

The All Ohio Battle of the Cities is one of the best and most unique events of the Fall period. The concept is for the 6 largest areas in Ohio (Columbus, Dayton, Cincinnati, Toledo, Akron and Cleveland) to put their best players from each class (Fr., So., Jr. and Sr.) on teams to compete to see which city is king of the state. The highly competitive event has been a tremendous success for organizer Jerry Watson. This years session again featured many of the states best players.

Here is a list of the 6 best that competed in each class.

Seniors (2016)

Ibrahim (Ibi) Watson

6'5 185 SG

Pickerington Central

Committed to Michigan

Ibi is a smooth shooting wing that continues to improve his aggressiveness and off the dribble game. He had his jumper falling this weekend as he led his team to the final of the Senior division. Watson should be a good player for the Michigan Wolverines in the future because he fits their system perfectly.

Seth Towns

6'7 190 SF

Columbus Northland

Committed to Harvard

Seth is another smooth wing that is very versatile. He has begun playing outside AND inside which is making him a much more effective player. Seth is a solid shooter and ball handler which makes him hard to guard with his size. He should be an immediate impact player at Harvard.

Xavier Simpson

6'0 175 PG

Lima Senior

Committed to Michigan

Xavier's game is based on toughness. Yes, he is skilled but you will be hard pressed to find a tougher point guard in the 2016 class. He is also one of the most clutch players in the class period. X displayed his scoring and playmaking talents this weekend and was the best PG at the event. Michigan will be very happy with the results they get from Mr. Simpson.

Yavari Hall

6'3 185 SG

Warrensville Heights

Committed to Kent State

Yavari is a big time athlete. He had a few highlight reel dunks over the course of the weekend. His shot is streaky and when it is falling he is very hard to guard. He helped lead his Cleveland squad to the championship of the Senior division. He should be a stud in the MAC for Kent in another year.

Frankie Hughes

6'4 170 SG

Garfield Heights

Committed to Louisville

The newly committed Mr. Hughes is a streaky shooter that can take over games when he is hot. He is a solid athlete that has the potential of being a lockdown defender. Frankie has a very good upside and could be a big contributor for Louisville in the future.

Willie Jackson
6'5 195 SF
Garfield Heights
Committed to Missouri

Willie is a tough and athletic combo Forward. He does (and did) his best work inside the free throw line. He is a solid mid range jump shooter that is most effective when attacking the rim. Willie's athletic ability and toughness will be welcome additions for Missouri.

Juniors (2017)

B.J. Dulling
6'6 200 SF
Newark

B.J. is an athletic combo Forward that is very productive when he is aggressive and in attack mode. His effectiveness is based on his motor and playing "down hill". He has a still developing jump shot and when he spends too much time on the perimeter his effectiveness wanes. B.J. is a great prospect with a very high ceiling, as his skill level continues to improve so will his national profile.

Dalonte Brown
6'6 195 SF
Toledo Bowsher

Dalonte is a multi skilled and versatile talent that played practically every position on the floor over the course of the weekend. "Tay" is a good athlete that can score, rebound and defend when motivated. The sky is the limit for Dalonte.

Reece Strohm
6'6 190 SF
Reynoldsburg

Strohm is listed as a Small Forward but he could easily project as a stretch 4 man at the next level. There are some players that when they shoot you always think it is going in....Reece is one of those players. With range to 22 feet he is a true weapon.

Jaden Sayles
6'7 200 PF
Cincinnati Sycamore

Sayles is talented. His issue throughout his short career has been his motor and production. He was active and productive this weekend. The game has changed and there are now very few players that can get you a bucket on the low block. Sayles has that ability and that should make him a D1 recruit.

Logan Hill
6'5 205 PF
Massillon Jackson

An athletic beast inside, Hill impacts games with his motor and athleticism. He is the ultimate role player that rebounds, defends and makes open shots.

Harrison Riggs
5'10 165 PG
Toledo St. John

Harrison is a tough hard nosed point guard that is an excellent shooter to 20 feet. He had a solid weekend shooting and leading his Toledo team. Harrison plays with moxie and flair.

Sophomores (2018)

Jerome Hunter

6'6 195 SF

Pickerington North

Hunter may be the best sophomore in Ohio. He has solid skill, good size and an improving jump shot. His ability to create his own shot is unique in a player of his age and size. Great upside on this player, he had it all on display this weekend.

Ross Ryan

6'7 195 PF

Centerburg

Ryan is an improving post player. He is a better face up shooter than a year ago. He is a solid shooter now to 15 feet. Ryan has also added strength and aggressiveness and is a very effective player in the paint.

Caleb McConnell

6'4 185 SG

Dayton Dunbar

McConnell oozes upside. Long, athletic and skilled. He was the main cog for his Dayton sophomore squad. He is a good shooter and has a nice and improving off the dribble game.

Dwayne Cohill

6'1 175 PG

Parma Holy Name

Another player in the argument for the #1 player in Ohio's solid sophomore class. Cohill is an athletic point guard with great size and ability. He is explosive, can effectively create off the dribble and is an improving jump shooter.

Robbie Carmody

6'4 185 SF

Mars, (PA.) H.S.

Carmody was a "foreigner" playing on the Cleveland sophomore squad and was arguably the best player in the 2018 age group. He slashed to the basket for lay ups and dunks and drilled 3's all weekend long. He will definitely get a lot of consideration for our national super 60 when our rankings expand this coming spring.

Dwayne Bazley

6'6 185 PF/SF

Cincinnati Finneytown

Dwayne may have the most upside of any player in the 2018 division. He is a long lefty combo forward that seems to improve right before your eyes. He is a good face up shooter to 17 feet with improving ball skills and athleticism.

Freshmen (2019)

Taylor Currie

6'8 200 C

Worthington Christian

Long and tall Taylor is an effective player right now and will undoubtedly be a high major recruit in the future. He is a load inside and shows the ability to be a solid mid range shooter in the future.

Amari Davis
6'2 170 SG
Trotwood Madison

Amari is a lefty wing that can score in bunches. He is an improving shooter with a tremendous upside.

Samari Curtis
6'2 175 SG
Xenia

Curtis is a beast off the dribble with the ability to go left or right. He also made jump shots out to 19 feet. Great scorer.

Jeremiah Keene
5'11 165 PG
Westerville North

Keene is a scoring point guard. He is very good off the dribble and is an improving jump shooter.

Abba Lawal
6'9 205 C
Cincinnati Walnut Hills

Abba is an African import that is already a good shot blocker. He is raw offensively but has decent hands and feet already.

Notes:

Winners in each division: Freshman (2019) - Columbus, Sophomores (2018) - Cleveland, Juniors (2017) - Dayton and Seniors (2016) - Cleveland