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Once again The West Coast Jamboree featured some of the best teams and top talent like the "Dynamic Duo" of St. Mary's of Stockton who led their team to the Platinum Division title and Carondelet's sharp-shooting sophomore Ricki Radonavich who burned her opponents all tournament long from behind the arc.

Samantha Gipson poured in 30 points in her team's losing effort and Hercules freshman phenom Brittany Boyd came through with a huge showing in the Sapphire Division.

Afure Jemerigbe, 6-foot, Guard/Forward, St. Mary's (Stockton), 2010 – Super strong and terribly athletic, Jemerigbe gets it done at both ends of the floor. She is a great rebounder and an absolute force in the middle defensively for the Rams as she swatted away a few shot attempts by Hanford. Jemerigbe also showed an array of moves off the dribble to help squelch any hopes of a comeback by Hanford in an 80-66 win. She also showed a very effective pull up jumper from 15-18 feet and the ability to drive left or right and finish on her way to 19 points. Afure is one of the state's top 10 sophomores without question.

Chelsea Gray, 5-foot-11, Guard, St. Mary's (Stockton), 2010 – Unfortunately for Rams' opponents, another of the state's top sophomores plays on this team too. Gray engineers the offense for St. Mary's with deadly results and versus Hanford, she netted 28 points on a variety of moves in the lane and on jumpers beyond the arc. On defense, her athleticism is the catalyst for the vaunted Rams press.

Madison Parrish, 5-foot-9, Guard, Hanford, 2011 - The freshman was a main cog in an offense that appeared to feature a cast of thousands at the guard spot as Hanford rang up 53 first half points on their way to an impressive 92-78 win over the Bishop School in the first round. She would finish the afternoon with 10 points and 10 assists with solid ball-handling and decision-making that would make Steve Nash proud. Parrish puts forth a total effort for four quarters and she rarely hurts her team - huge intangibles at the point guard spot. Parrish had seven assists and only three turnovers against a St. Mary's press designed to create as many turnovers as possible.

Alex Cowling, 5-foot-11, wing, St. Patrick's/St. Vincent, 2008 – The top senior in the region stuck it to Pinole Valley in their second round matchup with 31 points and 15 rebounds in her usual fashion by hitting threes, mid-range jumpers, and slashing along the baseline. LMU is getting a good one.

DeNesha Stallworth, 6-foot-2, post, Pinole Valley, 2009 – Although not playing with the stellar cast she had her first two seasons, Stallworth is a gamer and continues to impress. She got into foul trouble versus St. Pat's but still

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finished with 22 points (as she did against Pleasant Valley in a first round victory) and 10 boards on a variety of spins and drop steps in the lane. Also, Stallworth is exceptional at running the floor and her presence in the paint should guarantee the Spartans 15-17 wins and a spot in the section playoffs.

Monica Deangelis, 5-foot-8, guard, Winward, 2008 – Signed to LMU where she will play with Cowling, this slick guard has never met a three-point attempt she didn't like. She has a habit of over dribbling as she did on one play that cost a teammate a made trey attempt, but Deangelis came down the floor on the next play to can an NBA three-pointer. Deangelis is an extremely dangerous offensive weapon reminiscent of ex-Westmoor star Daniela Nopuente in that she is deadly off the dribble and has no problem getting open to get off her shot whenever she feels the need.

Camila Rosen, 6-foot, forward, Berkeley, 2009 - Rosen is a very heady player for the athletic 'Jackets. She has a knack for making the right play, a difficult accomplishment in a contest such as the 37-35 tug 'o war defeat Berkeley suffered at the hands of Deer Valley, but she consistently picked up loose balls, made good passes to teammates (who unfortunately blew some easy opportunities), and showed good ball-handling skills on her way to a team-high 13 points. Rosen is a well-rounded and fundamentally-sound player who will become the glue that makes the 'Jackets go this season.

Lauren Polansky, 5-foot-8, guard, Branson, 2009 - A tough guard who absorbs contact, Polansky will take on a larger role for the Bulls with Sam Bilney out and Rachael Bilney battling with a hand injury. Polansky will be up to the challenge as her shooting and ball-handling abilities, already assets to her game, will become magnified in the Branson scheme. Also, a tough defender averaging over four steals per game, Polansky continues to impress with her intensity on the defensive end.

Akana King, 5-foot-7, guard, Branson, 2009 - King, daughter of an ex-pro football player and a newscaster, is a southpaw with a smooth stroke from the perimeter. Teaming with Polansky in the Bull's back court, she helps provide solid "man" defense. Although she only had six points (including an uncharacteristic 1 of 6 from the line) versus Winward, King continued to play hard (as Branson always does). As Branson's second-leading scorer, she will be counted upon to consistently produce as the season rolls on and with the form she has on that jumper it is doubtful she will disappoint.



