



West Broward Tip-Off Classic Newsletter



Written By: Coach Corina Scott

Kodiaks 15-U Travel Basketball team is a new travel team consisting of 12 players mostly from the City of Tamarac area. Our boys have only been together since March 2009 and for most of these boys, this is their first travel experience. They've worked very hard, practicing countless hours each week and showing great discipline and focus on their education which goes along with being successful student athletes. These boys are very talented, with immense drive and ambition, their success is limitless.

Currently 3 out of the 13 boys attend Middle School and the others attend high school at Coral Springs High, Nova, Taravella, Piper and Western High School while our Middle School boys attend Millennium Middle and Sawgrass Middle. Coach Corina Scott and Ed Moise wish (front row – left to right) Max #3, Blake #8, Paul #15, (back row) LeeAlan #23, Austin #11, Eric #2, Theo #1, Will #21, Jesse #9, Alex #12, Omar #34 and Shamy #5 (not pictured) the very best of luck in school and during the upcoming travel season. **Go Kodiaks!**

Celebren el mes de los hispanos y jueguen al baloncesto!!!!

In celebration and recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month, The Broward Basketball Association is proud to have this event in October and acknowledge the contributions of Latinos to the game of basketball. The NBA has a solid contingent of stars that are on the rise. Players like the Gasol brothers from Spain and Argentina's Luis Scola who plays for The Houston Rockets. Then you have the former Florida University Gator, Al Horford from the Dominican Republic and from Puerto Rico JJ. Barea. In addition, Mexico should be very proud for Eduardo Najera who is doing big things for the Dallas Mavericks.

However, in this Pre-Season shootout we have two coaches representing their Hispanic roots and giving their all to the people that need it the most, and that's the youth. Tony Salgado and Jesus Garciarivas have built an organization that is one of the most well run programs you'll find in South Florida. The West Broward Eagles have several latin players who always play hard and smart together.

WHAT'S GOING ON????

The Broward Basketball Association is on a mission to promote the latest news in South Florida youth basketball. We want to provide a forum where fans, players and parents can check out the movers and shakers within the youth basketball community. The BBA is currently in the process of creating a website and online newsletter. In order for this to happen your assistance is needed with this project. Let us know about the newsmakers on your team and email showardgraham@yahoo.com or call 617-780-2256 with stories and pictures. The site is scheduled to be up by January 2010





The Wizards of Weston

By: Coach Rick Anderson

The Weston Wizards is a hometown team in the truest sense. Unlike almost every other travel team, the Wizards have the same group of kids together for the third season in a row. The Wizards play a team game with seemingly different leading scorers and defensive stars each and every game. All but one Wizard is a Weston resident, and every Wizard plays locally for a Weston area school with the exception of two players who play at Pine Crest and Miramar.

The Pistons will be Firing

By: Coach Steve Artusi

We play out of the North Palm Beach area. Not a large area, and there is no broad-based travel basketball organization in North Palm. Our players come from The Benjamin School and Palm Beach Gardens high school. Our Pistons team has been together for three years now, and during that time we have won 3 tournaments and finished runner-up several times. We have also finished in the top 10 in the state in USSSA ball each spring. Our current players are: Cade Artusi, Malik Brown, Marcus Cowan, Andrew Morrison, Eddie O'Bryant, Jonathon Pavlov, Austin Rosenthal, Andrew Spragg, Brandon Stevens and Michael Wilson. My assistant coach is Andy Spragg.

The Ballers are Ballin'

By: Coach Eric Newsome

The Boca Ballers 15 and under team has amassed 44 wins during their 7th grade season and an astounding 51 wins during their 8th grade campaign. The Boca Ballers competed at the USSSA Nationals in Indiana during their 7th grade season and finished 2nd in their division Nationally. The Ballers then qualified as 8th graders for a bid to the AAU nationals that were held this past August in Orlando. The Boca Ballers finished 3rd Nationally in their division at this prestigious event. The team is coached by Eric Newsome, Mark Walsh, and Jeff Williams

Soaring with the Comets

By: Coach Bennie Shaw

The Florida Comets are based out of Indian River County in Vero Beach, Florida. They are compiled of Middle School Boys that are in the 7th and 8th grade. This is their first year under the Florida Comets, but some of the boys have been playing competitive sports for a number of years. They are working together to become better student/athletes as well as basketball players. They would like to win a state championship together as they get older. They all have the ambition of playing at the next level and beyond. (High School, College, etc.) . These students must commit to 25 community service hours per year and their parent must commit to 5 hours of community service. All of these students are committed to academics first, then athletics.

All The Jr. Kings & Their Men

By: Staff Writer

Behold the Black and Gold of Coach Gabriel Seraphin's Jr. Kings. This is one of the most explosive programs in the West Broward area that plays anywhere, anytime and against anyone. The Kings are always stacked with talent and have one several championships. When this team is on it's game, their opposition tend to find themselves checkmated by the Jr. Kings.

Calendar of Events

December 21st -22nd

Holiday Hoops Academy
Information at SFYBA.org

January 22-24, 2010

West Broward Open Presented by the Broward Basketball Association. Grades 3 thru 9 for boys and girls.
617-780-2256 for more information

-Scores updated in real time,
check at www.sfyba.org
Scores Link

GYM SITES

(MLK) Dr. Martin Luther King Center
2400 Charleston St. Hollywood, Fl. Coach
Walker 954-445-6595

(GM) Glades Middle School, 16700 SW
48th Court, Miramar, FL 33027 Site
Director: A.D. Kocis 954-644-9633

Need gym time???

Looking for a scrimmage???

B.B.A. can help you with that.

Call Steve Graham 617-780-2256



Thunder is coming out of MIA

By: Staff Writer

Athletic, quick, fast, hops, and fearless is some of the attributes when you think of the players in the (305). The rumor is that the backcourt on this team is as good as it gets this weekend and they get a chance to prove that in their first matchup vs. the Jr. Kings. Furthermore, when the coach's name is Phil Jackson you know there is some talent around him.