



## 2015 SEBA Atlanta Hoop Festival

Dec. 19th - Pope High School (Marietta, GA)

### Participating Team Previews

#### Blessed Trinity

<b>Mascot:</b>	Titans
<b>Head Coach:</b>	Patrick Hughes
<b>Assistant Coaches:</b>	Tim Rountree, Mark Moses, John Lash
<b>2014-15 Record:</b>	24-6; "Sweet Sixteen" in Class AAA Playoffs
<b>Team Overview:</b>	Blessed Trinity is expected to once again be one of the Top Teams in Georgia's Class AAA. The Titans, who have participated in the SEBA Hoop Festival each year of its existence, are coming off a strong 2014-15 season where they won 24 games and advanced to the Sweet Sixteen for the second consecutive year. Second year Head Coach Patrick Hughes returns an experienced and accomplished group of perimeter players who are expected to lead this year's squad. Senior <b>Jackson Svete</b> (6' 2, 2016) was an All-Region selection last year while averaging 13 ppg and shooting 43% from 3pt land. Backcourt mate <b>Kyle Swade</b> (6' 1, G, 2017) is also coming off an All-Region campaign where he averaged double figures and shot the ball well. Look for wings <b>John Michael Bertrand</b> and <b>Ben Shappard</b> to also be major contributors, as the Titans play their disciplined and hard-nosed brand of basketball.

#### South Paulding

<b>Mascot:</b>	Spartans
<b>Head Coach:</b>	Gil Davis
<b>Assistant Coaches:</b>	James Gribben, Coleman Evans, and Tres Keggler
<b>2014-15 Record:</b>	21-8; "Sweet Sixteen" in Class AAAAA Playoffs
<b>Team Overview:</b>	South Paulding has steadily blossomed into one of the better programs in Georgia's Class AAAAA under Head Coach Gil Davis. Over the past three years, the Spartans have averaged over 20 wins per season, including advancement to the Sweet Sixteen of the AAAAA Playoffs in 2015. South Paulding looks to continue their climb this coming season. Playing a major role in that pursuit will be

talented Junior **Kane Williams** (6' 3, PG, 2017). Williams is receiving Division I interest and will look to build upon an excellent Sophomore campaign where he was named 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Region. Forward **Jacori Wilson** (6' 7, Forward, 2017) is another talented Junior to keep an eye on; while Senior post player **Anthony Brown** (6' 6, Forward, 2016) is an excellent rebounder and strong interior defender.

### North Cobb Christian

**Mascot:** Eagles  
**Head Coach:** Greg Matta  
**Assistant Coaches:** Keith Bollinger, Mike Timms, Mike Guzman, Michael Matta  
**2014-15 Record:** 20-10; Advanced to Sweet Sixteen in Class A Playoffs  
**Team Overview:** North Cobb Christian Head Coach Greg Matta once again has a talented and experienced group that could vie for the Georgia Class A Private School State Title. Junior **Will Crumley** (6' 9, Wing, 2017) is a big wing with a nice outside stroke. He was named Region Player of Year last season and has received multiple Division I offers. **Jonny Crumly** (6' 6, Wing/Forward, 2016) will provide strong leadership and inside-out scoring punch; while playmaker **Nicholas Fleming** (5' 11, PG, 2016) will run the show from the Guard position. Transfer **Demiere Brown** (6' 6, Wing, 2017) is a talented and active forward who is receiving significant D1 interest. Big man **Kobe Wilson** (6' 8, Forward, 2016) is an emerging talent with much upside who has committed to play at Alcorn State.

### Sprayberry

**Mascot:** Yellow Jackets  
**Head Coach:** Marc Carver  
**Assistant Coaches:** Darnell Sheperd and Kevin Rein  
**Team Overview:** Sprayberry has an athletic and experienced roster for this year's campaign. Head Coach Marc Carver returns all five starters from a year ago, as well as several players who contributed nicely off the bench. Versatility and depth will be definite strengths for this year's club. Guard **Rian Oliver** (5' 7, SG, 2016) returns as the leading scorer from a year ago. **Mo Merritt** (6' 7, Forward, 2017) has made nice strides in his development and has the potential to be a force inside. Highly athletic **D'jimon Wilson** (6' 3, SG, 2016) is a late bloomer with strong potential. 2016). Also

look for **Max Booth, Bryce Brown, Chris Cottman,** and **Eddie Figueroa** to play valuable roles as well.

