



Aug 20, The FIRST48 JAMBOREE is over and done! Special Thanks to this season's gracious league host St. George's Independent School, Athletic Director Tom Densford, and The Wirth Family. It's a blessing to play at a site as beautiful as SGIS' Collierville Campus.

We unveiled the uniforms and they did not disappoint. It was hard to one-up the unis from last year, but I must say we outdid ourselves. The shorts were a tribute to last years Champions, Runner Ups, MVPs, and Mr. FIRST48's. The jerseys were EYBL inspired with an MBA twist.

It was a can't miss event attended by a mass of the whos who from the youth basketball scene in Memphis. You couldn't miss the 6'8 State Champion from East High School, Malcolm Dandridge, walking around looking like a future 1st rounder, or former Memphis State standout Ernest Smith whose son EJ is back to defend his title of League MVP and Mr. First48 from last season.

Nationally ranked kids were all over the building; Jalen Brown (another kid who won a state championship last season at East), Kameron Jones, and Willie Foreman were all in the building and ready to ball. Jayden Forrest, Josh Holloway, and Lemarcus "Snooky" Wilkinson were among the nationally ranked players in our 8th Grade Class. Nationally ranked Cooper

Haynes of the Nation's #1 2024 team TJ Ford/Vick 4 Kids was yet another kid returning to defend his League MVP and Mr. First48 title. Mashad "Tha God" Griffin graced us with his presence along with Markel Sellers (a 4th Grader who is playing up in the 5th/6th Grade division) both of these boys have national rankings as well.

State Champions were DEEP as well. Tedarius "TD" Jacobs was yet another East High Mustang. He was last year's MVP in the 2021 Division and there were a bunch of Bellevue Bobcats and Ridgeway RoadRunners running around.

The nationally ranked Memphis Wildcats 2024 squad was definitely present and accounted for!

Your favorite coach's favorite coach, Coach T was in rare form, his 2028 is currently ranked #3 nationally, one of his guards Andrew Tyler was also present for all the fun. And of course THE ENTIRE roster from nation's #23 ranked team in the Class of 2023 was in the building, THE MBA WAY.

We're definitely looking for a lot of dunks in our high school division, especially from kids like Jalen "Bo" Montgomery, who was known for throwing them down last season, and another Jaylon, Jaylon Sanders who threw a couple down in the jamboree himself.

Regale Moore knocked down a buzzer beater trey ball to win a jamboree game last night. We expect more of that from his this season and from other sharp shooters as well like; Catterious "Lil Catt" Moore, Mason Shropshire, Drew Kyzar, Gavin Brown, Phil Dotson, Luke Shoemaker, Justin Morgan, Vic Reisinger, Braxton Jumper, Jackson Patterson, DJ McIntyre, Larry "Trey" Benson, Landon Royston, and Demario "Junior" Johnson, as well as many others.

In First48 you can only play man to man defense so lock down defenders will get a chance to show their stuff. Players like Rod Jackson, Montrellis Green, Kevion Fayne, Devin Crockett, Billy Richmond, and Kendarius "Wallis" Carpenter will be shutting your favorite players down ALL season!

Of course defense wins championships, but offense puts the fans in the stands. If you wanna see a show make sure check out Jamarius “Mane” Carter, Mr. of Jelly Fam himself.

It’s great to have so many of the top players in the city return this year, kids like Chandler Jackson, last year’s Mr. First48, who’s considered by most to be the top freshmen in the area. Andre Watson and Marlon McShane, along with Matthew Stokes and Eli Federman are among a few BIG TIME kids that we’re glad to see back.

It’s also great to have so many new faces as well!

Lastly, every Sunday we do a little giveaway, we’ve been doing it since last year. If you have on the same shoes as Coach Von, you get an MBA t-shirt.

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ALL in ALL, i think everyone had a ball. Thank you so much for your support! See you guys next Sunday!