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STATE & REGIONAL CHAMPIONS



Photos courtesy Audra Kalvar | Southern Indiana Throws Club

Connor Kalvar of Floyd's Knobs recently won state and regional titles in the hammer throw at 2022 USA Track & Field (USATF) Indiana Association Junior Olympic meets. Competing in the 17-18-year-old division, Kalvar captured the state title in the hammer with a throw of 172-feet, 10 1/2-inches, then followed that up with a toss of 173-0 to capture the regional title. The latter mark ranks him in the Top 25 nationally, according to Dyststad and Athletic.net, for all youth hammer throwers. Kalvar also finished fourth (with a heave of 141-9 1/4) in the state, and sixth in the regional (135-2 1/2), in the discus. The rising senior at Louisville Trinity has qualified to compete in both events at the 2022 USATF National Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships, which are scheduled for July 25-31 in Sacramento, Calif.



Sam Didat of Palmyra recently won state and regional titles in the shot put and discus at 2022 USA Track & Field (USATF) Indiana Association Junior Olympic meets. Competing in the 13-14-year-old division, Didat captured the state title in the shot put with a toss of 41-feet, 1 1/4-inches then followed that up with a personal-best 41-6 3/4 at the regional. He also claimed gold in the discus at state with a throw of 123-2 1/4 before following that up with a toss of a personal-best 141-3 at the regional. The rising freshman at Floyd Central has qualified to compete in both events at the 2022 USATF National Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships, which are scheduled for July 25-31 in Sacramento, Calif.

NBA SUMMER LEAGUE

Five players who have stood out in Vegas

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LAS VEGAS — As NBA summer league winds down in Las Vegas and teams begin making plans to finish up and leave this coming weekend, some players might have done better than most in showing their potential.

This list doesn't include the biggest names. Paolo Banchero was stellar for Orlando. Chet Holmgren was exceptional for Oklahoma City. That shouldn't be a surprise, given that Banchero was the No. 1 pick and Holmgren the No. 2 pick in last month's draft.

But for some, these couple weeks in Vegas might have been a bit of a coming-out party. Here's five that might have been overlooked during games in Las Vegas:

TARI EASON, HOUSTON
Not a total surprise, given

that he was the No. 17 pick last month. But Eason was clearly one of the top performers in Las Vegas, averaging 16.7 points and 11.7 rebounds entering Thursday. He shot the 3-point well, defended very well at times and showed that he'll be ready to help the Rockets right away.

TACKO FALL, UTAH

The 7-foot-5 Fall has always been a project. He still is. But a 12-point, 15-rebound, three-block game in 17 minutes was a loud-and-clear reminder of the potential that the former UCF center has. He turns 27 later this year and has appeared in 37 games over parts of three seasons with Boston and Cleveland. It might be make-or-buy time for Fall, but considering Utah — which had him for summer league — needs some bigs after trading Rudy Gobert to Minnesota, there might be another chance awaiting

him. Plus, Utah boss Danny Ainge had Fall in Boston, so he knows firsthand how much Fall has improved.

QUENTIN GRIMES, NEW YORK

He averaged six points per game last year for the Knicks and certainly had some good moments, but summer league could be a serious springboard for the shooting guard going into his second NBA season. Grimes was getting 3-pointers airborne by the truckload in Las Vegas, but wasn't exactly forcing many of them. He played with the savvy of a guy who has already been in the NBA.

MOSES MOODY, GOLDEN STATE

He played in 65 games — 52 regular season, 13 playoff — for the Warriors on their way to the NBA championship this past season. He might have taken another step forward in Las Vegas. He didn't shoot it great at times, but there were also times where he just couldn't be guarded. James Wiseman's return after 15 months was maybe the biggest development for Golden State out of summer league, but Moody might have also shown that he's ready for

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SANDRO MAMUKELASHVILI, MILWAUKEE

He's on a two-way with the Bucks, which looks like an absolute steal. In his first three games of summer league, he averaged 21 points, shot 9-for-16 from 3-point range, put the ball on the floor better than most 6-foot-9 guys in Las Vegas could, and moved very well. The native of the Republic of Georgia, who played his college ball at Seton Hall, keeps getting better.

ing once; Spears went 2-for-5 and scored a run; and Smith was 2-for-3 and knocked in a run.