## Berkmar

<b>Mascot:</b>	Patriots
<b>Head Coach:</b>	Greg Phillips
<b>Assistant Coaches:</b>	Matt Welch, Will Witherspoon, Jeff Glass, and Leshon Dempsey
<b>Team Overview:</b>	Berkmar is expected to once again be among the elite teams in Georgia's Class AAAAAA. Coach Greg Phillips has done a tremendous job building the Gwinnett school into one of the state's top all-around programs, and this year he will have a nice mix of experience and high level talent to work with. The Patriots boost an extremely deep backcourt of six talented perimeter players with College potential. <b>Al Durham</b> (6' 4, CG, 2017) is one of the State's most highly regarded prospects and has made an early commitment to play his College ball at Indiana. <b>Lane Foster</b> (6' 2, PG, 2016), <b>Leroy Jones</b> (5' 8, PG, 2016), and <b>Josh Faulkner</b> (5' 11, PG, 2016) are a trio of battle tested Senior standouts; while new additions <b>Jay Estime</b> (6' 5, G, 2017) and <b>Zach Cooks</b> (5' 9, PG, 2017) are both receiving significant Division I interest and will play major roles for the Patriots. Emerging Forward <b>Darrious Harrison</b> (6' 6, Forward, 2016) will add production in the paint.

## Harrison

<b>Mascot:</b>	Hoyas
<b>Head Coach:</b>	Clay Crump
<b>Assistant Coaches:</b>	Andy Olejek
<b>Team Overview:</b>	Harrison is poised to return to the State playoffs for the first time since advancing to the Class AAAAAA "Final Four" in 2012. Head Coach Clay Crump, who won a State Championship at Eagles Landing in 2013, has made great strides in rebuilding the Harrison program in his first two years. Now in his 3 <sup>rd</sup> year at the Cobb County school, look for the Hoyas to make noise in the always competitive Class AAAAAA Region 4. Senior Captain and four year Varsity performer <b>Austin York</b> (6' 6, Forward, 2016) is expected to be the primary offensive weapon for the Hoyas. The talented inside-out forward is a strong presence in the post and is being recruited by several elite academic college programs. Fellow Seniors <b>Ryan Boler</b> (6' 4, 2016) and <b>Grant Hegstetter</b> (6' 3, 2016) will bring additional scoring and leadership while <b>Tate Coston</b> (6' 0, G, 2017)

will bring playmaking from the Perimeter.

## Dacula

<b>Mascot:</b>	Falcons
<b>Head Coach:</b>	Dr. Russell Triaga
<b>Assistant Coaches:</b>	Byron Wilson, Demetrius Howard, Bryan Larrieu, and Ali Reid
<b>2014-15 Record:</b>	20-10; Advanced to Sweet Sixteen in Class AAAAAA
<b>Team Overview:</b>	After advancing to the Sweet Sixteen of the Class AAAAAA playoffs each of the past two seasons, Dacula is expected to be one of the Top Teams in Georgia's Largest classification. Head Coach Russell Triaga's squad will be led by an impressive trio of Senior talent. <b>Kevon Tucker</b> (6' 4, SG, 2016) is a two-time All Region and All-Gwinnett selection and should be one of the State's top performers this season. The talented scoring guard, who put up 18 ppg as a Junior, has committed to play his College ball at Wofford. Sparkplug <b>Derek St. Hilaire</b> (5' 10, PG, 2016) is a standout at the lead guard spot and is considering multiple college offers; while fellow Senior <b>Demari Edwards</b> (6' 2, Wing, 2016) will also play a major role on both sides of the ball for the Falcons.

## McEachern

<b>Mascot:</b>	Indians
<b>Head Coach:</b>	Mike Thompson
<b>Assistant Coaches:</b>	Bo Abney and Koz Richards
<b>2014-15 Record:</b>	21-8; Advanced to "Sweet Sixteen" in Class AAAAAA
<b>Team Overview:</b>	McEachern is coming off of back-to-back twenty win seasons and will be in position to defend their Region 4-AAAAAA title from a year ago. The Indians have an athletic roster with good depth at each position. Head Coach Mike Thompson will look for Senior standout <b>AJ Jones</b> (6' 0, PG, 2016) to provide playmaking and defense from the point guard spot. Fellow Senior and Co-captain <b>Darius Jones</b> (6' 2, CG, 2016) will also play a major role in the team's success. McEachern has a strong inside presence in Senior <b>Bryce Smith</b> (6' 7, Forward, 2016); while Freshman <b>Isaac Okoro</b> (6' 5, Forward, 2019) is a talented newcomer who has played well early on in the season.

