

Nine State Tourney MVPs Highlight Alabama All-Star Roster

Five seniors who led their high school basketball teams to AHSAA state girls championships this season and four who sparked their boys teams to state titles have been named to the Alabama rosters for the upcoming March 20 Alabama-Mississippi Classic.

Class 6A MVP Jordan Swing of Vestavia Hills High School, Class 4A Milton Curry of Anniston, Class 3A MVP David Murray of Leeds and Class 2A MVP Devondrick Richardson of Barbour County headline the 12-member boys roster chosen by the Alabama High School Athletic Directors & Coaches Association Selection Committee.

The AHSADCA hosts the 18th annual Alabama-Mississippi Classic at Pelham Civic Complex March 20th. The boys, who evened the series with Mississippi at 9-9 with last year's 101-99 victory, play at 7 p.m., and the girls will tip off at 5. Alabama holds a 10-8 edge in the girls' series after winning the 2008 game in overtime, 89-86.

Butler High School coach Jack Doss (596-280) and Barbour County coach Raymond White (624-222), who have 1,220 wins and eight state championships between them, will be the coaches for the Alabama boys team. Decatur's Jamie Lee is the administrative coach.

In addition to the four 2009 Final 48 MVPs, Madison Academy's 6-foot point guard Kerron Johnson, the MVP of the 2008 and 2007 Class 3A Championships, was also selected. Rounding out the boys team are 6-foot-8 Indiana signee Christian Watford of Shades Valley, highly-recruited 6-1 point guard Eric Bledsoe of Parker, 6-7 forward Brandon Peterson of Erwin, 6-2 guard Herbert Brooks of Eufaula, 6-9 forward Wendell Lewis of Selma, 6-7 center Ed Daniels of Woodlawn and 6-7 center Lorenzo Blair of Anniston.

Among the Final 48 state tournament MVPs named to the Alabama girls roster are Class 6A MVP Jala Harris of Bob Jones, 5A MVP Jocelyn Shaw of LeFlore, 4A MVP LaKenya Lowe of Midfield, 2A MVP Paige Parker of Cold Springs and 1A MVP Amber Jones of Hazlewood. Also picked for the girls team are Keshia Peterson of 3A state champion T.R. Miller, Jazmine Martin of Hoover, Jessica Merritt of Talladega, Adrienne Webb of Sparkman, Sametria Gideon of 6A champ Bob Jones, Meghan Perkins of Carver-Montgomery and Kylie Black of Speake.

Coaching the Alabama girls team are Bob Jones coach Tim Miller (269-39) and Cold Springs coach Tammy West (372-117). Muscle Shoals' Brenda Mayes is the administrative coach. Miller and West also have won a combined six state championships, including the 6A and 2A championships, respectively, the last two seasons.

Players for Alabama and Mississippi are scheduled to report on Wednesday, March 18. Tickets for the Alabama-Mississippi Classic can be obtained through the ticket office at the Pelham Civic Complex.

Alabama All-Star Rosters

BOYS

<u>Player</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>College choice</u>
Eric Bledsoe, Parker	G	6-1	Maurice Ford	Undecided
Lorenzo Blair, Anniston	C	6-7	Scheussler Ware	Undecided
Herbert Brooks, Eufaula	G	6-2	Mike Henry	Undecided
Milton Curry, Anniston	G	6-2	Scheussler Ware	Undecided
Ed Daniels, Woodlawn	C	6-7	Demetrius Turner	Murray State
Kerron Johnson, Madison Acad.	G	6-0	Andy Blackston	Belmont
Wendell Lewis, Selma	F	6-9	Woodie Jackson	Undecided
David Murray, Leeds	F	6-4	Mike Turner	Middle Tennessee
Brandon Peterson, Erwin	F	6-7	Rodney Chatman	Arkansas State
Devondrick Richardson, Barbour Co.	F	6-4	Raymond White	South Alabama
Jordan Swing, Vestavia Hills	F	6-6	George Hatchett	Western Kentucky
Christian Watford, Shades Valley	F	6-8	Mike Burrus	Indiana

Coaches: Jack Doss, Butler; Raymond White, Barbour County.

