

Reebok Breakout Power Rankings: Top 5 tournaments

From the City of Palms Classic in Florida to the Iolani Classic in Hawaii, MaxPreps breaks down the top tournaments of the 2011-12 season.



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With six nationally-ranked teams and 10 Top 100 seniors in the field, the State Farm City of Palms Classic tours our look at this season's best high school basketball tournaments.

Held at Bishop Verot High School in Fort Myers, Fla., national championship hopefuls and Top 10 preseason programs [Mater Dei \(Santa Ana, Calif.\)](#), [Miller Grove \(Lithonia, Ga.\)](#) and [Bishop Gorman \(Las Vegas, Nev.\)](#) headline another star-studded field. Top-ranked senior prospect [Shabazz Muhammad](#) (Bishop Gorman) is the biggest individual attraction.

[Isaiah Austin](#) of [Grace Prep \(Arlington, Texas\)](#) and [Tony Parker](#) of Miller Grove are also regarded as five-star prospects and both headed for Fort Myers. Highly-regarded junior [Nerlens Noel](#) will play for [Tilton School \(Tilton, N.H.\)](#) in the event's Signature Series, a four-team mini-bracket.

Last season's Classic lived up to its billing as [St. Patrick \(Elizabeth, N.J.\)](#) knocked off [Milton \(Ga.\)](#) with a deep 3-pointer in the game's closing seconds. Current Kentucky freshman Michael Kidd-Gilchrist earned MVP honors. Mater Dei, which finished third in Fort Myers last December, is the highest-ranked team in MaxPreps.com's preseason Xcellent 25 at No. 3.

Here is a look at the complete Top 5, along with 10 more tournaments to watch in 2011-12:



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Michael Kidd-Gilchrist earned MVP honors at last year's City of Palms Classic after leading St. Patrick (Elizabeth, N.J.) to the title.

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1. STATE FARM CITY OF PALMS CLASSIC – Dec. 16-21

Bishop Verot High School (Fort Myers, Fla.)

2010 champion: [St. Patrick \(Elizabeth, N.J.\)](#)

Participating teams: No. 9 [Bishop Gorman \(Las Vegas, Nev.\)](#), [Bishop Verot \(Fort Myers, Fla.\)](#), [Blanche Ely \(Pompano Beach, Fla.\)](#), [Constitution \(Philadelphia, Pa.\)](#), [Gill St. Bernard's \(Gladstone, N.J.\)](#), No. 15 [Grace Prep \(Arlington, Texas\)](#), [Lake Wales \(Fla.\)](#), No. 3 [Mater Dei \(Santa Ana, Calif.\)](#), No. 7 [Miller Grove \(Lithonia, Ga.\)](#), No. 12 [Montverde Academy \(Montverde, Fla.\)](#), [Prestonwood Christian \(Plano, Texas\)](#), No. 20 [Riverside Academy \(Reserve, La.\)](#), [Salesian \(Richmond, Calif.\)](#), [St. Raymond Boys \(Bronx, N.Y.\)](#), [Taft \(Cincinnati, Ohio\)](#), [Trinity \(Louisville, Ky.\)](#)

Signature Series participants: [Friends' Central \(Wynnewood, Pa.\)](#), [Tilton School \(Tilton, N.H.\)](#),

[Urspringschule \(Ulm, Germany\)](#), [Wilbraham & Monson Academy \(Wilbraham, Mass.\)](#)

Sunshine Series participants: [Fort Myers \(Fla.\)](#), [Godby \(Tallahassee, Fla.\)](#), [Mariner \(Cape Coral, Fla.\)](#), [Norland \(Miami, Fla.\)](#)

2. CHICK-FIL-A CLASSIC – Dec. 19-22

Richland Northeast High School (Columbia, S.C.)

