

JumpOffPlus.com Summer Recap: 2014 Stock Risers

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Bianca Cuevas, 5'5", Point Guard

New York, NY/Nazareth

The point guard from the Exodus NYC squad seems to possess every quality that is deemed "New York" in a ball player. Cuevas is tough, gritty and sometimes even mean on the court. She will cross up a defender with a double move and will hardly change the expression on her face. Cuevas' carries herself as a grizzled veteran, but remarkably she still has three more years of high school basketball in her future. She burst onto the scene at the Elite Summer Jam two summers ago as a future star. This year in Augusta she made everyone believe that she is more than a novelty point guard. Although she stands at 5 foot 5 inches tall, her game speaks for itself. Anyone who watches Cuevas play will come away thinking to themselves that she is a point guard that belongs in the upper echelon of players in the country.

Amber Campbell, 5'8", Shooting Guard

Charleston, SC/Northwoods Academy

One of the more exciting prospects to watch this summer was Campbell from the Georgia Metros. The lanky, slashing wing put her game together this summer and became regarded as one of the top shooting guards in the class. Her strength lays in her ability to attack the lane in both the half court and full court setting. Moreover, her ability to get past defenders in transition makes her a special player to watch. In many ways Campbell can be compared to a younger Sydney Wallace who is now a freshman guard at Georgia Tech. She has similar athleticism and explosiveness as Wallace did at that age. However, Campbell will need to continue to improve her jumper if she wants to continue those comparisons in the future.

Aliyah Huland El, 6', Forward

Randolph, NJ/Randolph

Huland El is a unique prospect in the 2014 class. She has been described as a post, wing or even a shooting guard depending upon which person talks to you. The reality is that she is a long-armed athlete that can do a bit of everything on the court. She is active and rebounds in and out of her area, while also scoring the ball in the paint. Her strong hands allow her to snatch passes out of the air and make crisp passes to teammates on the break. We saw her at the Best of Summer Invitational in July and witnessed a glimpse of greatness. Huland El was able to knock down several threes in critical moments for her Ring City team. She was also found handling the ball and making plays at the top of the key area. The question going forward for her will be what is her specialty? Sometimes the curse of versatility is not having mastered any skill specifically. Track Huland El in the future to see how she develops.

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