



All-American Shootout

Friday, December 7, 2007

Freedom Hall, Louisville, Ky.

Lincoln (Brooklyn, N.Y.) vs. St. Xavier (Louisville, Ky.)

American Christian (Aston, Pa.) vs. IMG Academy (Bradenton, Fla.)

Historic Freedom Hall, in the basketball crazed city of Louisville, Ky., will play host to **four of the nation's best high school basketball teams**. The thrilling doubleheader will feature two of the most highly touted recruits in the country in **Tyreke Evans** (American Christian) and **Lance Stephenson** (Lincoln), both of whom have graced the covers of multiple basketball magazines. Additionally, Louisville Cardinals fans will be treated to a "sneak preview" of the future of the Cardinals' basketball program as the event will also feature Lamont Jones (American Christian), who has committed to play for Rick Pitino.

The Teams

- **American Christian** – **Ranked No. 4 in the country** by *Dime Magazine* in its preseason poll, American Christian boasts one of the top players in the country in point guard Tyreke Evans along with **Louisville commit Lamont Jones**.
- **IMG Academy** – The acclaimed IMG Academy always has a number of Division I prospects on its squad, and this year's team is no different. IMG Academy has **produced more than 30 NBA players** and has had its high school talent go on to play at such schools as Syracuse and Kentucky.
- **Lincoln High School** – Finished last season **ranked No. 17 in the USA Today National Super 25 rankings** and was ranked the **fifth best high school basketball program in the East**. Lincoln won the 2006-07 New York State Federation Class AA championship. Notable alumni include Stephon Marbury and Sebastian Telfair
- **St. Xavier High School** – St. X has the **most successful athletic program in the state of Kentucky**, having won 133 men's state championships. In 2005 St. Xavier was ranked No. 14 in *Sports Illustrated's* "Best High School Athletic Programs."

Freedom Hall

This year's event will take place at Freedom Hall, situated on the massive Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center in Louisville, Ky. Home to the University of Louisville men's basketball team since 1956, this historic arena has hosted six NCAA Finals, the 1976 NCAA Midwest Regional and the first and second rounds of the 1983 NCAA Midwest Regional. With a **capacity at approximately 19,000**, Freedom Hall continuously packs the house with rabid Louisville fans of all shapes and sizes.

"I've been going up against older guys all my life, and you'd better watch out because I'm coming at full speed with full pressure." – Tyreke Evans



American Christian's
Tyreke Evans



Star Players & Notes

American Christian

Tyreke Evans — Evans is ranked by *Dime Magazine* as the **No. 2 player in the nation**. He has offers from Louisville, Villanova, UConn, Memphis, Texas and Seton Hall although reports say Louisville and Villanova are his top two choices.

“Evans manages the game with a kind of stately control with the ball in his hands. He glides off the dribble and does it so fluidly that he almost looks like he’s moving at half speed. Until he blows past the guy guarding him...Then there’s his shooting range. Be advised: Don’t play off this guy or he’ll drop bombs all night long.” — **Rise Magazine**

Lamont Jones — Only a junior, Jones has already committed to play his college ball for the Louisville Cardinals.

IMG Academy

Ken Kadji — Kadji is the No. 25 ranked recruit and the **No. 5 ranked center** in the class of 2008 according to scout.com. He has committed to play for Billy Donovan at the University of Florida.

Jared Swopshire — Swopshire is the 89th ranked recruit and the **19th ranked small forward** in class of '08 according to scout.com. He is a four-star prospect with offers from Marquette, Clemson, Utah, South Carolina and Cincinnati.

