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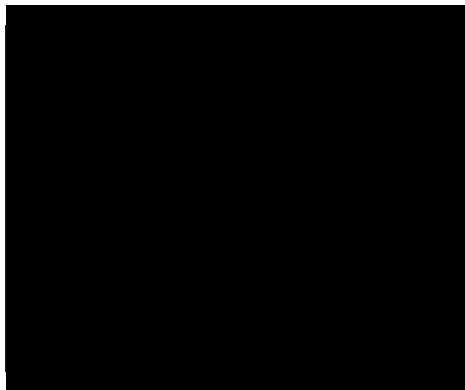
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## Prep boys basketball: State Farm City of Palms Classic releases full field

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The 38th annual City of Palms Classic has a new title sponsor (State Farm) and one of the strongest holiday tournament fields in high school basketball history, rivaling the 2008 group that included the recent NBA Draft's No. 1 selection (John Wall), eight McDonald's All-Americans as seniors and six of USA Today's top eight preseason teams.

A whopping 10 defending state champions, led by top seeds

Alpharetta Milton (Georgia 5A), Las Vegas Bishop Gorman (Nevada 4A), Middle Village Christ The King (New York Federation) and Memphis Melrose (Tennessee 3A) will stuff the star-studded, 16-team national field in 2010, along with three of Florida's current kingpins.

The tournament also adds a new wrinkle: the debut of the "Signature Series," a four-team bracket designed to accommodate "nontraditional" high school teams and those from abroad. Those exciting additions include Academy of the New Church (Pa.), High Point Westchester (N.C.), Southborough St. Mark's (Mass.) and European power Ulm Urspringschule (Germany).

All of Scout.com's top four seniors, and six of its top 10, will be in the tournament.

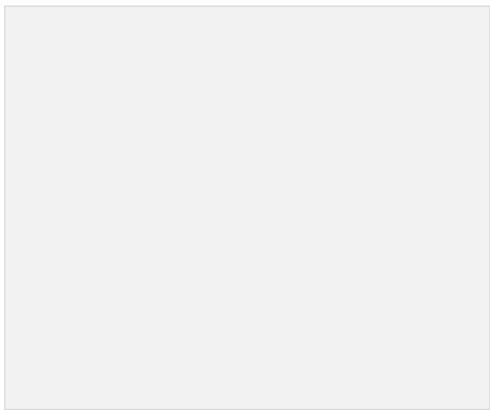
Likely McDonald's-bound seniors Mike Gilchrist (St. Patrick), Quincy Miller (High Point Westchester), Austin Rivers (Winter Park), James McAdoo (Norfolk Christian), Rakeem Christmas (New Church) and Adonis Thomas (Melrose) will be joined by highly touted juniors Shabazz Muhammad (Bishop Gorman), Ricardo Gathers (Riverside) and Omar Calhoun (Christ The King). Two other high-flyers, Westchester's Deuce Bello and Milton's Shaquille Johnson, could collide with Muhammad on Dec. 21 in one of the event's best slam-dunk showdowns in years.

Here is a team-by-team preview of the 2010 Classic (updated July 8):

### Alpharetta Milton (29-4)

#### GEORGIA CLASS 5A CHAMPIONS

Milton could easily be the nation's preseason No. 1 team. Experienced juniors Dai-Jon Parker (19 points, 6 rebounds), Julian Royal (15 points, 5 blocks) and Ohio State commit Shannon Scott (5 assists) led the Eagles past Atlanta Westlake 56-46 in the state-title game, and are joined by junior Evan Nolte. That's four high-major recruits who are returning from a roster that had no seniors – and they will be joined by athletic 6-4 transfer Shaquille Johnson, one of Georgia's most talented juniors. Parker is considering Virginia Tech, Northwestern, Florida State & Ohio State; Royal's list includes Georgia Tech, North Carolina, UCLA, Georgetown & Northwestern). Coach David Boyd, who won his fifth state title, became the first Georgia coach to hang championship banners at four different schools. He also won at Campbell (1982), Tucker (1996) and Berkmar (2000-01), and has gone on to win state titles in all three seasons in which his teams have played in a City of Palms Classic. 2009-10 NATIONAL RANKINGS: No. 14 PrepNation.com, No. 19 ESPN/Rise, No. 21 USA Today.



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