

The second of three July evaluation periods came to a close on Sunday evening. Our Indiana Elite teams were spread throughout the country. Have a hard time keeping up with it all? Not to worry! Here's a look back at how our top teams fared in the second live period.

Indiana Elite 2016 (4-0, Cream of the Crop)

Indiana Elite 2016 went a perfect 4-0 at the Cream of the Crop event in Los Angeles as they prepare for the final Adidas Uprising event of the year in Las Vegas this week.

Our top 17U squad was without a number of their top players on Thursday and Friday — **Kyle Guy, Quentin Goodin, Nick Rakocevic** and **Matthew Moyer** were at Adidas All-American Camp in New York — but it didn't matter.

The other guys stepped it up, and IE 2016 was unbeaten when reinforcements arrived on Saturday.

Indiana Elite 2016 opened the week with a 67-63 win over Team Compton on Friday. Bloomington South's **Tucker Blackwell** led the team with 22 points.

They followed that up with another win on Friday afternoon, a 53-43 victory over Game Point. IE 2016 beat Hometown Favorites 71-60 on Saturday, with Guy leading the way (21 points).

Indiana Elite 2016 closed the event with a 71-50 win over H Squad on Friday.

Indiana Elite 2017 (3-2, Best of the Midwest)

Indiana Elite 2017 stayed home in Indianapolis for the second evaluation period and played in the Best of the Midwest event at the Best Choice Fieldhouse in Fishers.

IE 2017 played up and went 2-1 in their 17U Super Pool, winning the first game by forfeit. They beat the Future Stars 87-81 on Friday afternoon.

Park Tudor's **Kobe Webster** had 16 points, Pendleton Heights' **Mark Albers** added 14 points and seven rebounds, and Mount Vernon's **Michael Ertel** also had 14 points. North Central's **Emmanuel Little** had 11 points and 10 rebounds.

Indiana Elite 2017 close pool play with a 75-63 loss to Spiece Indy Heat, the winner of the tournament. Ertel had 17 points in the loss, and Albers added 16 points.

They opened bracket play against the Gym Rats on Saturday, and won 78-59. Albers had 22 points to lead the team.

Indiana Elite 2017 advanced to the 17U semifinals with a 64-61 win over NW Ohio on Saturday night. Their run came to an end, however, with a 73-62 loss to the Spiece Indy Heat on Sunday morning.

IE 2017 will join our other top teams in Las Vegas next week.

Indiana Elite 2018 (4-0, Cream of the Crop)

Like our top 17U team, Indiana Elite 2018 cruised to a perfect 4-0 record at Cream of the Crop in Los Angeles.

Mike Fox's squad opened with a 72-50 win over Game Point on Friday. Six of the team's eight players scored in double figures in the balanced effort.

Indiana Elite 2018 earned a 72-33 win over the Compton Magic in their second game on Friday. Mt. Carmel's (Ill.) **Jackson Marcotte** had 22 points to lead the team, and North Central's **Caleb Brown** added 14 points.

IE 2018 opened Saturday with a 74-50 victory over Coastal Elite. Marcotte had 14 points, North Central's **Myja White** had 13, Brown had 12, and McCutcheon's **Robert Phinisee** had 12 in another balanced effort.

The 15U team closed the event with a 61-24 win over MOC Elite on Saturday. Mooseheart Academy's **Mawich Kachjani** had 16 points, and Bloomington South's **Phillip King** had 13 points.

Indiana Elite 2018 will be in Las Vegas next week.

Indiana Elite Central 2016 (5-1, Three Stripes St. Louis)

It was another strong showing for Frank Kendrick and Indiana Elite Central 2016 in St. Louis over the weekend. Central advanced to the title game of the Platinum bracket before losing to top recruit **Jayson Tatum** and the St. Louis Eagles.

Central went 3-0 in pool play, beginning with a 74-26 win over the Mavericks. They beat the St. Louis Eagles 16U squad 61-57, and then knocked off Florida Elite 57-46 to advance to the Platinum bracket.

With Indiana coach Tom Crean watching against the St. Louis Eagles, Crown Point's **Grant Gelon** buried five 3-pointers and scored 15 points, all in the second half.

IE Central 2016 opened bracket play with a 56-49 victory over the Arkansas Hawks. Gelon had 17 points to lead the team. Central then beat Derrick Rose 77-69 to reach the title game. North Central's **Antonio Singleton** and Tipton's **Mason Degenkolb** had 16 points apiece to lead seven players in double figures.

Central came up short in a 72-53 loss in the championship game. Nevertheless, it was a solid week for Central 2016, a team that has continued to improve throughout the summer.

Indiana Elite G3 Rising Stars 16U (5-1, Best of the Midwest)

Our G3 team was without Lawrence North's **Kevin Easley** and Anthony **Cushingberry** in Indy this week, but they still made a run to the Best of the Midwest 16U title game on Sunday, where they lost to Spiece Indy Heat.

G3 opened the week with three straight pool play wins of 20 points or more. They beat Best Choice-Coleman 85-26, Tipping Point/IE-Roberts 82-50, and Club Elite Blackout 87-67.

They beat PCB Select Black 70-57 to reach the 16U semifinals, and then

beat NW Ohio 65-46 in Sunday morning's semifinal.

Indiana Elite Central 2017 (3-3, NY2LA Milwaukee)

John McCloud's Central clubs has been one of the most pleasant surprises of the AAU season, and they continued to play well over the weekend in Milwaukee. Central 2017 advanced to the 16U title game, but dropped a 48-46 decision to Pocket City on Sunday.

Indiana Elite Central 2017 opened the week with a 53-22 win over Northern Michigan Drive on Thursday. They then lost 54-49 to Omaha Elite and 45-32 to the Illinois Stars in pool play.

In their first game of the gold bracket, Central beat Chicago Lockdown 54-31. Four players scored in double figures, led by Carmel's **Sterling Brown** with 13 points. Plainfield's **Nate Mills** added 11 points.

Central advanced to the semifinals with a 54-43 win over Reach Legends on Saturday. Warsaw's **Kyle Mangas** had 21 points in the win.

Central reached the title game with a 64-50 win over Wisconsin Rap on Sunday afternoon. Mount Vernon's **James McCloud** had 14 points and six rebounds, Mangas added 12 points, and Southport's **Dut Mabok** had eight points and five rebounds.

IE Central 2017 came up just short in the title game against Pocket City, but it was another solid showing from McCloud's squad. In the loss, Mangas had 16 points, and Mills added eight points and five rebounds.