

How our other Indiana Elite teams fared in Vegas

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LAS VEGAS — On Sunday, we told you about the journey of Indiana Elite 2017, our 16U team that won the national championship in Las Vegas. Now, here's a look at how our other three teams fared at the Adidas Summer Championships in Vegas during the final July evaluation period.

Indiana Elite 2016

Indiana Elite didn't win a second consecutive 17U national title, but they still had a solid showing in Vegas. IE 2016 was eliminated in the round of 16, but was then invited to play in the nationally televised ESPNU Showcase game on Sunday.

In that game, Indiana Elite fell just short in a 78-77 loss to Team Loaded North Carolina. Lawrence Central's **Kyle Guy** got a difficult 3-point try off just before the buzzer, but it was just off the mark.

Guy had 19 points and 7 rebounds in the matchup against the nation's top point guard, Dennis Smith Jr. Syracuse commit **Matthew Moyer** led Indiana Elite with 20 points and 11 rebounds, and Pike's **Justin Thomas** added 12 points.

Indiana Elite opened the week with pool play losses to Team Loaded Virginia (76-61) and the NY Rens (77-68). Team Loaded Virginia went on to win the 17U championship.

Crown Point's **Grant Gelon** had 15 points and four 3-pointers in the loss to Team Loaded, and Moyer added 14 points and 10 rebounds. **Quentin Goodin** had a team-high 20 points in the loss to the Rens, and Thomas added 15 points.

IE closed a disappointing stretch in pool play with a 76-73 loss to the Atlanta Celtics in Super Pool action. Goodin had 23 points and six rebounds, and Bloomington South's **Tucker Blackwell** added 14 points.

Indiana Elite was down, but not out. The defending national champs would make some noise in bracket play.

They beat Pump 'N Run 71-57 in the first game of bracket play on Friday. Guy had 18 points and five rebounds, and Goodin added 16 points in the win.

Indiana Elite advanced to the round of 16 with an easy 88-49 victory over Marcus Smart YGC36. Gelon led five players in double figures with 15 points on five 3-pointers. Thomas and Blackwell had 14 points each, Guy had 12 points, **Koch Bar** had 11 and six rebounds, and West Lafayette's **Nai Carlisle** had 10 points.

Indiana Elite 2016 was eliminated after a 60-57 overtime loss to David West's Garner Road team on Saturday. Goodin had 17 points and seven boards in the loss, and Gelon added 11 points.

Goodin was Indiana Elite's leading scorer in the event at 12.9 points per game. Guy and Moyer each averaged 11.4 points per game, and Gelon averaged 9.4 points per game.

Moyer was by far the team's leading rebounder with 63 boards (9.0 rpg). Goodin had the second most on the team with 30 rebounds.

It was a strong year for Indiana Elite 2016. We would like to thank Guy, Blackwell, Carlisle and Bar for their years of service to the program. Thank you for all you've done. Also, a big thank you to Moyer, Goodin, **Nick Rakocevic**, Gelon and Thomas for representing the program so well this year. We wish you the best of luck next year as seniors, and with the next step in your basketball careers.

Indiana Elite 2018

Mike Fox's 15U club finished an outstanding season with a round of 16 loss to the NY Rens in Vegas. Indiana Elite 2018 was in the game throughout, but dropped a 57-52 decision.

Bloomington South's **Chance Coyle** had 13 points in the loss, and Mt.

Carmel (Ill.)'s **Jackson Marcotte** had 13 points and nine rebounds.

Indiana Elite 2018 opened the week with a 55-49 loss to Team Rio National on Wednesday night. They dropped a heartbreaking 38-37 decision to Team Loaded Virginia on a buzzer beater Thursday morning, and closed Super pool play with a 71-53 win over the Compton Magic on Thursday afternoon.

North Central's **Myja White** had 13 points in the loss to Team Loaded Virginia. Coyle missed the game after taking an elbow to the head in Wednesday night's loss to Team Rio National. Team Loaded Virginia advanced all the way to the 15U title game.

IE opened bracket play with a 57-50 win over the Utah Prospects on Friday, before falling to the NY Rens on Saturday to end their run in Vegas. Coyle had 22 points in the win over Utah.

Indiana Elite 2018 also won an exhibition game against Ball Lyfe, 70-62, in front of Indiana coach Tom Crean and Butler coach Chris Holtmann.

Congratulations to Indiana Elite 2018 on an excellent season.

Indiana Elite G3 Rising Stars

The Indiana Elite G3 Rising Stars went a perfect 3-0 in pool play of the 16U division, but lost in their first game of bracket play to the New England Playaz, 54-44, on Friday.

G3 opened the week with a 67-52 win over Florida Elite Sarasota on Thursday morning, and followed it up with a 59-47 victory over Game Elite on Thursday afternoon. Lawrence North's **Kevin Easley** had 23 points in the win over Game Elite.

The Rising Stars wrapped up a perfect pool play with a dominating 64-41 win over Texas Select on Friday morning, before falling to the New England Playaz in the afternoon.