BASKETBALL - BOYS

Oakland County's top 50 boys basketball players WITH PHOTO GALLERY

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Top 50 boys basketball players in Oakland County

1. Jeron Rogers (6-7), North Farmington Sr. G/F – Signed recently with Cleveland State, Rogers should be on the short list of all-state candidates by season's end. Has become more of a perimeter player the past two years with his improved jump shot and ability to slash to the basket, but if need be he can still grind out points and rebounds down low.

2. Rodney Scales (6-7), Oak Park Sr. F – After initially moving to Wisconsin over the offseason, Scales is back at Oak Park and ready to dominate the paint for his senior season once he is eligible in January.

3. Kelvon Fuller (6-7), Oak Park Jr. F – He and Scales are virtual clones of one another in that they are lithe, athletic frontcourt players who can get up and down the court in transition and block shots on defense.

4. Frederick John (6-4), Southfield-Lathrup Sr. F/C – There have been a lot of great players to come through Lathrup, and John is another one. Averaged 18 points and 13 rebounds a game last year and will be a major problem for opponents.

5. Jake Daniels (6-2), Holly Sr. G – Transferred from Grand Blanc before last season and became maybe the hardest player to guard in the Flint Metro, averaging 22 points a game. Signed with Saginaw Valley, Daniels is tough as nails and scores in a variety of ways.

6. Kevin Hayes (6-6, 190), Birmingham Brother Rice Sr. C/F – Coming off a breakout season where he averaged 17 points and eight rebounds a game, Hayes might end up as the county's top interior player by season's end.

7. John Van Hoef (6-5, 215), Troy Athens Sr. F/C – Entering his fourth year on varsity, Van Hoef should be one of the area's top producers in the paint. A good finisher and tenacious rebounder, Van Hoef is capable of getting a double-double every game.

8. DeShawn Lewis (6-4), Birmingham Detroit Country Day Sr. G/F – With Edmond Sumner graduated, Lewis will take over as the go-to guy for Country Day. Averaged 11 points and seven rebounds a game last year.

9. Isaiah Greene (6-6), Southfield Sr. F – A lithe, athletic frontcourt player, Greene is hard to keep away from the basket on both ends. Coming off a season where he averaged 12 points and 12 rebounds a game.

10. Naz Wallace (6-7), Birmingham Detroit Country Day Sr. F/C – The son of former Pistons player Rasheed, the versatile Wallace should thrive in an expanded role this season.

11. Gary Perry (6-8), Madison Heights Bishop Foley Sr. C – Still needs plenty of polish, but the potential certainly is there for the long, athletic Perry. A big senior season could be in store, which would should impress college scouts.

12. Andrew Myers (6-2), Clarkston Sr. G – A three-year varsity player who has signed with Madonna University, Myers handles the ball well and has good court vision. Will team with freshman Foster Loyer to provide a nice backcourt for Dan Fife.

13. Jonathan Radner (5-10, 175), Berkley Sr. G – Dynamic scorer who might be the best player in the OAA Gold. Coming off a junior season where he averaged close to 26 points a game.

14. Marlow Brown (6-5), Southfield Christian Jr. G/F – With Bakari Evelyn playing his senior season in Arizona, Brown will likely now be the go-to player for the Eagles, who are now in Class C.

15. Jerald Booker (6-1,), Walled Lake Western Sr. PG – The floor general for the Warriors, Booker can slash and finish at the rim as good as anyone in the county.

16. Connor Elzerman (6-4), Oxford Sr. F/G – Really emerged in the second half of last season and became one of the county's premier scorers. Can shoot from the perimeter and slash inside for points as well.

17. Trishton Jackson (6-3), West Bloomfield Sr. PG – Coming off a good season as the quarterback of the football team, Jackson will be the straw that stirs the drink for the Lakers. He was an all-league player

18. Spencer Littleson (6-4), Rochester Adams Jr. G – Started every game as a sophomore last year and grew even more as a player over the offseason. Can score from anywhere on the court and also handle the ball and defend.

