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The Great American Shoot-Out summer circuit got off to a great start with the Memorial Day event at the end of last month. Friday will tip off the 15th annual Bryan/College Station GASO at various gymnasiums in Bryan and College Station.

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The tournament features 140 teams competing in three divisions. Action tips off at 5 p.m. Friday with pool play, and bracket play begins at 5:45 p.m. Saturday. Championship games are set for 2 p.m. and 3:15 p.m., depending on the division and specific bracket.

There are several teams to keep an eye on in the NBA Division. TexasHoops.com will focus on eight teams Friday morning and eight additional teams early Friday afternoon.

ATX LOCKDOWN

Coaches: Derek Dion, Jack Montagna

Players to watch: [Daniel Jackson](#) (Cedar Park Vista Ridge), Daniel Mills (Cedar Park), Bradley Piper (Cedar Park Vista Ridge)

Notable: ATX Lockdown has established itself as a dangerous competitor on the GASO circuit. The team goes as point guard Jackson goes. He's had a solid spring season, and his summer season looks to be going in the right direction. Mills is a long wing who has been a go-to player.

CHB BLACK

Coach: Cameron Hill

Players to watch: [Steven Spieth](#) (Dallas Jesuit), J.D. Waggoner (Dallas Jesuit), Bryan Stankey (Dallas Jesuit)

Notable: If there's one thing about the team of all-Jesuit players, it's that they will compete and will play from the opening tip to the final buzzer. Spieth can get the job done in scoring, rebounding and playing defense. Players like Stankey and Waggoner will be called upon as main contributors.

SAN ANTONIO CELTICS 2013

Coaches: Ronald Vanlandingham, Glenn Snape

Players to watch: [Griffin McHone](#) (Boerne), Ronnie Vanlandingham (San Antonio Reagan), Cale Brubaker (San Antonio Christian)

Notable: A team that balances its inside and outside play well, the Celtics have the makings of a top team in the GASO tournament. McHone is an all-around threat who can frustrate defenders with his versatility. Brubaker and Vanlandingham are perimeter threats who can also control the offense.

SAN ANTONIO LEGENDS

Coach: John Collins

Players to watch: [C.J. Siples](#) (Cibolo Steele), [Tyler Collins](#) (San Antonio Wagner), Quincy Boyton (Converse Judson)

Notable: The Memorial Day GASO saw the Legends ousted early, but the team is looking to bounce back. Siples has been a solid guard all spring and early this summer for the Legends, and Collins has shown he's a tough guard who can hit the mid-range jumper.

SAN ANTONIO SPURS

Coaches: Clay Click, Bob Briseno, Cheryl Briseno

Players to watch: [Ben Lammers](#) (San Antonio Alamo Heights), [David Wacker](#) (Converse Judson), [Marcus Harris](#) (SA MacArthur)

Notable: The Spurs play to win, and this could be the weekend the team takes home the GASO trophy. The team will rely heavily on the 6-foot-9 tandem of Lammers and Wacker, but consistent guard play will play a major factor in how far the team advances.

TEXAS D-1 AMBASSADORS-MORSE

Coach: Ron Morse

Players to watch: [Will Morse](#) (Austin Westlake), [John Gramlich](#) (Austin Anderson), [Rasmus Bach](#) (Austin Anderson)

Notable: Look for the Ambassadors to play with a competitive edge. Morse is listed as a point guard but plays the role of a reliable combo guard. When he's not scoring buckets, he's setting up opportunities for Gramlich, a solid 3-point shooter. Bach is a bouncy wing who also can score.

TEXAS TIGERS ELITE

Coach: P.J. Forrest

Players to watch: [Sam Burmeister](#) (San Antonio Churchill), [Justin Brickman](#) (San Antonio Clark), Sterling Holmes (San Antonio Antonian Prep)

Notable: The Tigers have a good nucleus of players and have a healthy balance of inside and outside play. Burmeister is a long-range threat, while Brickman handles the point guard duties. Keep an eye on Shawn Gulley (San Antonio Clark), who is a reliable inside threat.

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TEXAS TITANS 2013**Coaches:** Scott Pospichal, Jeff Webster, Greg Gober**Players to watch:** [Matt Jones](#) (DeSoto), [Marquan Botley](#) (Prestonwood Christian), [Ridge Shipley](#) (Hebron)**Notable:** The Titans will play without five-star forward [Julius Randle](#), but this will give the Titans a perfect time to see how good they can be without him. The Titans are well coached, and several players are capable of stepping in to shoulder the load.

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