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The MLK Showcase returned again on Monday featuring another great lineup of games and cast of players. This time there was an even greater collection of college coaches looking on. In one of the featured games of the day, it was Pacific-bound senior Unique Coleman who came up with a big performance leading her team to a victory over Oregon power South Medford.

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Unique Coleman, 2013, St. Mary's Stockton: Coleman did a lot of the little things that go unnoticed. The instances in which she made the right pass or hustled down the floor to defend fast breaks. She took high percentage shots and good looks within the offense. When she wanted the ball and had to work to get it she converted offensive rebounds. When she drove and someone had a better shot than she had she delivered the ball to them for a clean look. Her points came from effort either from the aforementioned work on the boards or slicing penetration of the paint at the opposite side of the basket. An unselfish teammate who proved to be reliable for the Rams, her future head coach Lynne Roberts is getting a good one. One coach in the stands mentioned they had never seen this Coleman before and came away impressed with her performance against South Medford.



University of Pacific will be pleased with the signing of Unique Coleman

Onome Jemerigbe, 2013, St Mary's Stockton: Strong penetration is only really effective when it is used with some balance and followed by positive production. Jemerigbe got going as a distributor early and was key to some buckets. Utilizing her quickness she got by one and two defenders to reverse the ball to the perimeter or drop to a teammate in close range. Her drives into the defense were also successful in drawing multiple fouls against South Medford.

Oderah Chidom, 2013, Bishop O'Dowd: If you remember Chidom as a frosh you can marvel at her development and the long way she has come to the versatile forward she is today. She's very active and comfortable being in multiple spots on the floor. Defensively, she defended along the perimeter and post areas making it difficult for the opposing player with her length and ability to cover space. At the other end she functioned very well against the defense being constantly on the move. She scored with short baseline drives from both sides, chip shots from close range, and offensive rebounds finished with soft put backs. In handling the ball short corner and high post she showed a soft touch using a floater from the dribble. She is without question the #1 ranked player in her class.

Kendall Waters, 2013, Bishop O'Dowd: While Chidom supplies the versatility and finesse the Cal bound Waters brings the power and aggressive approach. Her physical play cleared her space for her turnaround jumper and drop step from the block. She was more effective when the ball was going inside out.

Ana Burch, 2013, Christian Brothers: The Stanislaus St bound lead guard used her strong body with the dribble to be lively on penetration getting into the paint. For a guard that lacks in height she definitely isn't lacking in fight. Burch isn't shy about contact or mixing it up on the offensive glass. There were a couple occasions she collected offensive rebounds and converted the follow or even put herself on the line. She is a nice get for the Warriors and will be able to contribute with her physical tools and toughness.

Kira McKenchie, 2015, Christian Brothers: The softball standout has had some impressive performances on the hardwood this season. She's tall, long, and good on her feet. She displayed a soft shooting touch around the rim and a decent shot from the line. McKenchie moved and relocated doing a good job of finding the ball and always keeping it high once rebounded. She can get out and run the open floor in the fast break and displayed the ability to catch on the run for the finish. She finished with a double-double.

Ashlyn Crenshaw, 2013, Lincoln of Stockton: The Sacramento St bound senior is known for being a good athlete and one who thrives on looking for production in the open floor. Crenshaw was able to find success early establishing herself with the dribble identifying gaps in the defense to split through advancing the ball. Always looking to move forward, and quickly, she put pressure on the defense to try and stay in front of her. The 5-foot-8 guard lacks an outside shot, but can be effective moving without the basketball receiving it on the move to the basket. She finished with a game high 21.

Chaya Durr, 2014, Sacramento: The ultra-energetic wing found success in the Dragons press and in defensive pressure situations where she was able to turn it into offense. She forced foul calls with an explosive bounce and willingness to compete for the ball. She also operated in the high post flashing for the ball where she was a threat every time to take it in deep. Currently, she's all penetration and passes up opportunities to pull take a shot with the defense off her. She sees production from her shot when she

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doesn't seem to cock it with a pause before releasing.

**Kelli Hayes**, 2014, Mitty: Hayes came out clicking in the first half and her efforts led her team into the half. She had 15 points at half on an assortment of jumpers, drives into the lane from both the left and right sides, and putting herself in open spaces to receive the ball back from teammates for clear looks. In the third quarter she went through a slight cold spell. Then when her team needed her she was there in the fourth to help close out the game with a big finish of 12 points. Offensively, she revealed a great feel and instinct to be in the right spots and initiate plays at opportune times. Hayes was good in pressure too. She never took a play off. She hustled from the help position for possible tips or contributes in trapping situations. When the dynamic wing gets a three point shot down she is going to be really tough to challenge. Oklahoma head coach Sherri Coale flew in just to see Hayes play.

**Dalayna Sampton**, 2014, Florin: Sampton was solid from the right block using the glass with 2 dribble drive or from the established position. She provided an inside scoring punch going right at the heart of the St. Francis defense. She even mixed in a nice left handed move from the left baseline. She has a tendency to force a bad shot or rush it without setting herself or getting a look at the basket. It had been awhile since we had seen her and she looked pretty good in compiling 26 points.

**Najah Queenland**, 2014, St. Francis: Queenland drew a lot of the defensive focus and contact from the Florin defenders. She created plays for her teammates from a variety of spots doing a little of everything. The 5-foot-10 wing flashed inside the zone defense, slashed from the side, and distributed from the point of attack. She earned everything she got in the final game of the event. Sometimes it even meant doing some of the dirty work and being more persistent than the defense. One of her few perimeter attempts she connected nicely from the corner. Queenland showed a nice balance of power and precision scoring and finding her teammates. She finished with a team high 21 points.

#### **From the Stands**

There were a lot of coaches in the stands throughout the schedule on Monday. Assistants from Weber St., UNLV, Hawaii, UC Davis, Pacific, New Mexico St., Santa Clara, SJSU, USC, USF, Nevada, Seattle, Fresno St., and San Diego.

Head coaches were present from Utah, Stanislaus St., Pacific, UCLA, and Oklahoma.

#### **Injury Report**

It was finally confirmed that "Super Soph" Ma'Ane Mosely of St. Mary's Berkeley did sustain a knee injury and will have surgery soon. She will miss the remainder of the high school season and most likely this upcoming club season.

One of the Mitty Monarchs and veterans D'Andree Galipeau most recently broke her foot and will be out for awhile.

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