Lincoln

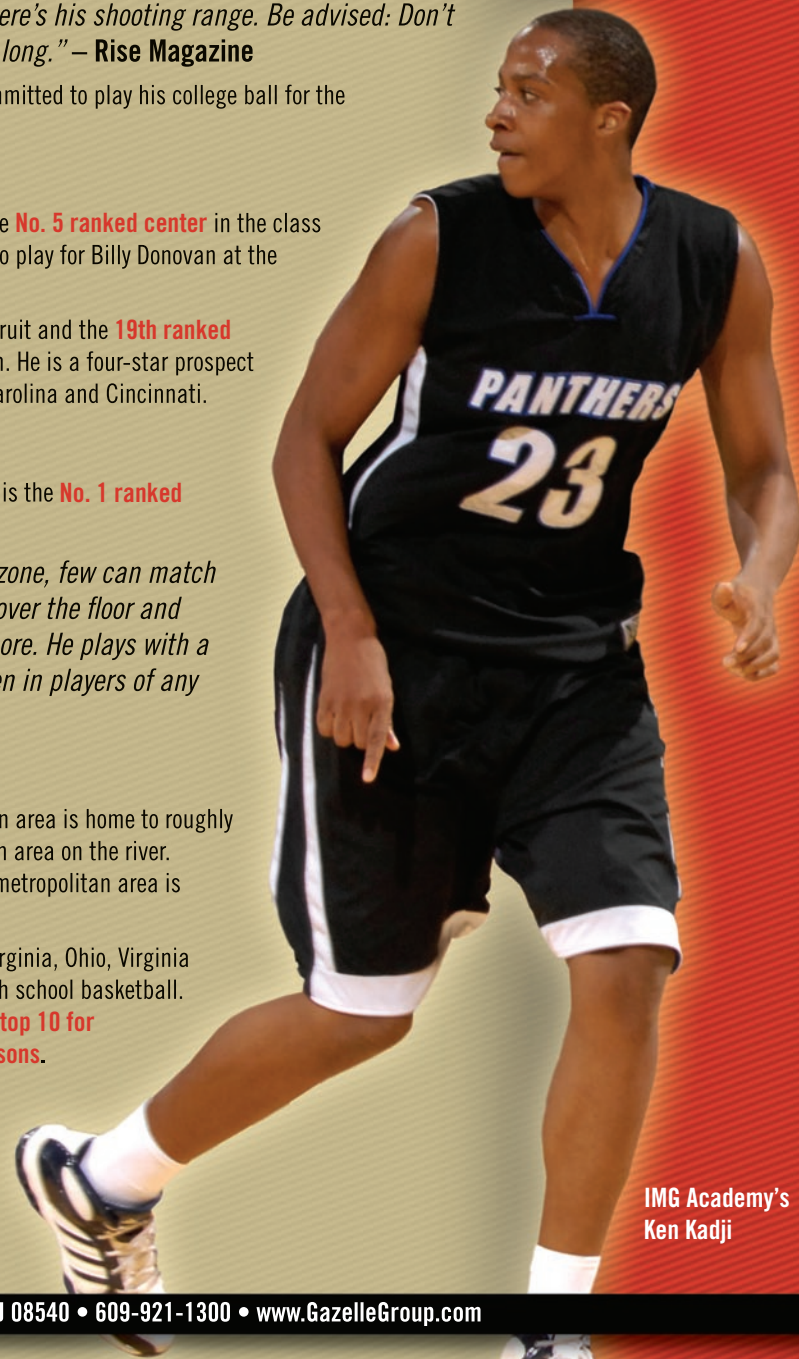
Lance Stephenson — A five-star recruit, Stephenson is the **No. 1 ranked player in the country** according to *Dime Magazine*.

“When Stephenson is on the court and in the zone, few can match his game. At 6-5, he creates mismatches all over the floor and uses a sick handle to get into the lane and score. He plays with a confidence and fearlessness that is rarely seen in players of any age.” — **Rise Magazine**

Louisville, Kentucky

Located along the Ohio River, the Louisville metropolitan area is home to roughly 1.25 million people and is the third largest metropolitan area on the river. Because it includes counties in Indiana, the Louisville metropolitan area is regularly referred to as Kentuckiana.

Louisville, located between Tennessee, Indiana, West Virginia, Ohio, Virginia and North Carolina is a hotbed for both college and high school basketball. The Louisville men’s basketball has been ranked in the **top 10 for average national attendance each of the past 27 seasons**.



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