

# Summer prep tournaments will add to Las Vegas heat

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Although school is out, a pair of all-star prep tournaments will heat up Las Vegas' 100-degree weather next week at UNLV and several local high school gymnasiums.

At Durango's BlazerDome, and nearby Sawyer Middle School's gym, Adidas' The Big Time will debut in Las Vegas with 68 teams, while across town at UNLV's North and South Gyms and Green Valley High School the 22nd Annual Nike National Prep Basketball Championships will feature 80 teams.

Though Las Vegas will not be represented, The Big Time has lured one of the nation's most popular prep all-star teams — the New York City Gauchos — from the Nike tournament and will also highlight powers from New Jersey and Illinois.

Four of the highest rated pre-season high school players in the country will be on stage in The Big Time, which runs July 17-22, two of them starring for the New Jersey Roadrunners — Shaheen Holloway of Elizabeth and Tim Thomas of Patterson.

Thomas was regarded as one of the best high school players in the nation as a junior and is expected to be an All-American this coming season.

Lester Earl of Baton Rouge,

Louisiana and Kobe Bryant of Lower Merion, Pennsylvania will also be showcasing their talents for hundreds of college scouts, who will be in town for both tourneys.

"Las Vegas is definitely gonna be the basketball capital of the world for one week," said co-tournament director of The Big Time, Larry McKay.

The Nike National Championships, which runs July 15-22, will most likely gain the majority of attention throughout the entire week since it is centrally located.

Two-time defending champion Boston Amateur Basketball Club returns for a three-peat under the direction of Head Coach Leo Papile.

Las Vegas will be represented by a pair of teams — the Nike Las Vegas Stars and Nike Las Vegas Heat.

The Stars, a quarter-finalist last year and semi-finalist in 1993, include four members of the defending state champion Durango Trailblazers — Ra'oof Sadat, Jared Call, Kevon Jones and Brandon Barkhuff (alternate) — and also its head coach Al La Rocque. They will also be well represented by members of Bishop Gorman's squad, which may actually have the best returning talent from last year.

Other top teams in the Nike tournament include: Arizona Stars I,



the 1994 runner-up Bloomington (Ind.) Red, Brooklyn USA, Nike Team Chicago, former champion DC Players, Dallas Slam 'n Jam, Kentucky's East and West, Philadelphia Freedom and Nike Team Georgia.

Some of the top names that will be featured in the Nike tournament include: Kevin Augustine of South Coast (CA), Michael Bibby of Arizona Stars I, Anthony Dent and Pablo Machado of Nike Team Georgia, Ronnie Fields and Leonard Myles of Nike Team Chicago and Shannon Crooks of BABC Boston.

Aside from the Open division in the Nike tournament, there will be an A-division, a 15-and-under division and a 14-and-under division.

## Nike Las Vegas Stars

No. - Name	Ht.	School	'95-'96 GR.
1 - Tony Brown	6-0	Cheyenne	12
2 - Jared Call	5-10	Durango	12
3 - Jim Roban	6-4	B. Gorman	12
4 - Aaron Henderson	6-3	Cheyenne	12
5 - Kevon Jones	5-11	Durango	12
6 - Ike Olekaibe	6-1	Cimmaron-M.	12
7 - Ra'oof Sadat	6-8	Durango	12
8 - Vance Lawhorn	6-6	Western	10
9 - Steve Marks	6-3	Cimarron-M.	12
10 - Kendall Soares	6-3	B. Gorman	11
30 - Mo Terry	5-10	B. Gorman	10
34 - David Sawyer	6-5	B. Gorman	12
13 - Brandon Barkhuff	6-4	Durango	12

Head Coach - Al LaRocque; Assistants - Phil Clarke, RC Henningsen and Ed Crow

## Nike Las Vegas Heat

No. - Name	Ht.	School	'95-'96 GR.
0 - DeMarlo Slocum	6-0	Eldorado	12
10 - Steve Dixon	5-10	Clark	12
12 - Ryan Williams	5-10	Eldorado	12
14 - Darik Nielsen	5-9	Bonanza	12
20 - Lucas LeCour	6-2	Las Vegas	11
22 - Corey Kauffman	6-3	Las Vegas	11
24 - Damon Caldwell	6-2	Basic	12
32 - Mark Walker	5-11	Clark	12
34 - Derrell Rivas	6-1	Basic	11
40 - Tyler Kidd	6-5	Clark	12
42 - Orlando Spears	6-4	Rancho	12
44 - Mark Giles	6-6	Chaparral	12

Head Coach - Kent Morgan

## League Announcements

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Wallyball leagues are forming through Aug. 1 at the Chuck Minek Sports Complex, 275 N. Mojave Road.

The City of Las Vegas-sponsored league, which costs \$40 per team, is open to all teens and adults.

Competition begins Aug. 3 and continues thereafter at 6:30 p.m. on random weekdays.

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Coed volleyball teams are being organized for a cost of \$160 at the Minker Complex. Leagues are open teens and adults.

Beginners play Tuesdays and intermediates compete Thursdays, both starting at 6:30 p.m.

Call 229-6563 for additional information on the ten-week league format.

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The City of Las Vegas Dula Gymnasium, 441 E. Bonanza offers a variety of opportunities for the mature population that would enjoy

fitness activities.

Specializing in Active Sports For Seniors, Dula offers the game of indoor paddle tennis on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Games and instruction take place from 9-11 a.m. Registration is \$1.

From 9-11 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, the program changes to table tennis. There is no charge for table tennis.

Dula also offers Yoga classes Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. Suzanne Barnes teaches the class by introducing a system of exercises for attaining physical and mental control. Classes are \$3 weekly.

All programs are designed for seniors, 55 or older. Call 229-6307 for details.

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Local organizations in need of facilities to sponsor sports tournaments, competitions or exhibitions, can now rent the gym at the City of Las Vegas Chuck Minker Sports Complex, 275 N. Mojave Road. Groups may reserve the facility for exclusive use at a cost of

\$20/hour during business hours or \$30/hour at other times.

The facility is open weekdays, 7 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; and Sundays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Possibilities for use may include, but are not limited to, basketball, volleyball, gymnastics, dances, seminars, or workshops. Groups must include ten or more individuals. Call 229-6563 for reservation details.

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