

Alabama All-Stars Selected For Basketball Classic

Twenty-four seniors have been selected to represent Alabama in the 24nd annual Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Basketball Games at Jackson State University's Lee E. Williams Athletics & Assembly Center March 21.

The teams, 12 boys and 12 girls, were announced Thursday by Alvin Briggs, Director of the Alabama High School Athletic Directors & Coaches Association (AHSADCA). The girls' game will tip off at 5 p.m. and the boys' game will follow at 7.

The games will be played in Mississippi for the first time since 2002. The games rotated between the two states from 1991-2002 but moved to the Pelham Convention Center in 2003 where it remained through 2011. Alabama State hosted the games at the Dunn-Oliver Acadome in 2012 and 2013 and will host the 2015 games.

Alabama won both games last year with the girls taking a 64-54 victory and the boys claiming an 87-76 triumph, and now holds a 12-11 edge in the boys' and girls' series.

Coaches for the Alabama girls' squad are Brant Llewellyn of Lauderdale County and Emanuel Bell of Wenonah. Both led teams to state championships in 2014. Llewellyn's Class 3A Tigers finished 38-0 and won their third title in a row and a state-record 11th title overall. The 38 wins are the most by any girls' team in AHSAA history. Lauderdale County currently owns a 45-game winning streak.

Bell's Lady Dragons finished 27-7 and won the 5A state title after finishing as runner-up in 2013. Brenda Mayes of Muscle Shoals is the administrative coach.

Coaches for Alabama's boys are Reginald McGary of Class 5A state Champion Parker (23-6) and Darrell Barber of Class 3A state champion Midfield (26-7). McGary, who led the Thundering Herd to their first state crown since 1975, has a 648-136 career record, and Barber, who guided the Patriots to their second title in three years, is 105-51 in five seasons. Jamie Lee of Decatur is the administrative coach.

Heading the Alabama girls squad are two players who closed their careers with over 4,000 career points – Sylacauga forward Shakayla Thomas and Woodland point guard Leah Strain. Strain finished her career ranked second on the scoring AHSAA list behind her older sister Courtney. She has 4,561 points in her 207-game career but also had an even more impressive 191-16 record as the starting point guard for the Bobcats. The Jacksonville State signee led Woodland to state 2A titles in 2013 and 2014 earning MVP honors each year. Thomas, who is headed to Florida State, had 40 in a Class 5A semifinal win over Brewer in last week's state tourney and totaled 4,242 points in her career. She averaged 32.7 points per game this season.

Also named to the Alabama squad is 6-1 forward Alexis Jennings of Sparkman, who averaged 22.6 points in leading the Senators to the 6A state finals. She is headed to the University of Kentucky. Riley Northway of Brewer, a 6-1 forward, is heading to David Lipscomb University; 6-1 Tyler Phelion of Blount signed with Jacksonville State; and Sierra Jones of Madison Academy plans to attend Belmont.

A total of four girls named to the team were MVPs in this year's state tournament – Samford signee Destiney Elliott of Oneonta (4A), Jameka Holmes of Wenonah (5A), who is unsigned, Strain (2A) and Mississippi State signee Morgan William of Shades Valley (6A).

Highlighting perhaps the tallest Alabama boys' squad ever selected for the series is 6-foot-9 UAB signee and Class 4A MVP William Lee of Dallas County, who is the state's all-time blocked shots leader; Class 5A MVP Marquell Oliver, a 6-6 forward at Parker, who is unsigned; 6-6 Mississippi State signee Demetrius Houston and 6-7 Indiana State signee Brandon Murphy, both of Carver-Montgomery; 6-7 Alabama signee Riley Norris of Albertville; Virginia Tech signee T.J. Lang of McGill-Toolen; 6-7 UAB signee Lewis Sullivan of Hazel Green; and 7-2 center and Purdue signee Isaac Haas of Hokes Bluff, the tallest Alabama player ever selected to the Alabama-Mississippi game. Also signed already are Divine Myles of Blount (Stetson University) and Khwan Fore of Lee-Huntsville (Richmond).

Also selected is talented Brantley guard Wesley Person, Jr., the son of former Auburn and NBA standout Wesley Person. Still unsigned, Person scored 55 points in the South Regional Class 1A finals as the Bulldogs fell to Sunshine 82-80. He won the Final 48 3-point shooting competition last weekend. Also unsigned is guard Nathaniel Potts of Athens.