Emily Allard, 6-foot, forward, Deer Valley, 2009 - On a team with height and athleticism, Allard is by far Deer Valley's most consistent player. Against Berkeley, Allard led the Wolverines with eleven points versus Berkeley (including 5-of-8 from the line) and seemed to always be in the right position as she received passes on cuts to the basket off the wing or did the dirty work inside rebounding against a tall Berkeley squad. Her constant movement without the ball was an indicator of her ability to read plays and get herself in good spots to make something positive happen for Deer Valley.

Katrina Salinas, 5-foot-7, combo guard, Sacramento, 2010 - The crafty guard put it on the floor to get in the lane for the floater or let it fly with a quick release from the outside. Her perimeter shot was where she was most deadly connecting on a high number of her attempts.

Brittany Shine, 5-foot-10, shooting guard, Sacramento, 2010 - Shine was streaky shooting the ball in the contests we observed. In the open floor and in the half court Shine was able to split defenses and slash her way to the basket. She did look to shoot the ball off the dribble more and yet other times she looked tentative from the perimeter, but she is still a bigger threat as someone who is going to penetrate and go all the way to the cup.

Afure Jemerigme along with teammate Chelsea Gray are among the top sophs in the state

Kyra Dunn, 6-foot-3, center, Sacramento, 2010 - The long slender center is more of the defensive threat compared to her post counterpart Erica Barnes who brings a little more of the offensive game. Much of the time Dunn remained involved in plays with her great length. At 6-foot-3 and even taller with her wingspan Dunn was the shot blocking presence her team needed from the block. Offensively she got her fair share of points from putbacks and her efficiency from the free throw line.

Erica Barnes, 6-foot-2, power forward, Sacramento, 2010 - Barnes got off to a slow start, but as she got more

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comfortable things started to come easier to her in the games. Catching the ball on the blocks Barnes knows how to score, and most of those finishes come off of jumpers pivoting into the middle. Barnes also demonstrated a nice shooting touch out to about 15 feet in her face up game.

Melody Khlok, 5-foot-9, shooting guard, Kennedy Sacramento, 2009 - The aggressive physical guard did a little of everything for her team handling the ball, scoring and rebounding. Khlok was most effective on dribble drives finishing around the rim.

Erica Payne, 6-foot, forward, Carondelet, 2011 - A high motor and high energy is what Payne brings everytime she steps on to the floor and we didn't witness anything different. Payne ran the floor well on both ends coming up with tough rebounds and blocks. Her best play came when she ran down a Princeton (TX) guard on the fastbreak and tossed her would be lay in off the back wall. Payne also showed the ability to make the play in the half court with some nice post moves.

Erin Boettcher, 6-foot-3, center, Carondelet, 2010 - The young developing post seems to have taken the necessary steps and made some changes over the last year. Boettcher was for of a presence at both ends. She was looking to assert herself offensively trying to establish position and seal off her man. Upon solidifying a strong position she finished the passes and if she didn't she showed persistency to finish off the play.

Ricki Radonavich, 5-foot-9, shooting guard, Carondelet, 2010 - Whether they left her open or tried to stay with her Radonavich found the space and time to let it fly. Just about every time it left her hands it found the bottom of the net. Any way you name it, she found her looks plenty of ways from behind the arc off the catch, off the out of bounds play and off the dribble. Also showing the awareness on defense Radonavich picked off passes with hands in the lanes.

Brittany Boyd, 5-foot-6, point guard, Hercules, 2011 - Boyd did a fine job of finishing tough drives and connecting with her teammates with some precision passing. Her ability to get into the lane and her threat to score opened the floor up on occasions where teammates were freed up. Tough on the defensive end she isn't afraid to take a risk or put her body out there. Boyd had a nice block where she went up and challenged a driving Liberty player and denied her at the basket.

Mariah Davis, 6-foot, forward, Hercules, 2008 - Davis is the blue collar hard working forward that every team needs. Davis simply gets the job done, and sometimes it means doing the dirty work. A block where she came across from the weakside and a backdoor lob she finished with a reverse were just two plays that exemplified her hustle and effort.

Chalese Davis, 6-foot, forward, Hercules, 2011 - Chalese is the younger sister of Mariah with a game that is different from the older sisters. Chalese is a bouncy athlete that is little smoother than Mariah. She has a nice looking shot, but right now she doesn't yet have the consistency. She contended on the glass to convert some putbacks and defended along the perimeter and finished around the basket nicely.

Sam Gipson, 5-foot-9, combo guard, San Leandro, 2008 - In a losing effort Gipson had 30 points trying to do everything for her team. She was in charge of trying to break the press and being the go-to. In racking up her 30 points she hit shots from the perimeter, took her man off the dribble, hit the mid-range jump shot and hit her free throws.

Shelby Secor, 6-foot-1, power forward, Antioch, 2009 - A new face, Secor has a big strong body that she definitely utilizes. Secor made some nice moves away from the basket, from the high post turning and facing her man she did a good job of putting the ball on the floor going to the basket. From the block when she received the ball she was able to find ways to score as well.

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