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### Observations from the De Pere Legends Classic



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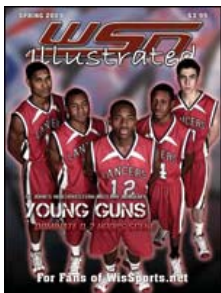
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posted by Jennie Adrian at 6/16/2009

Hosting the largest number of teams to date, the 2009 Legends Classic, in De Pere proved to be a great event for all who attended. Here are some observations from my weekend in De Pere.

The Championship games were all very exciting games to watch on Sunday. The 15U bracket matched up two Legend Teams. The Legends Blue Team was able to edge out the Legends Silver team with the help of **Kylie Moxley (Brillion)**. The 6'0 freshman showed her power in the post as well as her aggressiveness in the championship game as she scored 14 of her team's points. Her teammate **Malory Christenson (Appleton East)**, was also impressive throughout the weekend as her tenacity and aggressiveness on defense caused problems for all of the teams that the Legends faced. The Legends Silver team was led by **Karissa LeCaptain (Algoma)** and her 12 points. The 6'0 post player has a very nice shot and uses her strength and aggressiveness to create space and get herself in good positions to score. Her high school teammate **Lindsey Kirchman (Algoma)** also had a great weekend. The 5'4 point guard is very aggressive defensively and is able to get to the basket and finish. Her speed and toughness going to the hole made her stand out over and over.

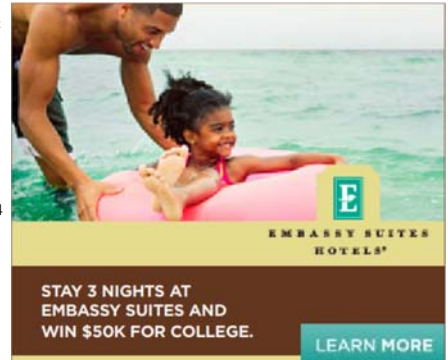
In the 17U bracket, the championship match up paired the Fox Valley Hustle and the Wisconsin Blizzard. The Hustle pulled out a victory by a final score of 45-42. After a slow start to the tourney with a loss in their first game, the Hustle really found their rhythm and were able to come together and find a way to win. The Hustle were led by **Katie Luethe (OshKosh West)** and Kristen Speerschneider (Luxemburg-Casco). The 5'10 Luethe scored 10 points in the championship game by giving herself great post up opportunities throughout the game while Speerschneider proved to be clutch from the three point line late in the game and handled the ball very well when the pressure was on. The Blizzard were led by **Christie Struck (Weyauwega-Fremont)**. Her game high 15 points kept the game close, but were not enough to push the Blizzard to the top. **Jenna Pitt (Amherst)** also added 10 in the game.

The High School division also proved to be very close as Roncalli lost to Denmark by a score of 35-37. **Moriah Mitchell** led Roncalli with 14 points but the standout, in my opinion in this game was Denmark sophomore **Courtney Ullmer**. The 6'0 Ullmer controlled the game as she was tough on the boards, could finish under pressure and ran the court extremely well. She was tough throughout the entire game both offensively and defensively.

Other players that stood out over the course of the weekend include...**Courtney Smith (Nicolet)**. Smith, a 5'1 point guard, is extremely quick and was very effective getting to the basket in all the games I watched. **Haylee Lucht (Oconto Falls)** scored a team high 14 points in the final game for the Fox Valley Hustle. **Avyanna Young (Milwaukee King)** is an athletic shot blocker who as she matures will be a force in the lane. **Cydney Weisflog (Oak Creek)** is hard nosed guard who has a very pure shot and **Taylor Gradinjan (Cudahy)** shot very well from the three point line as well.

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