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## Spring Invtl: Ballaz ousted

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CA Ballaz I carried the Northern California flag into Sunday's action and after leading much of the second half, lost to eventual champion DFW T-Jack Elite 49-46. With the Spring Invitational completed, we take a final look at some of the top NorCal players.

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**Erika Bean** 5-foot-7 G Bradshaw Christian/Cal Sparks NorCal Black (2015): Bean handled point guard duties for Cal Sparks NorCal with some success. She plays at a good pace and displayed vision to set up the offense. While she has good feel coming off a screen, Bean needs to improve handling pressure and consistency as a shooter. She is ranked No. 11 in the 2015 class.

**Jordyn Bell** 6-foot-0 PF Bradshaw Christian/Cal Sparks NorCal Black (2015): Bell, No. 16 in the NCP Top 40, has a good frame and held her own on the perimeter in a loss to Team Taurasi. She had a good rim run beating the defense down the floor and making a nice catch. She utilizes a power post game, but lacks a go-to move.

**Ra'Kyra Gabriel** 6-foot-1 Post Brookside Christian/Cal Sparks NorCal Black (2015): It was a little bit of everything for Gabriel, who is graded as a 3-star prospect and No. 10 in the class. She runs the floor well, can carve out early position and is agile enough to put moves together. However, her rebounding and finishing ability need to improve as cornerstones of her game.

**Akilah Jennings** 5-foot-11 W Presentation/EBX Black (2015): Jennings has good physical tools with her length and ability to line up at multiple spots. She moves well and was called on to be a primary ball handler this weekend, but her ball handling needs improvement in traffic.

**Kian McNair** 5-foot-4 PG Salesian/CA Ballaz I (2015): The 2-star point guard had a good showing as the Ballaz reached the final four of the top bracket at the Spring Invitational. She is a good defender and a fearless driver going up against size. McNair is one of many guards the Ballaz can go to in creating turnovers for easy offense.

**Bri Moore** 5-foot-6 G Weston Ranch/Team Taurasi (2015): Moore was one of the top players for the runner-up finishers. She is dangerous attacking off dribble and has a very good first step. Moore possesses good change of direction skills and pushed the ball for easy assists at time. She knocked down a three pointer from the top of the floor (her favorite shooting area) as part of a closing effort against Cal Sparks NorCal.

**Ma'Ane Mosley** 5-foot-10 F St. Mary's Berkeley/CA Ballaz I (2015): Mosley is possibly the most intriguing prospect in the 2015 class with high level athleticism and a good motor to match. Offensively, she is the most effective getting the ball around the foul line and attacking with her dribble for a finish at the rim or pulling up for a short jumper. Mosley doesn't have a true position, but should have schools coming in this summer.

**Lisa Bertholdt** 6-foot-0 Post Alameda/Cal Stars Nike Flight (2016): The younger sister of former Top 40 prospect Marie Bertholdt (Santa Clara), Lisa is a prospect in her own right. She is physical and can score multiple ways. She plays a little stiff at times, but the 2016 3-star had a good weekend and is one to track.

**Ayesa Kearns** 6-foot-2 Post St. Joseph/EBX Black (2016): Possessing good fundamentals, Kearns can put herself in good position to receive the ball and finish near the rim. She goes after rebounds well, but playing tougher and getting stronger are improvement areas for Kearns. She is a 3-star prospect in the 2016 class.

**Myah Pace** 5-foot-11 W Bishop O'Dowd/Team Taurasi (2017): The talented freshman is a good complimentary piece at the elite level with a very bright future ahead of her. She is a good athlete with a strong early skill set. She played facilitator at points on Sunday and was constantly around loose balls because of her motor. Pace is in the upper tier of freshmen in Northern California.

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