

Arizona Varsity attended many freshman games this year and saw 34 different teams. It started on December 4th at Perry HS versus Westview HS and ended at Saguaro HS versus Bradshaw Mountain HS on February 7th.

There are no playoffs for freshman ball, but here would be our top-10 seeds.

#1 Chandler HS-(18-0)

Chandler was lead by 5-foot-6 PG **Brandon Thompson** who is one of the better defenders on the ball in the class. He had some 40+ games during the season. Also helping out were three other solid guards in 5-foot-8 PG **Jalen Gibson** (speed/scorer), 5-foot-10 CG **AJ Frazier** (shooter) and 5-foot-8 PG **Jayton Holmes** (passer).



Thompson is one of the strongest on-ball defenders in his class.

#2 Horizon HS-(18-0)

Horizon was lead by 6-foot PG **Dino Hadziahmetovic**, who is one of the better scoring point guards and constantly made plays for his teammates. Also helping were three other strong contributors in 6-foot-6 C **Jake Hess** (shot-blocker/rebounder), 6-foot-3 SF **Colin King** (shooter) and 5-foot-9 PG **John Henry Walsh** (passer/shooter).

#3 Gilbert HS-(16-2)

Gilbert was a very balanced team with all starters contributing in every game. Great team defense and very good shooting/ball movement. Some of the team leaders were 5-foot-9 SG **Steve Newendyke** (shooter), 6-foot-2 F **Caden Towt** (shooter), 6-foot SG **Ridge Howard** (scorer) and 6-foot-1 SG **Dylan Roach** (shooter).

#4 Basha HS-(16-2)

Basha has another balanced team lead by 6-foot G **Nicolas Daal** (scorer/defender), 6-foot SG **Ryan Kelly** (scorer), 6-foot-4 PF **Gabe McGlothan** and 6-foot-2 PF **Coleson Struhs** (rebounder/physical post presence).

#5 Corona del Sol HS-(15-3)

CDS only lost to Chandler, Gilbert and Basha. They lost to Gilbert and Basha by three points each. They are lead by 5-foot-9 PG **Saben Lee** (facilitator/team leader), 6-foot-3 PF **Shane Grier** (shooter/rebounder), 6-foot-2 SF **Josh Onwordi** (athlete/finisher) and 6-foot-2 PF **Sean Freeland** (rebounder/defender).

#6 Brophy Prep-(16-2)

Brophy had many close games and had a great year with a few solid guards and two bigs. 5-foot-

7 PG **Carlos Saucedo** is their team leader and scorer along with 6-foot-3 C **Sean Even** (rebounder/scorer). 5-foot-10 SG **Ryan Meza** is their three-point threat and 6-foot-4 C **Connor Brown** makes it hard for opposing players to score with his girth at 215 pounds.

Lee was a true team leader for the Aztecs.

#7 Desert Mountain HS-(13-5)

Desert Mountain was lead by their ultra quick guards, who just happen to be twins, in 5-foot-6 **Tyler** and **Walter Tindal**. Tyler is the passer and Walter is the scorer. Also 5-foot-8 SG **Parker Farley** (shooter) and 6-foot-2 PF **Kade Warner** (rebounder/scorer) help the guards out with a balanced team.

#8 Hamilton HS-(12-6)

Hamilton was lead by 6-foot SF **Chance Brewington** (athlete/defender) and 6-foot-3 C **Caleb Mobisson** (scorer/rebounder). Plus 5-foot-7 PG **Mitchell Lemke** is an elite shooter to help stretch the floor.

#9 Desert Vista HS-(12-6)

DV was loaded once again with a deep roster. Last year's team was one of the better teams in state. This year the team was lead by 6-foot-2 SF **Rajhon Billingsly-Jimenez** (athlete/defender) and 6-foot SG **Noah Bauman** (shooter/scorer). They also have 6-foot-3 PF **Justin Trotto** (athlete/rebounder), 6-foot-4 PF **Seth McCollum** (scorer) and 6-foot PG **Nick Thomas** (slasher) helping out.

#10 Pinnacle HS-(12-6)

Pinnacle was lead by one of the better shooters in the class and can make plays for others in 5-foot-9 PG **Nathan Gorsuch**. Plus 6-foot-2 SF **Adrian Stimmler** (shooter), 5-foot-7 PG **Jemarique Sharpe** (passer/scorer) and 6-foot SG **Jeremiah Pruitt** (athlete) round out a good group.

Other teams of note

Tucson and Cienega HS were both undefeated but we didn't get a chance to see them.