

B/C All-Stars 1978 Basketball Camps

June 11-17

B/C's June session featured 215 elite players representing 33 states and D.C. Height was abundant: 60 campers stood 6-foot-6 or taller, tree-topped by the incredible 7-2½ Ralph Sampson of Harrisonburg, Va.

A pair of rising superstars from Wichita, Kan., swept B/C's two most coveted awards. Antoine Carr, the dynamic 6-8 power forward from Wichita Heights, dominated everyone he faced enroute to the week's Outstanding Player in Camp honor. Then his cross-town rival, 6-4½ swingman Ricky Ross of Wichita South, captured the Top 20 All-Star Game MVP by exploding for 22 points.

Other honors went to 6-10 Tim Andree of Birmingham Brother Rice, Mich., as the week's Mr. Hustler; to 6-1 Jimmy Gray of Louisville Durrett, Ky., who destroyed all the giants to rule the slam-dunk competition; to 6-4½ junior James Bank of Atlanta Smith, Ga., as Most Promising Underclassman; and to 6-4 Clyde Corley of Pontiac Central, Mich., and 6-7 Kevin Darmody of Springfield Bishop O'Connell, Va., who were selected MVP's of the Second and Third 20 All-Star Games.

Big men excelled in intense head-to-head competition:
 ✓ Sampson, alias "The Stick," who launched his feathery 15-footers at will and outtraced the guards down the floor.

✓ 6-10 Steve Stipanovic of St. Louis DeSmet, Mo., a legit program-turner with exceptional hands, speed and shot.

✓ Andree, whose unmatched intensity — and ability — set a standard for all.

✓ 6-9½ Darrell Lockhart of Thomaston Robert E. Lee, Ga., a virtual no-name nationally who emerged as one of America's finest.

✓ Carr, the mini-Elvin Hayes who never slowed down all week with his exciting scoring and rebounding surges.

✓ 6-7½ Terry Fair of Macon Southwest, Ga., a deluxe leaper and banger who could lead his team to the nation's No. 1 ranking.

✓ 6-7 Derrick Hord of Bristol Tennessee High, Tenn., a first-class kid and player who unleashed bursts of brilliance.

✓ 6-6 Charles Hurt of Shelbyville Shelby County, Ky., a defensive stopper who delivers punishment like an All-Pro linebacker.

And don't forget the guards — fellas like offensive demon Ross . . . pure-shooting Quintin Dailey of Baltimore Cardinal Gibbons, Md. . . high-riser Gray . . . and that matching pair of brainy pointmen, Jimmy Braddock of Chattanooga Baylor School, Tenn., and John Paxson of Kettering Alter, Ohio.

For a sleeper, look no further than three-sport super athlete Tony Hunter of Cincinnati Moeller, Ohio, an All-American football wide receiver who can do it all on the court as well.

Approximately 210 college coaches were in attendance. Indeed, several of the nation's Top 20 programs had their entire staffs on hand. And one Top 5-in-the-country school felt there were 80 players who possibly could contribute at their level!



All-American Ricky Ross unleashes one of his dazzling moves.

August 6-12

B/C's August session involved 270 impressive players from 40 states, including Alaska and Hawaii. Again there was amazing height: 80 campers 6-foot-6 or taller as 6-11 Greg Kite of Houston Madison, Tex., prevailed.

Ricky Ross, the 6-4½ Mr. Flashy from Wichita South, Kan., surpassed even his June showing by winning the week's Outstanding Player in Camp award. In the Top 20 All-Star Game, it was a dogfight before classy 6-11 pointman Raymond McCoy of Chicago Heights Bloom Township, Ill., ruled as MVP over high-scoring (18 points) teammate Dominique Wilkins, a 6-7 acrobat from Washington, N.C.

Other honors went to 6-4½ Michael Davis of Fayette County, Ala., as the week's Mr. Hustler; to 6-5½ Paul Thompson of Alexandria Peabody, La., who shook off assorted injuries to capture the slam-dunk contest; to 6-6 junior Leonard Mitchell of St. Martinsville, La., as Most Promising Underclassman; and to 6-3 James Thomas of Fort Lauderdale Nova, Fla., and 6-1 Timmy Banks of Queens Long Island City, N.Y., who were deemed MVP's of the Second and Third 20 All-Star Games.

Whereas June was a battle of giants, August emerged as a showcase in depth. And these were the best of the best:

✓ Ross, an unstoppable scorer who balanced his game with enthusiasm, defensive desire and sustained leadership.

✓ Wilkins, who figures in anybody's Top 10 nationally off his catfish quickness, leaping ability and fluid movement.

✓ McCoy, sidelined by illness much of the week, but an All-Star Game delight with his penetration and passing perfection.

✓ Kite, a monstrous 250-pounder who will take it to anybody with his bullish inside power game.

✓ 6-9½ Darrell Lockhart of Thomaston Robert E. Lee, Ga., a B/C repeater who kept developing his unlimited potential.

✓ 6-7½ Terry Fair of Macon Southwest, Ga., another second-timer who matched up with all despite being physically drained.

✓ 6-6 Derek Perry of River Rouge, Mich., your superb all-around forward with the bubbly on-and-off-court personality.

✓ 6-8 Cliff Levingston of San Diego Morse, Calif., who travelled 3,000 miles to unleash his big-time offensive wares.

✓ 6-4 Nate Sims of Brooklyn Alexander Hamilton, N.Y., an aroused defender who contained Ross in the All-Star Game.

Then there were the rapid-risers — sleepers like 6-6½ Zebedee Howell of Ocala Vanguard, Fla., with his 14-point All-Star explosion . . . 6-1 Grant Robinson of Newport News Ferguson, Va., an unheralded pointman supreme . . . and 6-4 Richie Gordon of Brooklyn Boys, N.Y., a penetrating magician until he dislocated a finger.

More than 230 college coaches sat in on the proceedings, including such personalities as Dean Smith of North Carolina, Lefty Driesell of Maryland and Joe B. Hall of national champion Kentucky.



JUNE WEEK TOP 20 (top row from left): Tony Hunter, Paul Thompson, Charles Hurt, Darrell Lockhart, Steve Stipanovic, Ralph Sampson, Tim Andree, Antoine Carr, Terry Fair, Derrick Floyd; **(bottom row from left):** Derrick Hord, Paul Williams, John Paxson, Jimmy Braddock, Quintin Dailey, Michael Hunt, Ricky Ross, James Banks, Jimmy Gray, Michael Poole.



AUGUST WEEK TOP 20 (top row from left): Terry Fair, Zebedee Howell, Derek Perry, Michael Lang, Cliff Levingston, Thurl Bailey, Dominique Wilkins, Greg Kite, Darrell Lockhart, Jeff Malone, Paul Thompson; **(bottom row from left):** Raymond McCoy, Nate Sims, Kenny Vaughns, Michael Hunt, Russel Todd, Leonard Mitchell, Mark Toshaw, Grant Robinson, Ricky Ross.