Administrative coach: Jamie Lee, Decatur.

GIRLS

Player	Pos.	Ht.	Coach	College choice
Kylie Black, Speake	C	6-2	Gary Steadman	Samford
Sametria Gideon, Bob Jones	F	5-9	Tim Miller	Kennesaw State
Jala Harris, Bob Jones	G	5-7	Tim Miller	UAB
Amber Jones, Hazlewood	G	5-7	Nicholas Vinson	Undecided
LaKenya Lowe, Midfield	G/F	5-10	Reginald Ware	Undecided
Jazmine Martin, Hoover	G	5-6	Donnie Quinn	Samford
Jessica Merritt, Talladega	G	5-6	Jannie Keith	Undecided
Paige Parker, Cold Springs	G	5-10	Tammy West	Undecided
Meghan Perkins, Carver-Montgomery	F	6-0	Michelle Simmons	Alabama
Kesha Peterson, T.R. Miller	G	5-7	Ronald Jackson	Undecided
Jocelyn Shaw, LeFlore	F	6-0	Darrell Walton	Undecided
Adrienne Webb, Sparkman	G	5-11	June Seals	LSU

Coaches: Tim Miller, Bob Jones; Tammy West, Cold Springs.

Administrative coach: Brenda Mayes, Muscle Shoals.

ALABAMA-MISSISSIPPI BASKETBALL CLASSIC HISTORY

GIRLS

Year	Winner	Score	Loser	Score	Site
2008	Alabama	89	Mississippi	86 OT	Pelham CC
2007	Alabama	90	Mississippi	65	Pelham CC
2006	Mississippi	89	Alabama	80	Pelham CC
2005	Mississippi	101	Alabama	83	Pelham CC
2004	Alabama	114	Mississippi	78	Pelham CC
2003	Mississippi	95	Alabama	82	Pelham CC
2002	Alabama	76	Mississippi	71	Miss. College, Clinton
2001	Alabama	87	Mississippi	76	North Alabama, Florence
2000	Mississippi	87	Alabama	82	Holmes JUCO, Goodman, Ms.
1999	Alabama	95	Mississippi	85	North Alabama, Florence
1998	Alabama	105	Mississippi	84	Miss. College, Clinton
1997	Alabama	60	Mississippi	54	North Alabama, Florence
1996	Mississippi	88	Alabama	72	Miss. College, Clinton
1995	Alabama	80	Mississippi	77	North Alabama, Florence
1994	Mississippi	92	Alabama	84	Miss. College, Clinton
1993	Alabama	73	Mississippi	66	North Alabama, Florence
1992	Mississippi	74	Alabama	61	Miss. College, Clinton
1991	Mississippi	82	Alabama	66	North Alabama, Florence

Series record: *Alabama, 10 wins; Mississippi, 8 wins.*

BOYS

Year	Winner	Score	Loser	Score	Site
2008	Alabama	101	Mississippi	99	Pelham CC
2007	Mississippi	118	Alabama	113	Pelham CC
2006	Mississippi	94	Alabama	87	Pelham CC
2005	Alabama	84	Mississippi	79	Pelham CC
2004	Alabama	87	Mississippi	86	Pelham CC
2003	Mississippi	82	Alabama	80	Pelham CC
2002	Mississippi	98	Alabama	67	Miss. College, Clinton
2001	Mississippi	87	Mississippi	83	North Alabama, Florence

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1999	Alabama	95	Mississippi	68	North Alabama, Florence
1998	Alabama	111	Mississippi	76	Miss. College, Clinton
1997	Alabama	110	Mississippi	91	North Alabama, Florence
1996	Mississippi	105	Alabama	97	Miss. College, Clinton
1995	Alabama	85	Mississippi	69	North Alabama, Florence
1994	Mississippi	123	Alabama	111	Miss. College, Clinton
1993	Mississippi	82	Alabama	75	North Alabama, Florence
1992	Mississippi	73	Alabama	71	Miss. College, Clinton
1991	Alabama	103	Mississippi	62	North Alabama, Florence

Series record: *Mississippi, 9 wins; Alabama, 9 wins.*