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QHS Shoot-Out

Quincy, IL. January 26-27, 2018

QHS Blue Devil boy's basketball is excited to announce the 1st annual Blue Devil Shoot-Out. The date will be January 26-27, 2018 and will feature 17 teams from eight different states. Both high school teams from Quincy will be participating in the shoot-out as well as local Missouri team Clark County.

There will be four games on Friday evening with QHS playing against conference rival Moline and former QHS coach Sean Taylor. Eight games will be played on Saturday with QND tentatively playing St. James Academy from Lenexa, KS. And QHS taking on Webster Groves, MO. Clark County will play Muscatine, IA.

Official pairings and times will be announced at a later date.

The event is being sponsored in part by Subway. Anyone interested in being a sponsor should contact Eric Stratman at 217.257.1103 or Scott Douglas at the QHS Athletic Office 217.224.3771. Sponsors are being sought for teams attending, with sponsors being able to be an honorary coach for the team they sponsor and will also receive 10 tickets to the event.

Below is a list of teams entered as well as a short bio about each team. One team still needs to be added.

- **Bishop Miede (Shawnee Mission, KS.)**
- **Clark County (Kahoka, MO.)**
- **Father Tolton (Columbia, MO.)**
- **Harvest Christian Academy (Elgin, IL.)**
- **Horizon Christian Academy (Ft. Wayne, IN.)**
- **Iowa City West (Iowa City, IA.)**
- **Liberty Heights Athletic Institute (Charlotte, NC.)**
- **Moline High (Moline, IL.)**
- **Muscatine High (Muscatine, IA.)**
- **Olsmar Christian Academy (Olsmar, FL.)**
- **Quincy Notre Dame (Quincy, IL.)**
- **Quincy Sr. High (Quincy, IL.)**
- **St. James Academy (Lenexa, KS.)**
- **St. Louis Christian Academy (St. Louis, MO.)**
- **Sunrise Christian Academy (Bel Air, KS.)**
- **Webster Groves High (Webster Groves, MO.)**

For more information on the teams attending and shoot-out information go to

www.quincysshootout.com

Bishop Miege (Shawnee Mission, KS.) The Stags feature two rising stars for the class of 2019. 6'6 Josh Earley and 6'8 Jeremiah Robinson-Earl. Robinson-Earl is rated #18 in the class by Rivals and is being recruited by Kansas, Iowa, Kansas State, Washington, Wake Forest, Notre Dame, Kentucky, North Carolina, and Oklahoma. Kansas is considered the favorite.

Clark County (Kahoka, MO.) The Indians will be one of the top teams in the tri-state area for the 2017-18 season. They will return the nucleus of their team that is currently 18-4. 6'6 Chandler Bevans leads Clark County as well as point guard Zeb Riney and shooting guard Cole Kirchner.

Father Tolton (Columbia, MO.) Father Tolton is coached by former QHS basketball player Jeremy Osborne and assisted by another alum Nic Frericks. The Trailblazers won the 2016 Missouri Class 3 state championship led by the #1 recruit for the class of 2017 Michael Porter Jr. Father Tolton will be led by 6'2 Junior Beau Washer who averages just over 10 points a game as a Sophomore.

Harvest Christian Academy (Elgin, IL.) Andre White Jr. is considered one of the top Sophomores in the state right now and is averaging 14 points per game. His dad is the coach and was a star in his own right for Zion-Benton high. 6'2 JJ Flores averages over 15 ppg and 6'4 freshmen John Lindquist averages just over 10 ppg with a high of 35 this season.

Horizon Christian Academy (Ft. Wayne, IN.) The Jaguars are led by two current super Sophomores in 6'2 Ozzie Johnson who is averaging nearly 18 ppg and 13 rpg and 6'8 Sidney Curry who is averaging 21.5 ppg and 15 rpg. Curry is considered to be one of the top prospects in Indiana for the class of 2019. Indiana, Michigan St., Ohio St., Purdue, and Xavier have all be showing interest.

Iowa City West (Iowa City, IA.) 6'7 Patrick McCaffrey is rated by Prep Hoops as the #36 prospect for the class of 2019 and the #1 player in the state of Iowa. His dad is Fran McCaffrey, the current head basketball coach at the University of Iowa. 6'6 Seybain Sims is a 2018 recruit that is also seeing interest from Division I schools.