19. Walter Kelser (5-11), Walled Lake Central Jr. G – Dynamic player who should lead the Vikings in a variety of statistical categories. He can attack the rim, defend, shoot and get teammates involved in the offense.

20. Nick Robak (6-3, 180), Waterford Our Lady of the Lake Sr. G – The leader of the Lakers who should be poised for a big senior season. Coming off a junior year where he averaged just short of 20 points a game and also seven rebounds a game.

21. Zach Allread (6-5), West Bloomfield Sr. C/F – In the midst of all the athleticism the Lakers have, Allread provides much needed grit and toughness in the paint. Signed with Northwood, Allread averaged 12 points and eight rebounds a game last year.

22. Foster Loyer, Clarkston Fr. G – There have been a lot of people in the Clarkston community who have waited for the high school arrival of Loyer, who might be Clarkston's best freshman since Dane Fife in the mid-1990's.

23. Tabin Throgmorton (6-4), Clarkston Jr. G/F – Long-armed player who could be the best pure shooter in the county.

24. Eric Gilgenbach (6-2), Stoney Creek Sr. G/F – His athletic future is in baseball since he has signed to play that sport at Notre Dame, but Gilgenbach is a nice basketball player as well. A four-year varsity player, he averaged 11 points a game and took 31 charges last season.

25. Tim Shayoka (6-1, 175), Troy Athens Sr. G – A three-year varsity player who can get hot at any time for the Red Hawks. Was an all-league player in the OAA White last season.

26. Kyle Woodruff (6-2), Holly Jr. G – Got off to a slow start last season but steadily got out of a slump and still finished the season averaging 16 points a game. A sweet shooter who should get lots of attempts with teams keying on Daniels.

27. Zach Lebeda (6-6, 185), Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood Sr. G – Was named honorable mention all-state last season after averaging 15.8 points, 4.2 assists and 4.0 rebounds a game. He will play in college at Hope.

28. John Rexroth (6-10), Farmington Hills Harrison Sr. C – Capable of a double-double every night just based on his height alone. Coming off a year where he averaged 12.5 points, 12 rebounds and 3.5 blocks per game.

29. Justin Banks (6-4), Farmington Sr. C – The top returner for a Farmington team that should contend in the OAA Gold, Banks averaged 10 points and 10 rebounds a game last season.

30. Jason Boswell (5-10), Orchard Lake St. Mary's Sr. G – A good shooter from the outside who also should collect plenty of steals with the way he can harass opponents.

20 others to watch (in alphabetical order)

Delxino Alexander (6-4, 180), Oxford Sr. F/G; Chris Barton (6-1, 180), Auburn Hills Avondale Sr. G/F; Cameron Dalton (6-0), Bloomfield Hills Sr. G; Brandon Hall, Southfield-Lathrup Sr. PG; Tim Hauxwell (6-7, 235), Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood Fr. C; Austin Hearns, Novi Franklin Road Christian Jr. G; Jake Hecker (6-5), Bloomfield Hills Jr. C; Jacob Joubert (6-2), North Farmington Jr. G; **Jake Menzel (6-5), Lakeland Sr**. C; Jonah Newblatt (6-5), Clarkston Sr. C; Naji Ozeir (6-7), Novi Jr. C; Tim Niehaus, Royal Oak Shrine Sr. PG; Anthony Qasawa (6-4), North Farmington Sr. G/F ; Jonathan Raines (6-7), Oak Park Soph. F/C; David Rinke (6-7), Rochester Adams Jr. F; Javarian Smith, Auburn Hills Oakland Christian Sr. G/F; Brock Washington, Southfield Christian Soph. G; Juan Webb (5-10, 180), Waterford Mott Sr. G; Max Whipple (6-2), Birmingham Roeper Sr. G; Joey Ziniti (6-2), Rochester Adams Jr. C

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