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2009 Jordan Brand Classic Regional Team Announcement Top New York City area prep stars to take the court at The Garden on April 18th

NEW YORK, NY (March 19, 2009) – **Jordan Brand**, a division of NIKE, Inc., announced today the rosters for the Jordan Brand Classic Regional Game which will be a part of the Jordan Brand Classic, presented by Foot Locker, at Madison Square Garden on Saturday, April 18th. The game will feature the top prep players from the New York City metropolitan area in a City vs. Suburbs showdown with a portion of the proceeds of the event to once again benefit the New York-based charity, Children's Aid Society.

Heading to many of the top college programs in the northeast – including St. Johns, Pittsburgh, Syracuse, West Virginia, Rutgers, Maryland, Siena, Xavier, Hofstra, Robert Morris, George Mason, Fordham and Rice – the players represent one of the most talented classes in the history of the Regional Game.

The City Team will include **O.D. Anosike** (St. Peter's/Staten Island, NY), **Dan Jennings** (St. Thomas More/Oakdale, CT), **Sean Johnson** (Christ the King/Middle Village, NY), **Omari Lawrence** (South Kent/South Kent, CT), **James Padgett** (Abraham Lincoln/Brooklyn, NY), **Kevin Parrom** (South Kent/South Kent, CT), **Russell Smith** (Archbishop Molloy/Briarwood, NY), **Keith Spellman** (Thomas Jefferson/Brooklyn, NY), **James Stukes** (Rice/New York, NY) and **Chaz Williams** (Bishop Ford Central Catholic/Brooklyn, NY).

The Suburban Team will feature **Karon Abraham** (Eastside/Paterson, NJ), **Tevin Baskin** (Trinity Catholic/Stamford, CT), **Paris Bennett** (St. Patrick/Elizabeth, NJ), **Lance Brown** (Paterson Catholic/Paterson, NJ), **Tamir Jackson** (St. Benedict's/Newark, NJ), **Austin Johnson** (Blair Academy/Blairstown, NJ), **Dane Miller** (Rush-Henrietta/Henrietta, NY), **Lamar Patterson** (St. Benedict's/Newark, NJ), **Brandon Triche** (Jamesville-DeWitt/DeWitt, NY) and **Sherrod Wright** (Mount Vernon/Mount Vernon, NY).

The City Team will be coached by **Rudy King** (Bishop Loughlin High School/Brooklyn, NY) and **Lawrence Pollard** (Thomas Jefferson High School/Brooklyn, NY) while the Suburban Team will be have **Damon Wright** (Paterson Catholic High School/Paterson, NJ) and **Geoffrey Billet** (Christian Brothers Academy/Lincroft, NJ) on the bench.

Sponsored by Jordan Brand, the event is also annually attended by some of sport and entertainment's biggest stars, who have in the past included Michael Jordan, Spike Lee, LL Cool J, Warren Sapp, Terrell Owens, Floyd Mayweather, Kanye West, Fat Joe, Ludacris, and Vince Carter.

This year's event tripleheader will begin with an International Game at 3:30 p.m. followed by the Regional Game at 5:30 p.m., and the All-American Game at 8:00 p.m.

The International Game will feature the top 15-16 year old players from around the world, including 10 European players, who were recently selected at a Jordan Brand training camp, in Vilnius, Lithuania held March 7-8.

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The All-American Game of the Jordan Brand Classic will include the top 24 players in the country including top-five ranked ESPNU 100 prospects **Xavier Henry** (Oklahoma City, OK/Memphis), **Derrick Favors** (Atlanta, GA/Georgia Tech), **John Henson** (Tampa, FL/North Carolina), **DeMarcus Cousins** (Mobile, AL/Memphis) and **Renardo Sidney** (Los Angeles, CA/USC).

Jordan Brand Classic alumni include NBA stars Chris Paul, Carmelo Anthony, LeBron James, Amar'e Stoudemire, Dwight Howard and Kevin Durant as well as current NCAA standouts Tyler Hansbrough (North Carolina), Blake Griffin (Oklahoma), Tyreke Evans (Memphis), Wayne Ellington (North Carolina) and Samardo Samuels (Louisville).

Tickets are now on sale at all Ticketmaster locations, the Madison Square Garden box office, online at ticketmaster.com or by calling 212-307-7171. For more information, please visit the official web site, www.JordanBrandClassic.com. Live webcasts of the Regional and International games, produced by the High School Basketball Network, are also available at www.JordanBrandClassic.TV.

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2009 Jordan Regional Team

Alphabetical Roster

City Team

#	Name	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	High School (School Location)	College
55	O.D. Anosike	PF	6-8	210	St. Peter's High School (Staten Island, NY)	Siena
42	Dan Jennings	C	6-9	240	St. Thomas More School (Oakdale, CT)	West Virginia
15	Sean Johnson	SG	6-2	175	Christ the King High School (Middle Village, NY)	Undecided
12	Omari Lawrence	SF	6-4	210	South Kent School (South Kent, CT)	St. Johns
35	James Padgett	F/C	6-8	217	Abraham Lincoln High School (Brooklyn, NY)	Maryland
32	Kevin Parrom	SF	6-6	200	South Kent School (South Kent, CT)	Xavier
24	Russell Smith	PG	5-11	165	Archbishop Molloy High School (Briarwood, NY)	Undecided
1	Keith Spellman	SG	6-3	175	Thomas Jefferson High School (Brooklyn, NY)	Undecided
34	James Stukes	SF	6-5	215	Rice High School (New York, NY)	Undecided
10	Chaz Williams	PG	5-9	155	Bishop Ford Cen. Cath. High School (Brooklyn, NY)	Hofstra

Coaches: Rudy King (Bishop Loughlin High School/Brooklyn, NY)
Lawrence Pollard (Thomas Jefferson High School/Brooklyn, NY)

Suburban Team

#	Name	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	High School (School Location)	College
5	Karon Abraham	PG	5-10	155	Eastside High School (Paterson, NJ)	Robert Morris
3	Tevin Baskin	SF	6-7	200	Trinity Catholic High School (Stamford, CT)	Undecided
32	Paris Bennett	F	6-6	195	St. Patrick High School (Elizabeth, NJ)	George Mason
20	Lance Brown	W	6-3	190	Paterson Catholic High School (Paterson, NJ)	Fordham
11	Tamir Jackson	SG	6-3	180	St. Benedict's Prep (Newark, NJ)	Rice
21	Austin Johnson	PF	6-8	235	Blair Academy (Blairstown, NJ)	Rutgers
31	Dane Miller	F	6-7	210	Rush-Henrietta High School (Henrietta, NY)	Rutgers
15	Lamar Patterson	SF	6-5	220	St. Benedict's Prep (Newark, NJ)	Pittsburgh
25	Brandon Triche	PG	6-4	210	Jamesville-DeWitt High School (DeWitt, NY)	Syracuse
10	Sherrod Wright	W	6-4	190	Mount Vernon High School (Mount Vernon, NY)	Undecided

Coaches: Damon Wright (Paterson Catholic High School/Paterson, NJ)
Geoffrey Billet (Christian Brothers Academy/Lincroft, NJ)