The complete rosters:

ALABAMA GIRLS

Toni Brewer, Sparkman	Forward	5-11
Aja Cumbie, Wenonah	Center	6-0
Destiney Elliott, Oneonta	Guard	5-11

Jameka Holmes, Wenonah	Guard	5-8
Alexis Jennings, Sparkman	Center	6-3
Sierra Jones, Madison Academy	Guard	5-8
Riley Northway, Brewer	Forward	6-1
Tyler Phelion, Blount	Forward	6-1
Leah Strain, Woodland	Guard	5-4
Shakayla Thomas, Sylacauga	Guard	5-11
Fran Tyson, Shades Valley	Guard	5-4
Morgan William, Shades Valley	Guard	5-4

Coaches

Brant Llewellyn, Lauderdale County
Emanuel Bell, Wenonah
Brenda Mayes, Muscle Shoals (Administrative Coach)

ALABAMA BOYS

Khwan Fore, Lee-Huntsville	Guard	6-1
Isaac Haas, Hokes Bluff	Center	7-2
Demetrius Houston, Carver-Montgomery	Forward	6-6
T.J. Lang, McGill-Toolen	Guard	6-6
William Lee, Dallas County	Center	6-9
Brandon Murphy, Carver-Montgomery	Center	6-8
Divine Myles, Blount	Guard	6-0
Riley Norris, Albertville	Guard	6-7
Marquell Oliver, Parker	Forward	6-6
Wesley Person, Brantley	Guard	6-3
Nathan Potts, Athens	Guard	6-1
Lewis Sullivan, Hazel Green	Forward	6-7

Coaches

Reginald McGary, Parker
Darrell Barber, Midfield
Jamie Lee, Decatur (Administrative Coach)

2014 Alabama All-Star Teams

BOYS

Player	School	Pos.	Ht.	College
Khwan Fore	Lee-Huntsville	G	6-1	Richmond
Isaac Haas	Hokes Bluff	C	7-2	Purdue
Demetrius Houston	Carver-Montgomery	F	6-6	Mississippi State
T.J. Lang	McGill-Toolen	G	6-6	Virginia Tech
William Lee	Dallas County	F	6-9	UAB
Brandon Murphy	Carver-Montgomery	C	6-7	Indiana State
Divine Myles	Blount	G	6-0	Stetson
Riley Norris	Albertville	G	6-7	Alabama
Marquell Oliver	Parker	F	6-6	Undecided
Wesley Person, Jr.	Brantley	G	6-3	Undecided
Nathanial Potts	Athens	G	6-1	Undecided
Lewis Sullivan	Hazel Green	F	6-7	UAB

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Reginald McGary	Parker
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Toni Brewer	Sparkman	F	5-11	Undecided
Aga Cumbie	Wenonah	C	6-0	Undecided
Destiney Elliott	Oneonta	G	5-11	Samford
Jameka Holmes	Wenonah	G	5-8	Undecided
Alexis Jennings	Sparkman	C	6-3	Kentucky
Sierra Jones	Madison Academy	G	5-8	Belmont
Riley Northway	Brewer	F	6-1	David Lipscomb
Tyler Phelion	Blount	F	6-1	Jacksonville State
Leah Strain	Woodland	G	5-4	Jacksonville State
Shakayla Thomas	Sylacauga	G	5-11	Florida State
Fran Tyson	Shades Valley	G	5-4	Undecided
Morgan William	Shades Valley	G	5-4	Mississippi State

Coaches

Brant Llewellyn	Lauderdale County
Emanuel Bell	Wenonah
Brenda Mayes	Muscle Shoals (administrative)

THE ALABAMA-MISSISSIPPI CLASSIC SERIES (1991-2013)

ALABAMA-MISSISSIPPI CLASSIC YEAR-BY YEAR HISTORY

GIRLS

<u>Year</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Loser</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Site</u>
2013	Alabama	64	Mississippi	54	Alabama State U.
2012	Mississippi	94	Alabama	91	Alabama State U.
2012	Mississippi	73	Alabama	60	Pelham CC
2010	Mississippi	78	Alabama	56	Pelham CC
2009	Alabama	81	Mississippi	73	Pelham CC
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 JC, 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 12 wins; Mississippi 11

BOYS

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2013	Alabama	87	Mississippi	76	Alabama State U.
2012	Alabama	109	Mississippi	104	Alabama State U.
2011	Mississippi	85	Alabama	74	Pelham CC
2010	Mississippi	112	Alabama	88	Pelham CC
2009	Alabama	78	Mississippi	74	Pelham CC
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	Alabama	83	North Alabama, Florence
2000	Alabama	90	Mississippi	82	Holmes JC, Goodman MS
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: Alabama 12; Mississippi, 11 wins