2010-11 champions: [Imo \(Columbia, S.C.\)](#), [United Faith Christian Academy \(Charlotte, N.C.\)](#)

Participating teams: No. 14 [Christ School \(Arden, N.C.\)](#), [Columbia \(S.C.\)](#), [Keenan \(Columbia, S.C.\)](#), [La Verne Lutheran \(La Verne, Calif.\)](#), [Lower Richland \(Hopkins, S.C.\)](#), No. 4 [Oak Hill Academy \(Mouth of Wilson, Va.\)](#), [Paul VI \(Fairfax, Va.\)](#), [Richland Northeast \(Columbia, S.C.\)](#), [Ridge View \(Columbia, S.C.\)](#), No. 25 [Southwest DeKalb \(Decatur, Ga.\)](#), [Spring Valley \(Columbia, S.C.\)](#), [United Faith Christian Academy](#), [West Charlotte \(Charlotte, N.C.\)](#), [Westtown \(Pa.\)](#), [Wilson \(Florence, S.C.\)](#), [Word of God Christian Academy \(Raleigh, N.C.\)](#)

Carolina Challenge participants: No. 11 [Arlington Country Day \(Jacksonville, Fla.\)](#), [Body of Christ Christian Academy \(Raleigh, N.C.\)](#), [Cardinal Newman \(Columbia, S.C.\)](#), [Edisto \(Cordova, S.C.\)](#), [Lexington \(S.C.\)](#), [Upper Room Christian Academy \(Raleigh, N.C.\)](#)

3. BEACH BALL CLASSIC – Dec. 27-31

Myrtle Beach Convention Center (Myrtle Beach, S.C.)

2010 champion: [Miller Grove \(Lithonia, Ga.\)](#)

Participating teams: [Ballard \(Louisville, Ky.\)](#), No. 9 [Bishop Gorman \(Las Vegas, Nev.\)](#), [Gaffney \(S.C.\)](#), [Lakota East \(Liberty Township, Ohio\)](#), [Lexington \(S.C.\)](#), [Lone Peak \(Highland, Utah\)](#), [Miami \(Fla.\)](#), [Milton \(Ga.\)](#), [Myrtle Beach \(S.C.\)](#), [Prestonwood Christian \(Plano, Texas\)](#), [Rye \(N.Y.\)](#), [Scott County \(Georgetown, Ky.\)](#), [Socastee \(Myrtle Beach, S.C.\)](#), [St. Augustine \(New Orleans, La.\)](#), [St. Edward \(Lakewood, Ohio\)](#), [Whitney Young \(Chicago, Ill.\)](#)

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4. LES SCHWAB INVITATIONAL – Dec. 27-30

Liberty High School (Hillsboro, Ore.)

2010 champion: [DeMatha \(Hyattsville, Md.\)](#)

Participating teams: [Benson Tech \(Portland, Ore.\)](#), [Central Catholic \(Portland, Ore.\)](#), [Corvallis \(Corvallis, Ore.\)](#), [David Douglas \(Portland, Ore.\)](#), [Dayton \(Ore.\)](#), [Jefferson \(Portland, Ore.\)](#), [Jesuit \(Portland, Ore.\)](#), [Lake Oswego \(Ore.\)](#), [Lincoln \(Portland, Ore.\)](#), [North Salem \(Salem, Ore.\)](#), No. 4 [Oak Hill Academy \(Mouth of Wilson, Va.\)](#), No. 20 [Riverside Academy \(Reserve, La.\)](#), [Southridge \(Beaverton, Ore.\)](#), [Westview \(Portland, Ore.\)](#), [Wilsonville \(Ore.\)](#); No. 17 [Yates \(Houston, Texas\)](#)

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5. BASS PRO SHOPS TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS – Jan. 12-14

JQH Arena (Springfield, Mo.)

2011 champion: [Oak Ridge Military Academy \(Oak Ridge, N.C.\)](#)

Participating teams: [Christ the King \(Middle Village, N.Y.\)](#), [Glendale \(Springfield, Mo.\)](#), [Hillcrest \(Springfield, Mo.\)](#), [Lincoln \(San Diego, Calif.\)](#), No. 7 [Miller Grove \(Lithonia, Ga.\)](#), [St. Rita \(Chicago, Ill.\)](#), [Sylvan Hills \(Sherwood, Ark.\)](#), [Westbury Christian \(Houston, Texas\)](#)

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