



LAS VEGAS – Bishop Gorman High School will once again be a “must stop” for college basketball coaching staffs when the fourth annual Pangos Spring Spectacular tips off at 6 o’clock (PT) on three courts in the school’s gymnasium Friday during the first evening of the NCAA’s first of two “evaluation weekends” this month.

The NCAA-certified event is made up of 120 travel teams – spread over five divisions and 29 “pools” – and is expected to attract coaches from 100s of college programs from coast to coast.

It’s just another of the Pangos events held at Bishop Gorman and adjacent facilities in Las Vegas during the spring, summer (the Pangos Fab 48) and winter (the Tarkanian Classic).

Each of the teams will play one pool game on Friday night and two on Saturday, followed by the bracket play on Saturday evening and Sunday. Championship games in each division are scheduled to tip off at 2 o’clock on Sunday afternoon.

Competition will also be held at the Heinrich YMCA, Desert Oasis High School, Liberty High School and the Centennial Hills YMCA.

As a bonus to college coaches in town over the weekend, highly respected junior college scout **Jerry Mullen** will run his NCAA-certified Las Vegas Shootout (an “invitation only” event for unsigned JC players and current high school seniors) on Saturday at the Heinrich YMCA.

The 32-team “17u Invitational” division features many of the top travel/club programs in California, as well as Nevada, Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, New Mexico and Texas. Also participating for the first time (and in the 17u Invitational division) is Team Lithuania, with a roster of players from that country that are currently attending high schools or prep schools in the United States.

Heading Pools A, B, C and D in that division are the Los Angeles Rockfish, Belmont Shore (based in Long Beach, CA), Gamepoint 17 Black (based in San Diego) and Pro Skills Elite 17(via Texas).

The Rockfish squad returns many of its key players from last summer, including Class of 2016 prospects in **Henry Welsh** (6-foot-9/L.A. Loyola), **Bo Brace** (6-5/Santa Barbara), **Mitchell Mykhaylov** (6-7/Encino Crespi) and **Wolfgang Novogratz** (6-2/Studio City Harvard-Westlake).

The Belmont Shore roster is expected to include top prospects in the California classes of 2017 (6-4 **Ethan Thompson** of Torrance Bishop Montgomery) and 2018 (6-3 **Michael Feinberg** of Chatsworth Sierra Canyon), respectively.

Also scheduled to play for Belmont Shore are unsigned seniors **Nick Blair** (Bishop Gorman/the 6-5 forward recently committed to the University of Idaho) and **Lorne Currie** (a 6-3 guard who helped lead Fairfax to the L.A. City Open championship).

Gamepoint has several of the very best 2016 prospects in San Diego – and pretty much up the coast, for that matter. Point guard **Eric Monroe** helped lead St. Augustine to the San Diego Open championship (collecting consecutive seed “upsets” of San Marcos, La Costa Canyon and Torrey Pines) while 6-5 **Justin Davis** was the leading scorer on the Morse squad that was upset by Escondido in the Division I final. Also on the squad is 6-8 **Tim Harrison** (Parker), who is likely to be the most heavily San Diego County post prospect in his class.

Pro Skills Elite is led a couple of players in the Class of 2017 who were very impressive during the Pangos All-South Camp in Texas last fall – 6-7 **Daishun Woods** (Frisco Lonestar) and 6-1 **Greg Bowie** (San Antonio Johnson).

Colorado Chaos Elite 17, the top seed in Pool G, has three of its state best prospects in 6-4 **Jonathan Scott** (he is brother of players at the University of Colorado and University of Idaho attends Lewis-Palmer in Monument) and 6-2 Michael Ranson (Pueblo Central), from the Class of 2016, as well as 6-0 **Colbey Ross** (Centennial Eaglecrest) from the Class of 2017.