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W = Kaiden Middleton, L = C. Knies, 20 = E. Isenburg (JEFF).



Photo by Brock Kennedy

Providence's **Cody Jackson** throws a pitch during a game at Floyd Central this past season. The right-hander struck out 38 batters in 34 innings pitched in 2022.

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Jackson wrote on Twitter on Wednesday:

This past season Jackson batted .275 with a team-best three home runs and 18 RBIs while scoring 20 times and posting a .390 on-base percentage.

On the mound, the right-hander posted a 4.03 earned-run average and struck out 38 over 34 innings pitched.

CAI'S WAGNER STEPS DOWN

Long-time Christian Academy running coach Steve Wagner has stepped down after a decade.

"I just wanted to take a moment and let everyone know that after much prayer and discernment, I have made

the difficult decision to step away from coaching," Wagner, who had been the head coach of the track & field teams, wrote in a note posted on the Twitter page for CAI's cross country and track & field teams. "Coaching at CAI the last 10 years has been such a tremendous blessing and I have enjoyed every minute of it. What has been the biggest blessing are the people and families I've worked with and have gotten to know over the years.

"I am extremely proud of what the program has accomplished and every single one of the young men and women that have passed through it.

"Thank you for this opportunity to play a small part in each of your lives over these last 10 years. I will still be in the area, and I am sure I will pop my head up at a meet or two during the season."

JEFF/GRC

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Kaiden Middleton led the way for Jeff.
At the plate, he went 4-for-4 — to top the team's 15-hit attack — and scored a run. On the mound, Middleton

allowed one hit while walking four and fanning three over 3 1/3 innings to pick up the victory. Norris then came in to record the final two outs to seal the game.

Caidan Haskins also provided key middle relief, allowing three hits while walking one

over four frames.

"Great pitching from Caidan Haskins as well," Isenburg said.

Norris, Isenburg, Austin Spears and Sammy Smith added two hits apiece. Norris went 2-for-4 with two RBIs; Isenburg was 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI while scor-



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Floyd's Knobs Minor League All-Star Ollie Casteel stretches for a ball at first base during practice Wednesday night at Floyd's Knobs Community Club.

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and try our best," Jansen said. FKCC was in good shape in last year's state tournament until ace pitcher Macy Lowe suffered a fractured hand.

"This year's ace in the circle is 9-year-old Briley Mercer." "She didn't allow a run all through the district (tournament) — I don't think a runner got past second base on her," Floyd's Knobs manager Svend Jansen said. "She's just a very, very consistent pitcher — in terms of she hits her spots, knows when to change speeds and can really keep a team off-balance."

In addition to Bennington and Jansen, Lily Oster and Sam Prifogle are the other returnees from last year's squad.

"I'm super-excited and I think we're going to do really well here," Prifogle said.

Zionsville and reigning state champion Chet Waggoner, which FKCC beat in an earlier state-tourney game last year, are both on the opposite side of the bracket from the title-seeking hosts.

"It's going to take hard work and determination (to win)," Oster said.

"We have to make sure we're hitting the ball and making the plays behind the pitcher when we're in the field," Prifogle added.

The roster also includes Stella Bibbehauser, Audrey Brutscher, Ollie Casteel, Bristol Cramer, Brooklyn Lewis, Cameron Massey, Finley Poling, Livy Stackhouse and Naomi Wathen.

"They get along well off the field and they get together great on the field," Svend Jansen said. "It's a team that's not one kid, there's 14 of 'em and I think they pride themselves in that."



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