

# DERBY FESTIVAL UPDATE

2008 Kentucky Derby Festival: April 11 – May 2

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## STARS TO COME OUT AT ADIDAS DERBY FESTIVAL BASKETBALL CLASSIC

**April 4, 2008. Louisville, KY.** – The Kentucky Derby Festival is pleased to announce the rosters for the 2008 adidas Derby Festival Basketball Classic, to be played Saturday, April 19, at Freedom Hall. The 23-player lineups include five McDonald's All-Americans and two players each committed to play at the University of Louisville and University of Kentucky. The game will feature 11 players ranked among recruiting service Rivals.com's Top 50 and 18 players ranked in the Top 100. The players will also participate in the DeVry University Night of the Future Stars on Friday, April 18, at Bellarmine University's Knights Hall.

UL recruits Terrence Jennings and Jared Swopshire will play for the Gold Team; UK signees Darius Miller and DeAndre Liggins will play for the Black Team. Jennings, ranked no. 15 nationally by Rivals.com, is a 6-foot-10, 225-pound power forward from Fitchburg, Mass. Liggins, ranked no. 21, is a 6-5, 190-pound point guard from Henderson, Nev. Miller, ranked no. 45, is a 6-6, 215-pound small forward who recently led his Mason County team to the Kentucky state high school championship and was named Mr. Basketball.

Said Basketball Classic Recruiting Chairman Dan Owens: "With the great showing by the University of Louisville in the NCAA tournament, their fans are anxious to get a look at the players who will be making an impact on the team next season. The same goes for UK fans and we're excited to bring in these four prized recruits, along with some other top players from around the country. Our partnership with adidas has allowed us to bring in some real blue-chippers."

Admission to the DeVry University Night of the Future Stars is free with a ticket to the Basketball Classic. Some of the event's most exciting moments have occurred during the Slam Dunk and 2-on-2 competition and 3-point shootout. There will also be a one-hour autograph-signing session following the event.

**ON SALE NOW**, Basketball Classic tickets are \$15 and \$10 and are available at TicketMaster locations ([www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)), the Freedom Hall Ticket Office, or by phone (502) 361-3100 or (800) 487-1212.

adidas joins contributing sponsors Delta Air Lines, DeVry University and New Rock 105.1 WLRS in presenting the 36<sup>th</sup> annual Derby Festival Basketball Classic. There will be live coverage on New Rock 105.1 WLRS.

First held in 1973, the Derby Festival Basketball Classic is the second-oldest continuously-held high school all-star game in the nation. In 1987, the Classic set a record for attendance with a crowd of 19,041 at Freedom Hall. Players such as Jamal Mashburn, Moses Malone, Rex Chapman, Pervis Ellison, Isiah Thomas, Dominique Wilkins, Darrell Griffith, Derek Anderson, Anfernee Hardaway and Darius Miles have starred in the Classic.



Since 1956, the Derby Festival has worked to bring the community together in celebration. The Festival is an independent community organization supported by 4,000 volunteers, 400 businesses and civic groups, Pegasus Pin sponsorships and event participation. It entertains more than 1.5 million people in a two-week period and has a local economic impact of more than \$90 million. This involvement has made the Festival the largest single attended event in Kentucky and one of the leading community celebrations in the world.

**2008 adidas DERBY FESTIVAL BASKETBALL CLASSIC ROSTERS**

<b>BLACK TEAM</b>					
<b>Player/College</b>	<b>College</b>	<b>Ht/Wt</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Home/High School</b>	<b>Awards</b>
Larry Drew	North Carolina	5'11" 1 95	PG	Taft H.S. Woodland Hills, CA	McDonald's All-American
Korie Luscious	Michigan State	5'11"	PG	Pius XI H.S. Milwaukee, WI	
Paul McCoy	Undecided	6'0"	PG	Grant H.S. Portland, OR	
Travis Releford	Kansas	6'5"	WG	Bishop Miege H.S. Shawnee Mission, KS	
Jerime Anderson	UCLA	6'2"	WG/PG	Canyon H.S. Anaheim, CA	
DeAndre Liggins	UK	6'5"	WG/WF	Findley H.S. Henderson, NV	
Darius Miller	UK	6'6"	WF	Mason County H.S. Maysville, KY	
Chris Singleton	Florida State	6'8"	WF/PF	Dunwoody, GA	McDonald's All-American
Howard Thompkins	Georgia	6'9"	BF	Wesleyan H.S. Norcross, GA	
Ater Majok	Undecided	6'10"	BF/Center	Australia	
Tyler Zeller	North Carolina	6'10"	BF/Center	Washington H.S. Washington, IN	McDonald's All-American
Maurice Sutton	Undecided	6'10"	Center	Largo H.S. Upper Marlboro, MD	
<b>COACHES:</b> <b>Chris O'Hearn</b> – Mason County High School, Maysville, Kentucky <b>Ed Smith</b> – Australia					

**2008 adidas KENTUCKY DERBY FESTIVAL CLASSIC**

<b>GOLD Team</b>					
<b>Player/College</b>		<b>Ht/Wt</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Home/High School</b>	<b>Awards</b>
Dashan Harris	Texas A&M	6'1"	PG	Montverde Academy Montverde, FL	
Terrell Holloway	Indiana	5'11"	PG	Harmony H.S. Cincinnati, OH	
Mike Rosario	Rutgers	6'2"	PG/WG	St. Anthony H.S. Jersey City, New Jersey	McDonald's All-American
Ray Shipman	Florida	6'5"	WG/WF	Monsignor Edward Pace High School Opa Locka, FL	
Jared Swopshire	Louisville	6'7"	WF	IMG H.S. Bradenton, FL	
Luke Babbitt	Nevada	6'8"	WF/BF	Galena H.S. Reno, NV	McDonald's All-American
Yancy Gates	Cincinnati	6'9"	BF/Center	Withrow H.S. Cincinnati, OH	
Emmanuel Ngedu	Arizona	6'6"	BF	Brewster H.S. Wolfeboro, NH	
Terrence Jennings	Louisville	6'10"	Center	N. Dame H.S. Fitchburg, MA	
Jeff Withey	Arizona	7'10"	Center	Horizon H.S. San Diego, CA	
Kenneth Kadji	Florida	6'10"	Center	IMG H.S. Bradenton, FL	
<b>COACHES:</b> <b>Mark Lieberman</b> – Monsignor Edward Pace High School, Opa Locka, Florida <b>Don Showalter</b> – Mid-Prairie High School, Wellman, Iowa					