

2019 Prime Time 40 Recap + Measurements Analysis



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Sunday marked the fourth edition of the Prime Time 40 Showcase (PT40) — the invite-only camp has quickly become the premier high school event in the northwest. Through its first three years of existence, every single PT40 participant to date — 156 names and counting — has gone on to play a sport in college. It was held at Franklin High School in Portland, OR, and run by USA Basketball support staff alum Reggie Walker, who's also intimately involved in other high-level youth basketball events like the [Les Schwab Invitational](#) and [Nike Hoop Summit](#).

This year's showcase featured 47 of the top prospects from Oregon and Washington, including 24 players from the high school class of 2020, 13 from the class of 2021 and five each from the classes of 2022 and 2023. There have been some high-level participants in the past, like Payton Pritchard, Eric Stevenson, Marcus Tsohonis and Kamaka Hepa, but this year's bunch may wind up being the best collection of talent in PT40 history. Headlining this year's roster: five-star

stretch big [Nathan Bittle](#) from Crater HS (OR) is currently ranked #14 in the 2021 ESPN 60; unable to play due to an injury but in the building supporting his peers nonetheless, [Ben Gregg](#), from Clackamas HS (OR) is a four-star hybrid forward currently ranked #30 in the 2021 ESPN 60; [Nolan Hickman](#), a combo guard from Eastside Catholic High School (WA) is currently #58 in the class of 2021 per 247 Sports - but it is difficult to imagine that there are 57 players better than Hickman in the 2021 class. He appeared to pick up right where he left off this past summer after generating a ton of buzz for himself on the Nike EYBL circuit.

PT40 is a one-day showcase event and this year's rendition spanned approximately six hours, with little wasted time for the participants. In addition to a competitive, lively set of games in the afternoon with college coaches, media members and fans in attendance, the day's schedule included multiple breakout classroom sessions, Nike focus groups, positional skill development, and measurements.

Speaking of measurements, there were a handful of real standouts in terms of height without shoes to wingspan differential. Considering a normal human's arm length compared to height without shoes is anywhere from about "even" to +2", the following wingspans really jumped off the page:

- Dakota Reber, class of 2020 - Wilsonville HS (OR): 6'4 w/o shoes, 6'9 WS (+5" differential)
- Damontae Burns, class of 2021 - Parkrose HS (OR): 5'11.5 w/o shoes, 6'4.5 WS (+5")
- DeRay Seamster, class of 2020 - Central Catholic (OR): 6'0.5 w/o shoes, 6'6 WS (+5.5")
- Nate Meithof, class of 2021 - McNary HS (OR): 6'3.5 w/o shoes, 6'9 WS (+5.5")
- Adrian Mosley, class of 2023 - Grant HS (OR): 6'0.5 w/o shoes, 6'6 WS (+5.5")

Top-3:

- Nathan Rawlins-Kibonge, class of 2021 - Jefferson HS (OR): 6'5 w/o shoes, 6'11.5 WS (+6.5")
- Nathan Bittle, class of 2021 - Crater HS (OR): 6'9 w/o shoes, 7'5 WS (+8")
- Marquis "Mookie" Cook, class of 2023 - Jefferson HS (OR): 6'5.5 w/o shoes, 7'4 WS (+10.5")

There aren't many players in the NBA with +10.5 arms, much less a player that has yet to play his first high school basketball game. The future is bright for the Jefferson Demos, to say the least — Cook is more than just a lanky frame, and that will be detailed further in an upcoming write-up, detailing the top standouts from each class in the 2019 PT40.

Not only did PT40 provide a platform to showcase the best high school basketball players in the northwest, it also boasted an all-star coaching staff, led by Marshall Cho (Lake Oswego High School), and also including Nate Bowie (International Elite), TJ Dorado (Lake Oswego High School), Cartiea French-Toney (Seattle Rotary), Yusuf Leary (Roosevelt High School), Kevin McShane (MAC), Manny Melo (Battle Ground High School), Ryan Shepherd (Lake Oswego High School), Donald Watts (Watts Basketball), and Michael Wolf (Westview High School).

In the first classroom session of the day, Cho challenged the group to embrace the sense of community inherently provided by the game, and to be able to look back on this event with the conviction that November 10, 2019 was a day that moved the needle in the right direction for basketball in the Pacific Northwest.

After witnessing the fourth annual PT40 firsthand from start to finish, it can safely be said that this group achieved their goal.

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