



MEMPHIS
BASKETBALL
ASSOCIATION
NEVER
STOPS

TOP5 PLAYERS

(In Alphabetical Order)



Antonio "AJ" Dilworth Jr.

Pos. Guard

School. Bellevue

Grade. 8th

AJ is almost definitely THE BEST player in middle school this year. VERY FEW will argue with that.



Cooper Haynes

Pos. Guard/Forward

School. Elmore Park

Grade. 7th

Cooper is one of the best players in Middle School regardless of class. He can play several positions and is one of few kids capable of averaging a double-double.



Josh Holloway
Pos. Guard
School. Highland Oaks
Grade. 8th

Josh is a high IQ ball player that simply does things that other players can't. On the court he's mentally more advanced than almost all his peers.



Khylan Payne
Pos. Center
School. Lester Prep
Grade. 7th

The most polished of all the bigs in Middle School and potential through the roof.



Ernest "EJ" Smith Jr.
Pos. Guard
School. Ridgeway
Grade. 8th

EJ is a scoring machine, "A Walking Bucket" is what the kids are calling it these days. He's quite possibly the best scorer in Middle School.

Others Considered



Jayden Forrest
Pos. Forward
School. Marion
Grade. 8th

Luckily for Memphis Area teams they won't have to face Big Jay. But it's no doubt he is one of the best players in the area.

Would've been Top 5 if he was actually playing versus local competition.

TOP5 TEAMS

1. Bellevue.

AJ Dilworth is the best player in middle school, Langston Rogers is the most versatile player in the city, and Julius “King Thedford” will show that not only is he one of the best 7th graders but he’s one of the best middle schoolers PERIOD. Hopefully we get to see Bellevue match up against one of the other teams on our list before February.

Main Stars.

AJ Dilworth, Langston Rogers, King Thedford

Supporting Cast.

TJ McNeal, Zach Hayslett, Damion Cox, Kavion Benton, Jayden Batchelor, Sam Franklin.

Claim to Fame.

AJ, Depth, & Experience

Fatal Flaw.

Size

2. Ridgeway.

They have the best scorer in the city in EJ Smith, they have one of the better bigs in Alijah Curry. Simeon Powell and Chris Shields are solid 8th Grade guards, and Billy Richmond and Javion Stephen are 2 of the better 7th guards in the city. Not to mention Jarvis “J Rock” Stephen is a proven Coach and a true student of the game.

Main Stars.

EJ Smith, Alijah Curry, Billy Richmond

Supporting Cast.

Simeon Powell, Javion Stephen, Chris Shields, Tory Mullins

Claim to Fame.

Depth, Guard Play, Coaching

Fatal Flaw.

Inexperience

3. Elmore Park.

Even though they lost to Lester in the Play Day at Havenview it was without their best player, Cooper Haynes. Beside Bellevue, they are the deepest team in the city. They have size, they have experience, they have guards, they have shooters. They have WHAT IT TAKES.

Main Stars.

Cooper Haynes, Devin Crockett, Hunter Stallings

Supporting Cast.

KJ Flynn, Jordan James, Marco Tyson, Vic Reisinger

Claim to Fame.

Depth, Outside Shooting

Fatal Flaw.

Inexperience

4. Lester.

Lester and Ridgeway are strikingly similar when it comes to their top 3 players. We gave Ridgeway the nod because of depth. Jamarion “Woody” Harvey is STILL underrated but one of the best players in the city. Marcus Crawford is just as underrated but will prove that he is as good as they come at the point guard position. Future first Rounder Khylan Payne rounds out their Big 3. Depth may be an issue.

Main Stars.

Khylan Payne, Woody Harvey, Marcus Crawford

Supporting Cast.

Josh Ingram, King Butler

Claim to Fame.

Backcourt

Fatal Flaw.

Depth

5.Lowrance.

The most talked about team in the city took a lump vs. Lester at the Havenview PlayDay and their dominance is being questioned. Their size is unmatched; 6'4 Rashad Williams, 6'5 Javar Daniel, and 6'1 Fred Deere make for a mean front court. Andre Watson is considered one of the best PGs in the city. They also have a couple more tough guards Jordan Frison and Braxton Jumper. Chances are they'll still be standing when the smoke clears.

Main Stars.

Rashad Williams, Fred Deere, Braxton Jumper, Javar Daniel, Andre Watson

Supporting Cast.

Jordan Frison

Claim to Fame.

Size, Starting 5

Fatal Flaw.

Chemistry, Depth