

The AAU season began in earnest over the weekend with the first adidas Gauntlet event in Dallas. Indiana Elite sent four teams to Texas for the first open period of the year. Here's a look at how each team fared in its first big event of the season.

Indiana Elite 2016 (17U)

It was a bit of a disappointing start to round-robin play for the oldest group. They lost three of their four games on the weekend, but were outscored by a total of just 12 points in the three losses. Elite beat the NY Rens 80-72 on Friday night before losing to the Atlanta Celtics 63-59, Team Loaded North Carolina 67-64 and the Utah Prospects 75-70. IE led throughout against Utah on Sunday morning, but couldn't hang on against one of the more impressive teams in Dallas. The Prospects were a perfect 4-0 on the weekend.

Virginia commit and Lawrence Central guard Kyle Guy led the team in scoring at 15.3 points per game. His best game came against Team Loaded North Carolina when he scored 23 points and buried five 3-pointers.

Matthew Moyer, a Syracuse commit from Ohio, also had a nice weekend for the 17U squad. Moyer averaged 12.8 points and 6.8 rebounds per game. He had 15 points and 11 rebounds in Sunday's loss to the Utah Prospects.

Pike's Justin Thomas averaged 9.8 points per game over the weekend. His best game came against the NY Rens on Friday night, when he posted 12 points and seven rebounds.

Indiana Elite 2017 (16U)

The 16s opened the weekend with wins over the New England Playaz on Friday night and Mass Rivals on Saturday afternoon, but lost the final two games of the tournament to Team Loaded Virginia and the Utah Prospects.

IE fell behind 30-10 against Team Loaded on Saturday night, but outscored Virginia 40-20 the rest of the way to force overtime. They took their first lead of the game at 52-50 in OT, but lost a heartbreaking 56-55 decision.

North Central's Emmanuel Little had a strong weekend for the 16U team. He consistently brought energy and toughness when the team needed it most. Little had 8 points and 11 rebounds against Team Loaded Virginia and 11 points and 11 boards against the Utah Prospects on Sunday.

Park Tudor's Kobe Webster led Indiana Elite 2017 to a comeback win over Mass Rivals in the early game on Saturday with 18 second-half points, including three 3-pointers. Webster had 10 points and two 3-pointers against Team Loaded Virginia and 11 points on three 3-pointers against the Utah Prospects.

Mount Vernon's Erick Shepherd had his best game of the weekend against Team Loaded Virginia. Shepherd was a big reason why the 16s came back from an early 20-point deficit. He finished with 14 points in that game and followed it up with 8 points against the Utah Prospects on Sunday.

Pendleton Heights' Mark Albers had the biggest scoring game of the weekend for the 16s with 19 points in Friday night's win over New England. Albers, a sharpshooter, struggled to make shots in the final three games of the weekend. He did bury two 3-pointers during IE's comeback effort against Team Loaded Virginia.

Ben Davis' Datrion Harper had 16 points in Saturday's win over Mass Rivals.

Park Tudor's Jaren Jackson missed Sunday's game due to a lingering foot injury. He should be back and ready to go next weekend.

Indiana Elite G3 2017 (16U)

The Rising Stars' weekend was very similar to that of our other 16s. They opened the tournament with wins over Team Fast (69-51) and D1 Minnesota (80-70), but dropped their final two games against the DC Thunder (47-60) and the Michigan Mustangs (46-60).

Lawrence North's Kevin Easley had a strong weekend for the G3 squad. He scored nine consecutive points late in the second half to secure the win over Minnesota on Saturday.

Indiana Elite 2018 (15U)

The 15U squad had the best showing of the four Indiana Elite teams in Dallas over the weekend. Mike Fox's squad fell to Minnesota D1 by two points (44-42) in Sunday morning's semifinal. They opened the weekend with wins over Garner Road (60-52), Stackhouse Elite (58-33) and Team Loaded (56-52).

The well-balanced squad figures to be a major factor in every major tournament

this season.