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A handful of Northern California teams came to the desert in search of the challenge of different competition. Over the course of the first two days at the Nike Tournament of Champions in Phoenix, a multiple of teams had their fare share of struggles as well as highs and lows. Players, like their teams, had an opportunity to showcase their games on a different stage. Here's a run down from the first two days.

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## Day 1

**KC Waters, Bishop O'Dowd, 2014** - In her opening round game of the tournament Waters was plagued by foul trouble throughout the game. Despite the foul trouble that didn't stop her from displaying a physical presence at both ends. While in the game she did her best to control the paint and using her body in efforts to have a defensive impact. Waters touches weren't high in number, but she did a good job of getting touches by going after the ball on the glass. She found buckets in put backs and was tough to maintain.

**Ariell Bostick, Bishop O'Dowd, 2013** - The undersized scoring point guard was off to a slow start offensively, but finished with a flurry. When the Dragons needed points late Bostick was wheeling and dealing from the perimeter trying to keep the game close. With the infusion of youth to the guard spots for the Dragons Bostick has the luxury of sliding off of the ball to provide a scoring punch at times. The dribble penetration was nice at times getting her by and inside the defense. Ball control and limiting of her turnovers will continue to be something she needs to work on to help the offense.

**Courtney Range, St Mary's Stockton, 2013** - Leading up to the season and early on she has received much hype and press nationally. So there was no better time for her to assert herself and demonstrate her abilities on a greater stage and against a higher level of talent. She is the one player on her team's roster who can be a tough match up both inside and out. The first day came and left with one wanting to see more from the talented wing forward. She had some success from the perimeter, but camped out there too often looking to settle for the outside shot. Range is far more effective 15 feet and in. Within those parameters she had a nice baby hook around the basket and connected on a shot near the free throw line. If she so chooses she can be damaging facing up with a two dribble drive to the basket or the short to mid range shots and occasionally mixing in an outside shot. Defensively, when she applied pressure her length changed possessions on the perimeter and around the basket. Plenty of college coaches sat and took in her game interested in the potential of the Rams junior.

## Day 2

**Quincy Mann, Piedmont, 2014** - For a young and undersized Highlander squad Mann is the primarily ball handler and scoring threat. Early on she got her team going distributing the ball around to her open teammates and taking the lane for drives off penetration. Whether it was off the dribble or in the open floor finishing and attacking the basket she displayed comfort with either hand. The sophomore guard also had no trouble hitting her look from the short corner or mid range. She had many open looks from the outside yet struggled to hit with consistency as that shot still needs to be refined. Like will be the case in a lot of her games this season she finished the game with 16 points leading her team in scoring.

**Jasmine Jenkins, Dougherty Valley, 2013** - Jenkins took advantage of the size mismatch in the post against Vanden and made the most of her opportunities. She was stronger when she was delivered the ball up high and able to catch and finish. Jenkins ability to go and grab the lob presents a nice option in the high low for the Wildcats. Her mobility and reach drew her contact around the basket and chances to convert at the free throw line. At times she drifted away from contact or faded away from the basket causing for some of those shots to come up short. That reach on the defensive end helped her change and block some of those shots attempted at close range. If she can learn to control her body her ability to become a better shot blocker will be improved.

**Caroline Hughes, Dougherty Valley, 2012** - Hughes affected the game doing a lot of the little things well for her team in the win. The mobile forward filled the lanes, cut to the basket, and ran the open floor. With her size at the high post and extended short corner she was a nice passing option to hit teammates around the perimeter or drop the ball down low. The multifaceted forward has the skill to hit the open shot, but her scoring output came off of finishing and catching the ball on the move.

**Tahvia Morrison, Vanden, 2012** - Morrison was her team's best scoring option and looked the best with the ball in her hands to create scoring chances. Her perimeter shot looked more consistent as she hit for three shots from the outside. More aggressive in the offense she just didn't rely on the on the open look rather

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she tried to produce shots attacking the basket. The unsigned wing did a good job of being forceful and tough rebounding from her wing position.

[Jasmine Ware](#), Sacramento, 2012 - The style of play and the match up with Centennial of Las Vegas complimented her strength on the floor. Ware is at her best and can make more plays in a frenetic pace and up and down game with her excessively high level of energy. She was flying to the bucket when the open lanes presented themselves and attempting the shots the defense was giving her. It was hard not to take notice of her effort and energy covering the full floor. Her harassing pressure and presence at the defensive end forced turnovers and help create opportunities going the other way. In the loss she finished with double figures and many a hustle plays.

Zonyia Cormier, Sacramento, 2014 - Cormier is a transfer from Seattle, WA and will provide an immediate impact on the Dragons roster this year. Cormier is a 5-foot-8 guard with a nice feel for the game who can play both the lead and off guard spots. She handled it well enough to find her teammates in the open floor and get it to them in the half court. Shooting the ball she showed decent touch with either hand. She knocked down an outside shot, finished drives and was active without the ball. Cormier will be another name that gets thrown into the mix of already talented kids in the 2014 class of Northern California.

[Najah Queensland](#), St Francis Sacramento, 2014 - This is Queensland's first year with the Troubadours after spending her freshman season at Sacramento. There will be a bit of an adjustment period in the beginning for the 5-foot-10 guard getting used to the different system and style of play, but she will fit right in. The mere fact that she has a good motor and plays hard every play will help her fit right in with the rest of the personnel. She is also getting the chance to have the ball in her hands a lot more of the time; bringing it up the floor and with it out on the wing. Queensland had a nice strong left handed drive through the paint and later connected on a jumper at the free throw line. Where she will have to improve is gaining some consistency with range. Defensively her build allowed her to cover both the wing and post areas as well as being a factor on the glass.

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