

RETURNERS

DJ Hamilton LM – MM Sophomore Shooting / Point Guard 6'1" 175lbs Avondale, AZ
 13 points 3 assists 2 steals 56% 3pt 3 made 3's per game
 "DJ is a lightning quick scorer who handles the ball well enough to play both guard spots. He uses his quickness and ball handling ability to get his shot off anytime he wants against bigger defenders. Knows how to run a team as a point guard but his scoring prowess will always come to the front. Intelligent decision maker who will not force shots. Plays much stronger and finishes better than his height and weight would lead you to believe."

Theo Hatcher MM – LM Sophomore Small Fwd / Shooting Grd 6'7" 205lbs Ft. Lauderdale, FL
 12 points 6 rebounds 1.5 blocks 45% 3pt
 "Theo has the ability to play three positions on the floor very well. He is a long athlete who can shoot over the top of defenders. Very intelligent player who understands positioning and where to be at all times. Smooth with ball and can get by defender from perimeter without wasted movement and energy. Capable of huge scoring numbers, as shown when he went 8 for 8 from 3pt line in the first half of a game last season."

Travis Payton MM – LM Sophomore Point Guard 6'0" 200lbs Avondale, AZ
 10 points 11.3 assists 5.2 rebounds 2.5 steals 5 to1 ast/to
 "Travis is an elite level, pure point guard. He is a player who excels at getting his teammates the ball in the right position at the right time. He is a capable scorer but prefers to run the team by distributing. Excellent on ball defender who is a catalyst for the team defense. Travis is a leader in every way and makes his teammates better. He is the fastest PG I have seen with the ball in his hands. Rebounds very well and can often times be his own outlet."

Kris White D2 – NAIA Sophomore Power Forward 6'5" 235lbs Birmingham, AL
 "Kris transferred to us at semester last year and spent the spring working out with the team. He is an incredible athlete and physical specimen who plays much bigger than his height. He has a wing span near 7' and huge hands. He loves contact and rebounding. Once had a 20pt, 24reb game in high school playoffs. Spent one year at Jacksonville State as a redshirt and played half season at Talladega College. Incredible work ethic and attitude."

NEWCOMERS

Aaron Anderson MM – LM Freshman Power / Small Forward 6'7" 210lbs Marana, AZ
Qualifier 16 points 13 rebounds 4 blocks 3 assists Mt. View HS
 "Aaron is an exceptional athlete who has a knack for rebounding in his area and out. He has consistent range to 18' but can step out to 3pt as a threat. As his ball handling catches up to his athleticism and scoring ability he will be a great small forward. Tough defender who blocks a lot of shots from both help side and on his man."

CJ Crockom D2 – LM Freshman Small Fwd / Shooting Grd 6'5" 200lbs Surprise, AZ
Qualifier 21 points 6 rebounds 2 assists Willow Canyon HS
 "CJ has the ability to score at will. He is best with the ball in his hands and finding ways to finish plays. Always finds himself around the ball and in position to score. He is a good athlete who is learning to play without the ball. Prefers putting the ball on the floor and is developing a catch and shoot game which will complete his transition to SG."

Jon Hawkins LM – D2 Freshman Point / Shooting Guard 6'2" 185lbs Glendale, AZ
Qualifier 16 points 7 assists 7 rebounds 90% FT Greenway HS
 "Jon was the best player and unquestioned leader of an undefeated state championship team. He is a natural floor general who is more concerned with getting his teammates involved than his own stats. He is a very good shooter from the perimeter and as his ability to shoot off the catch improves so will his 3pt%."

Matt Jones D2 – LM Freshman Point / Shooting Guard 6'1" 160lbs Queen Creek, AZ
Qualifier 7 points 3 assists 3 rebounds 2 steals Basha HS
 "Matt is a very solid ball handler who can get to the rim at will. Has a great mid range game and is athletic enough to rise up in traffic and finish. Still developing point guard skills which will allow him to have ball in his hands more. Leads with actions but is working on becoming a more vocal leader as well."

Zach Jones	LM – MM	Freshman	Power Forward / Center	6'9"	220lbs	Phoenix, AZ
<u>Qualifier</u>	17 points	7 rebounds	2 blocks			Arcadia HS

"Zach is a very intelligent post player who knows how to use angles around the basket. He can play as a face up 4 or a back to basket 5. Has unlimited moves in post and finds a way to score even against bigger or stronger opponents. As his strength improves he will become a more effective rebounder and be able to rely less on finesse plays."

Rob McQueen	D2 – LM	Freshman	Shooting Grd / Small Fwd	6'5"	170lbs	Avondale, AZ
<u>Qualifier</u>	17 points	9 rebounds	5 assists	2.5 steals		Agua Fria HS

"Rob is an incredible athlete who is still learning the game of basketball. Solid 3pt shooter but must get shot off quicker and learn to get himself open using screens. Can finish high above the rim over defenders and rebounds extremely well from his position. Needs to add strength and improve his ball handling skills."

Matt Nash	D2 – NAIA	Freshman	Power Forward / Center	6'8"	225lbs	Nogales, AZ
<u>Qualifier</u>	10 points	10 rebounds	4 blocks	3 assists		Nogales HS

"Matt is a late bloomer who is still learning to play with the bigger body. Has a great work ethic and is eager to learn. Has worked very hard on developing his body. Great touch to 15' and uses both hands very well around the rim. Needs more time around the game to get the experience he is missing."

Brandon Rhodes	MM – LM	Freshman	Power Forward / Center	6'10"	270lbs	Boise, ID
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"Brandon has been out of high school a few years playing football. He was an All-American in high school and was ranked as a top 150 recruit. A good athlete who will only improve as he gets back to playing basketball consistently. Tremendous strength and footwork with ability to face up and knock down shots to 3pt line."

Desmaan Robinson	MM – LM	Sophomore	Power Forward / Center	6'10"	275lbs	San Diego, CA
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"Desmaan is an absolute monster in the paint and on the boards. Has a wide body and knows how to use it on both ends of the floor. He can shoot out to 18' and can put the ball on the floor from that distance. He has a passion for rebounding and physical play. His play will improve as conditioning goes up and his finesse meets his strength."

Mirza Sabic	MM – LM	Freshman	Shooting Grd / Small Fwd	6'5"	215lbs	Surprise, AZ
<u>Qualifier</u>	28 points	7 rebounds	3 assists	50% 3pt		Deer Valley HS

"Mirza is a pure scorer in every sense of the word. He can score in a variety of ways using his NBA range shooting ability or his strength to post up smaller defenders. He can put the ball on the floor from the perimeter and finish above the rim or knock down a 3 over the top of the defense. Has shown ability to score at will and in bunches."

Andrew Whitehead	D2 – NAIA	Freshman	Power / Small Forward	6'7"	210lbs	Glendale, AZ
<u>Qualifier</u>	9 points	7 rebounds	2 assists			Greenway HS

"Andrew is as intelligent a player as you will find in the game. Always seems to be in the right place at all times. Teammates with Jon Hawkins in high school winning a state title as seniors. He is a very good 3pt shooter but can play with back to basket using an array of moves to score. As his ball handling improves he will become solid SF."

If you have questions on any of these players please contact me on my cell at 517-819-1174 or email me at justin.kinne@centralaz.edu