now the largest basketball equipment supplier in the world. Spalding is the official basketball of the National Basketball Association (NBA) and Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA), the official backboard of the NBA and NCAA, the official volleyball of the King of the Beach Volleyball Tour and the official football of Pop Warner. In addition to being the leading producer and marketer of basketballs, footballs, volleyballs and soccer balls, Spalding produces softballs under the Dudley brand. For more information, visit www.spalding.com.

About the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame

Located in Springfield, Massachusetts, the birthplace of basketball, the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame promotes and preserves the game of basketball at every level – professional, collegiate, men and women. For more information on these and other upcoming events, please visit our website at www.hoophall.com or call 1-877-4-HOOPLA.

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Thursday, January 17, 2013

4:00 PM	Boys	Sabis Charter School, MA	South Hadley High School, MA
5:30 PM	Boys	Lenox Memorial High School, MA	Smith Academy, MA
7:00 PM	Girls	Lee High School, MA	Quaboag Regional High School, MA
8:30 PM	Girls	Sabis Charter School, MA	St. Mary's High School - Lynn, MA

Friday, January 18, 2013

3:00 PM	Boys	Renaissance School, MA	Belchertown High School, MA
4:30 PM	Girls	Granby High School, MA	South Hadley High School, MA
6:00 PM	Girls	Braintree High School, MA	Springfield High School, OR
7:30 PM	Boys	High School of Science & Tech.	Putnam High School, MA
9:00 PM	Boys	Springfield Central High School, MA	West Springfield High School, MA

Saturday, January 19, 2013

12 Noon	Boys	St. Joseph's High School, MA	Capital Prep, CT
1:30 PM	Boys	St. Rita of Cascia High School, IL	Lake Clifton High School, MD
3:00 PM	Boys	Ss. John Neumann-Maria Goretti, PA	Orlando Christian Prep, FL
4:30 PM	Boys	Chester High School, PA	Whitney Young High School, IL
6:00 PM	Boys	Gonzaga College High School, DC	Long Beach Poly, CA
8:00 PM	Boys	Springfield Central High School, MA	Manchester High School, CT

Sunday, January 20, 2013

10:00 AM	Boys	Vermont Academy, VT	Tilton School, NH
12 Noon	Boys	Wilbraham and Monson, MA	Worcester Academy, MA
2:00 PM	Boys	St. Benedict's Prep, NJ	Montrose Christian School, MD
4:00 PM	Boys	South Kent School, CT	Brewster Academy, NH
6:00 PM	Boys	New Hampton School, NH	Huntington Prep, WV
8:00 PM	Boys	Skills Challenge	Blake Arena

Monday, January 21, 2013

10:00 AM	Boys	St. Anthony High School, NJ	Lone Peak High School, UT
12 Noon	Boys	Prestonwood Christian Academy, TX	Archbishop Mitty High School, CA
2:00 PM	Boys	Oak Hill Academy, VA	Simeon High School, IL
4:00 PM	Boys	Montverde Academy, FL	Findlay College Prep, NV
6:00 PM	Boys	Hudson Catholic High School, NJ	DeMatha Catholic High School, MD