

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

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

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| 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

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|--------------------------------------|---------|-----|
| 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 |

Coaches

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|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Reginald McGary | Parker |
| Darrell Barber | Midfield |
| Jamie Lee | Decatur (administrative) |

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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

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|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| 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

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Winner</u> | <u>Score</u> | <u>Loser</u> | <u>Score</u> | <u>Site</u> |
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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 |

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| 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

