

The Adidas Gauntlet Finale ended on Saturday morning in Atlanta. Our top 17U and 16U teams were in action at the invite-only event. Here's a look at how they fared.

## **Indiana Elite 2016**

IE 2016 opened the Finale with an 80-63 win over the Utah Prospects on Wednesday night. Lawrence Central's Kyle Guy had 24 points and nine rebounds in the win, and Syracuse commit Matthew Moyer added 17 points. Pike's Justin Thomas had 11 points and five rebounds.

Indiana Elite advanced to the Gauntlet Finale semifinal with a 70-69 win over Texas P.R.O. on Thursday. Moyer made two free throws with 0.4 seconds left to win the game for the 17s. Moyer led the team with 17 points and six rebounds, Quentin Goodin had 13 points, and Guy added 12 points. Thomas contributed another 11 points in the win.

IE 2016's run to the title in Atlanta ended in the semifinals, though, after an 87-77 loss to the star-studded NY Rens. Goodin had 28 points on 11-of-18 shooting, Guy had 18 points, and Thomas had 17. Bradley commit Koch Bar had 11 rebounds in the loss.

"Making the Final Four at the Gauntlet Finale is a great accomplishment, and we were right there in terms of it winning it," said head coach Kristof Kendrick. "The team is focused on repeating in Vegas as national champs. Kyle Guy, Matt Moyer, Koch Bar and Quentin Goodin were as good as advertised by their rankings. Justin Thomas had a great tourney and showed yet again he can compete at a very high level."

Indiana Elite closed the event with a 72-60 loss to the Compton Magic in Friday afternoon's consolation game. Guy led IE with 14 points and 6 rebounds in the loss, and Moyer added 10 points and six boards.

Guy averaged 18.4 points per game in the Gauntlet Series (12 games) to lead the team. Goodin averaged 16.7 points and 4.7 rebounds per game in his first Gauntlet event with Indiana Elite (3 games). Moyer averaged 11.0 points per game in the series, and Thomas averaged 9.6 points per game.

Indiana Elite 2016 will be in Los Angeles for the Cream of the Crop and the Battle of the Beach events, beginning on Thursday.

### **Indiana Elite 2017**

Indiana Elite 2017 fell to Garner Road, 66-57, in their first Gauntlet Finale game on Thursday morning. Park Tudor's Kobe Webster had 15 points and five assists in the loss, and his high school teammate, Jaren Jackson, had six points, eight rebounds, six blocks, three steals and three assists.

Mount Vernon's Michael Ertel added 8 points on 4-of-6 shooting.

IE 2017 closed Thursday with a 60-56 loss to Team Rose. Webster had 14 points, Jackson had 13 points, seven rebounds and three blocks, and Ertel had 10 points.

Indiana Elite 2017 closed the Gauntlet Finale with a heartbreaking 59-58 loss to Team Wall. They will next be in action at the Best of the Midwest event in Indianapolis this week.

Pendleton Heights' Mark Albers averaged 14.0 points per game in the Gauntlet Series, East Chicago's Jermaine Couisnard averaged 12.5 points per game, and Webster averaged 10.3. Jackson averaged 8.3 points per game in the series, and Erick Shepherd averaged 7.5.

Indiana Elite 2017 will stay in Indianapolis for the Best of the Midwest tournament, beginning on Thursday. They will play up in the 17U division.