

## Tournament Standouts

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Nationals

We got a chance to go to the Southeast part of the country and check out the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Division 1 & 2 National Championships. All of the game were held in Kingsport, TN, located approximately 100 miles Northeast of Knoxville, TN.

#### Division 1

- 1<sup>st</sup> OH - Dayton Lady Hoopstars  
7<sup>th</sup> grade Black
- 2<sup>nd</sup> PV - Potomac Valley Vogues  
Nationals 2022
- 3<sup>rd</sup> SE - AL Southern Stars
- 4<sup>th</sup> SW - NTX Lady Tar Heels

#### Division 2

- 1<sup>st</sup> CE - Heart of Illinois Nationals
- 2<sup>nd</sup> WP - Western PA Bruins
- 3<sup>rd</sup> OZ - SEMO Sizzle 2022
- 4<sup>th</sup> SE - TN Lady Ballers

Here are some of the GEMS from the event (please note that Heights were not listed):

#### **Shaniah Nunn - 5'9" (Alabama Southern Starz)**

- This player is strong, fast, and tough. She gets to the rim at will, finishes thru contact, and rebounds extremely well for a guard. She can defend multiple positions effectively. A special talent! Reminds me a lot of University of Houston incoming Freshman Julia Blackshell-Fair.

#### **Karly Weathers - (Alabama Southern Starz) -**

This guard just makes plays. She plays bigger than her size. She crashes the boards, gets loose balls, is just extremely active on each end. She also has exquisite shooting form. Lots of upside.

#### **Cotie McMahon - Dayton Lady Hoopstars -**

She was absolutely dominant. A quick leaper, loves to attack off the dribble, beats everyone consistently for rebounds, a superb defender with a good overall feel for the game.

#### **Kamiah Denson - Georgia Hardball Elite -**

A smooth player, moves well without the ball, solid fundamentally, excellent overall skills. Would love to see her be more aggressive.

#### **Sydney Pnacek - Michigan Legacy 2022 -**

A stretch 4 at around 5'9", can score a variety of ways. Hits the short corner jumper, scores over either shoulder, plays with her back to the basket at times as well as a developing face up game. Her versatility makes her a problem for defenses.

#### **Gwen Rogozinski - Michigan Legacy 2022 -**

A floor general with superb vision, keeps defenders off balance with excellent handles and by playing at different speeds, also has knockdown long-range skills.. She has command of her team.

#### **Ereauna Hardaway - Memphis Lady War**

**Eagles** - This kid had a breakout tournament! Definitely one of the top point guards here. She

consistently beats the initial defender, to the paint and made excellent decisions. She spoon fed her teammates for countless easy buckets. The handles are top notch, shoots off the bounce or catch, can score at all three levels, but her vision and decision making truly make her one of the elite true point guards in the class.

**Ayanna Patterson – Always 100 McGee** – Standing at least 6’2”, fluid, athletic, agile, fast, really covers the court defensively as she blocked a large quantity of shots and altered many others.. She is drives aggressively from the High-Post area and finishes over defenders with her length & athleticism. Truly a dominant player with a high ceiling.

**Jada Jones – Jacksonville Lady Rams** – She is a 2023 - 6’3” aggressive player. She can be a little mechanical, but she did execute a few nice post moves. She attacks defensive rebounds and blocks shots. She is raw, but had lots of potential as she develops going forward.

**Alli Carlson – Michigan Basketball Academy** – The consummate point guard. She does a great job of creating space off the dribble, has a High IQ, limits her turnovers, and the vision is amazing. She makes the basic and spectacular pass look easy. She dropped a 40-foot dime to a teammate that hit her in perfect stride. She is vocal and knocks down the deep ball with great consistency. A throwback point guard.

**Amaya Battle – North Tartan Girls Elite West** – This kid can boogie. She has a slick handle, very composed, has a quick explosive step once she gets the defender leaning the wrong way. She is athletic and has a variety of moves once she is in the paint. She defends with toughness & passion, makes big plays.

## Watch List

**Sam Ackles** – Carolina Elite  
**Amaya Asher** - GHITP Finest  
**Taryn Blankenship** – Pulaski County Wolves  
**Amaya Bonner** – XBA Red  
**Sarah Brans** – XBA Red  
**Aaliyah Carlock** – Potomac Valley Vogues National  
**Chloe Clardy (2023)** – Arkansas Dazzlers  
**Kennedy Claybrooks** – Memphis Lady War Eagles  
**Dyona Coleman** – Diamonds Elite

**Michayla Gatewood** – NTX Lady Tar Heels Elite  
**Ajalon Gillard** – Hoop Dreams Elite  
**Keiaia Gregory** – GHITP Finest  
**Jamia Harris** – NTX Lady Tar Heels Elite  
**Nyla Harris** – Hoop Dreams Elite  
**Fiona Hastick** – Potomac Valley Vogues National  
**Tionna Herron** – NTX Lady Tar Heels Elite  
**Ella Hickman** – GA Pistols Gold

**Marya Hudgins** – Great Day  
Basketball  
**Chelsea Ibenegbu** – NYC Exodus  
**Stefanie Ingram** – Hoop Dreams  
Elite  
**Camille Jackson** – Illinois Xcitement  
**Ava Knoedl** – Arkansas Dazzlers  
**Katie Krupa** – Heart Of Illinois  
National  
**Kammie Ludwig** – Heart Of Illinois  
National  
**Masyn Marchbanks** – Alabama  
Southern Starz  
**Austy Miller** – Dayton Lady  
Hoopstars  
**Fereshteh Nejad** – California Crush  
TNT  
**Jiya Perry** – NTX Lady Tar Heels  
Elite  
**Paris Pickett** – Hoop Dreams Elite  
**Mila Reynolds** – Illinois Xcitement

**Sophia Richards** – Michigan  
Basketball Academy  
**Amya Sanders** – Springfield Lady  
Migs  
**Angelina Smith** – Angels Basketball  
Club  
**Tamia Smith** – Team Elite Hubbard  
**Avery Strickland** – TN Fury Navy  
**Mikayla Summerall** – Memphis  
Lady War Eagles  
**Jaelyn Talley** – Potomac Valley  
Vogues National  
**Lehla Thomas** – North Georgia  
Venom  
**Calie Thrower** – Great Day  
Basketball  
**Jenna Van-Schaik** – Cincy Thunder  
**Bella Ward** – Capital City Stars  
**Amauri Williams** – Arkansas  
Dazzlers  
**Mccall Willis** – TN Fury Navy  
**Kiana Wilson** – Kansas Lady  
Nightmare