Liberty Heights Athletic (Charlotte, NC.) 6'6 Michael Wynn and 6'7 Tavion Atkinson are two 2018 recruits that are on the rise for the Cardinals, who are in their first year of existence. 6'2 class of 2019 Davier Dixon is considered one of the top players in North Carolina for his class.

Moline High (Moline, IL.) This will be a huge conference game for the Blue Devils as Moline will be one of the favorites to win the conference and are led by former Blue Devil coach Sean Taylor. Sophomore Deonte Billups is a name to watch for the Maroons.

Muscatine High (Muscatine, IA.) University of Iowa recruit Joe Wieskamp is rated #41 by 247sports in the class of 2017. At 6'6, he is athletic and can shoot it from the outside. He set school records for points in a game this year with 50 and already has over 1000 points in his career. Coach Gary Belger was a coach at Keokuk Cardinal Stritch leading the team to state in 1982. Former Blue Devil Soccer coach Matt Longo was an assistant coach with Belger in 1982.

Olsmar Christian Academy (Olsmar, FL.) Two of the top 150 ranked players for the class of 2018 will lead Olsmar Christian. 6'11 Michael Durr has an offer on the table from Texas Tech and is receiving interest from Auburn, Georgia, Georgia Tech, and Iowa St.. 6'5 Elijah Weaver is ranked #31 nationally and has offers from big time schools such as Florida, Villanova, Louisville, Maryland, Memphis, Virginia, and several others. Louisville and Villanova are leaders.

Quincy Notre Dame (Quincy, IL.) While the Raiders lose their size they have this year, they will be more athletic and quicker next year. Mac Little, Reed Hyer, and Tommy Ray will lead the charge for QND who is currently the #2 ranked team in the state.

Quincy Sr. High (Quincy, IL.) The Blue Devils may not have a more athletic backcourt since the early 80's when a guy by the name of Bruce Douglas played. While none of the 3 returning starters share Douglas' prowess on the hardwood, Aaron Shoot, Jirehl Brock, and Jaeden Smith all excel in multiple sports and are standouts on the court as well. Shoot is a 4-year varsity basketball player that will play college basketball somewhere. Brock is a standout on the gridiron where he scored 29 touchdowns that past fall as a Sophomore. Smith was a key member of the QHS soccer teams state runner-up finish in 2015 as a freshman and a key contributor for the nationally ranked soccer Blue Devils in 2016.

St. James Academy (Lenexa, KS.) 6'10 Keenan Fitzmorris is ranked #112 by rivals for the class of 2018. He holds offers from Wichita St., Stanford, Texas Tech, and St. John's. Kansas, Maryland, and Notre Dame have also shown interest.

St. Louis Christian Academy (St. Louis, MO.) You never know what you will get from Cougars. Their roster changes from year to year with kids from foreign countries. 6'9 Yves Bankita has shown signs of becoming an inside force and Sophomore Raschard Green was an all-tournament selection at McCluer North's Christmas tournament. Lee VanLew is a 6'5 forward that has shown flashes as well.

Sunrise Christian (Bel Air, KS.) Nobody has more size than the Buffaloes. 2019 recruit Malik Hall is ranked #130 by 247sports in the class of 2019. He has an offer from St. Louis and is receiving interest from Illinois, Northwestern, Michigan St., Oregon, and DePaul. 6'10 Blaise Kieta played for Mali in the U17 World Championships. Juan Ignacio Ducasse is a 2018 sought after prospect from Uruguay and is rated the 4th best prospect in Kansas. 6'4 Khaleem Bennett is the top-rated class of 2018 prospect in the state of Kansas.

Webster Groves (Webster Groves, MO.) Statesmen coach Jay Blossom wanted to come to the shoot-out, but only if he could play Quincy. He wanted his players to experience Blue Devil gym and the ceremony. The fact he has two players ranked in the top 30 of the 2018 class doesn't hurt either. 6'8 Carte'Are Gordon is ranked #18 and has accepted a scholarship to play for St. Louis University. He is averaging 18 ppg and 9 rebounds per game. 6'4 guard Courtney Ramey is rated #28 and recently committed to Louisville. He averages nearly 20 ppg and close to 7 assists. Sophomore Ray Adams averages just over 8 points a game for a team that has 3 players averaging double figures.