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Sophomore point guard Patrick Ramos from Converse Judson/210 Jayhawks is one of the toughest players at his position. Ramos is a hard-nose ball handler that can get into the act of scoring from behind the arc or by driving by his opponent. What gives him the advantage is his ball handling skills to create the much needed separation to get the rim. Being physical is part of his game too, as he can bounce off defenders and get the ball to his teammates. On the defensive end of the ball, Ramos is an in your face defender.

Teammate with Ramos on the 210 Jahawks is skilled power forward Karthik Reddy (2016/St. Mary’s Hall). There is one thing on Reddy’s mind when the ball is in his hands and that is to score. At 6-foot-5, Reddy likes to trail down the floor on offense and look for the reversal on the perimeter. Once he has the ball, he turns the corner and drives to the basket. It was a good and bad thing at first, but what needs to be realized about Reddy’s game is that he is the main source of scoring at SMH, so he takes that same mentality to the court with plenty of weapons on the 210 Jayhawks squad. It became clearer that with his skill set, basketball body and shooting ability, Reddy is made to be a pick-and-pop player.

One of the sweetest looking strokes came from 6-foot-3 shooter, Armoni Brooks who suits up for Texas Hardwood Prospects. The Round Rock McNeil standout was hitting from mid-range and out passed the three-point arc. Brooks is an exciting player when gets the ball with a clean look at the basket. Texas Hoops is looking forward to watching more of him during the Memorial GASO.

Under the radar and undersized, Charles Kendley (SA Reagan) has put together two solid weekends at the Great American Shoot-Out in April and May, playing with the San Antonio Celtics. For his 6-foot-5 bully body, he has dominated the competition. Rebounding and scoring from 12-feet and in. Let’s face it, Kendley isn’t going to catch your eye at the division I level, but he will be a player.

From Midland High, Nathan Rogers is a 6-foot-10 post that showed glimpses of being a next level player with his build. Rogers turned heads with his energy and above the rim play. He even drained a couple of 15-footers. The class of 2015 prospect might not be at the top of recruiters list, but he has a chance with a bit more time.

Two Houston Hoopstars to keep a close eye on are 2016 Denzale Henderson (Prep Prop) and 2017 Fabian White of Kingwood. Henderson is a 6-foot-10 lanky post that gets a lot done on the defensive end. He controls the boards and makes opponents think twice about entering the paint. He needs to add strength to his long body to compete on the offensive end. White on the other hand is a 6-foot-6 scorer that attacks the basket. He really can get after it on the glass and can get position on the offensive side to score around the rim.

Other NKOTB player notes:

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Other NKOTB player notes:
The Texas Avengers' Bradley Schmid (2016/New Braunfels High) is a shooter that has a good looking stroke. He can come off screens, but likes to get his feet set for a quick look.

Devin Blair is a quick ball handler that can come off the dribble and score or penetrate to the rim. Blair is another 210 Jayhawks and Rocket from Converse Judson.

A 2015 prospect that definitely passes the eye test is 6-foot-5 Deishawn Anderson. The Steele high school forward has the body and the physical presence to be really good. He will get inside and hit the glass and put the ball on the floor.

A rugged interior player from Amarillo High was Braden Eggleston. The TX D1 Ambassador West Texas prospect is 6-foot-5 and does a lot of dirty work inside.

Speedy point guard from the I-35 squad from Austin has a nice athletic guard in Cameron Mack. He can get to the rim off of penetration and make jumpers.

**Still looking**

Finally, there are always unsigned seniors that pop up late and deserve a look or two. Next Level Cats guard Winzel Sterling has a tough body and has the ability to nail jumpers and threes all game long. The 6-foot-2 Sterling can use athleticism to gain position on the court and has a quick trigger.

When it comes to quick triggers, Texas Tigers Elite's Jordan Brown is a 6-foot combo guard that streaks up the court and will let the ball fly out of his hands. He can score in bunches and launch the ball from deep.

If there was anyone ready for the next step in their basketball playing career, then look no further than Houston Hoopstars Josh Brooks. Brooks is a scorer that can dance his way passed the defense and get to the paint. He uses floaters, and a hard to guard mid-range game. Brooks can step out and knockdown the three. At 6-foot-1, Brooks is a player that can be an asset to any program.