## Pope

<b>Head Coach:</b>	Pat Abney
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**Assistant Coaches:** Bill Blythe, Cam Fitch, Jason Dasinger  
**2014-15 Record:** 24-6; Sweet Sixteen in Class AAAAAA  
**Team Overview:** Over the past two seasons, Pope enjoyed a stellar run in which they won 44 games and were one of the State's top teams regardless of classification. The Greyhounds graduated a terrific group of five senior starters from that run, however, Head Coach Pat Abney has a number of talented players ready to step up and make their own mark this year. Senior sparkplug **Mitchell Hollis** (6' 0, G, 2016) is an excellent shooter and tough as nails defender who is attracting interest from several college programs. Backcourt mate **Alex Watson** (6' 2, PG, 2017) is a well-rounded player who can score off the dribble and create for teammates. **Jackson Baylark** (6' 4, Wing, 2018) is a talented young player with much upside, while Senior **Drew Miller** (6' 4, Forward, 2016) will bring toughness and interior defense in the low post.

## Duluth

**Mascot:** Wildcats  
**Head Coach:** Eddie Hood  
**Assistant Coaches:** Marcus Spivey, Brett Gobligh, Perryn Oglesby, Rodney Davis  
**2014-15 Record:** 20-8  
**Team Overview:** Head Coach Eddie Hood has done an impressive job in revitalizing the Duluth Basketball Program. Since arriving, he led the Wildcats to their first playoff birth (2014) in over 15 years, and made it two consecutive with a follow-up in 2015. Duluth looks to continue the positive momentum this season and leading the way will be senior **Obinna Ofodile** (6' 7, Forward, 2016). The highly athletic senior forward is attracting significant Division I interest and will be a force on both ends of the floor. **Jalen Hodges** (6' 5, Wing, 2017) is an athletic slasher with good college potential. Senior **Javis Daiz** (6' 3, Wing, 2016) will play a significant role on the wing; while intriguing freshman **Alex Powell** (6' 9, Forward, 2019) is a player with much potential.

## North Cobb

**Mascot:** Warriors  
**Head Coach:** Terry Gorsuch  
**Assistant Coaches:** David Welch, Rick James, Phil Dotson, John Hardy, and Tim Carter  
**2014-15 Record:** 18-11  
**Team Overview:** North Cobb is expected to be a strong contender once again

for the always tough Class AAAAAA Region 4 Crown. Coach Terry Gorsuch, now in his 16<sup>th</sup> year at North Cobb, always gets the most out of his teams and has them ready to compete at a high level. This year's Warrior squad returns four key starters from last season. Senior Kenny Ume (6' 4, Wing, 2016) was a 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Region selection last year and will play a major role in the team's success. Floor general **Ricky Shearman** (5' 11, PG, 2016) is a pure point guard who averaged just under six assists per game as a Junior. Athletic **DJ Render** (football commit to Kansas State) returns after averaging 12 ppg. Senior **Myles Lake** (6' 3, SG, 2016) will also bring experience and scoring punch from the wing position.

### Peachtree Ridge

<b>Mascot:</b>	Lions
<b>Head Coach:</b>	Keith Arrington
<b>Assistant Coaches:</b>	Matt Stratemeyer, Marcus Diggs, Byron Mulkey
<b>2014-15 Record:</b>	17-9
<b>Team Overview:</b>	Peachtree Ridge has had much success over the past decade, reaching the State Tournament an impressive ten consecutive seasons while playing in Georgia's largest classification. Head Coach Keith Arrington is excited about the group he has this year, which returns three starters from a year ago. Lead guard <b>Milz Tatum</b> (5' 11, PG, 2016) is an excellent facilitator and floor general. Fellow Senior <b>Jeremiah Starks</b> (6' 0, CG, 2016) is an aggressive scorer from the perimeter. <b>Markel McCollum</b> (6' 1, SG, 2016) is dangerous three point shooting threat; while <b>Kristian Collins</b> (6' 6, Forward) is an athletic player who is developing nicely. <b>Connor Heyward</b> (6' 2, G, 2017) is an explosive player (also a highly regarded football prospect) who will play a key role for the Lions.



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