



## **30<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY RETROSPECTIVE: SUPERSTARS AND SUPER MEMORIES FROM THE PAST**

Their successes on the basketball court make them recognizable on a first-name basis: Magic, Michael, Dominique. But for these players and their superstar counterparts, it hasn't always been this way. Many all-star basketball players received their first tastes of national television exposure and big-time competition as high school students in the McDonald's All American Games.

"Playing in the McDonald's All American High School Basketball Game ® gave me an opportunity to compete against the greatest players in the United States," said Michael Jordan, a 1981 McDonald's High School All American who held the record for most points scored (30) in the Game for 18 years. "I was just beginning to pursue basketball as a career and was questioning my skills. That game helped build my confidence."

In addition to building confidence, the Games also raise funds for Ronald McDonald House Charities® (RMHC®) and its network of local Chapters. In the past, Games have raised funds for local Ronald McDonald House®, Ronald McDonald Family Room™, Ronald McDonald Care Mobile™ programs as well as the RMHC National Scholarship Program and the RMHC Grants Program. More than \$5 million has been raised for RMHC since the Game was first played in 1978.

As we look forward to celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the McDonald's All American Boys Games and the sixth Girls Game on March 28, 2007 in Louisville, the following is a brief look back at highlights from the past 30 years of McDonald's All American High School Basketball Games, including funds raised for RMHC:

### **San Diego, CA, 2006**

The successes of this year's Games proved to be one big "slam dunk." From selling out arenas for both Jam Fest and the Games, raising \$371,000 for Ronald McDonald House Charities of San Diego and the addition of the first halftime performance by hip hop artist and award winning entertainer Nick Cannon, San Diego proved to be a year to remember.

The fifth annual Girls game kicked-off the action on March 29 at San Diego State's Cox Arena. Morgan Wooten Award winner and East-team superstar Tina Charles turned in a strong performance with 12 points and nine rebounds, but the night's star and John Wooden MVP of the Game was Jayne Appel with 12 points and a great all-around performance. The Girls game was a lot closer than the Boys, with the West team leading the game through its entirety, finishing with 80 points to the East team's 76.

The Boys game was headlined by local favorite and co-MVP of the Game, Chase Budinger who had four assists and 11 points. He shared the John Wooden Award with West-squad teammate Kevin Durant, who racked-up 25 points and five rebounds. The West team came back after being down by 20 points during the first half to win the game 112 points to the East team's 94 points. The East team was led by Gerald Henderson with 16 points and Thaddeus Young with 14 points.

### **South Bend, IN, 2005**

At first glance, the 2005 edition of the McDonald's All American ® Boys team seemed to lack the "star power" of the 2003 and 2004 squads as they invaded Notre Dame's Joyce Center in March 2005. That perception was soon put to rest as shortly after the Game top scorer Gerald Green (24 points) and six others would throw their hats in to the NBA ring. But the 2005 McDonald's All American Game ® wasn't outshined by these NBA rookies; it was Duke-bound Josh McRoberts who grabbed the MVP title with 17 points on 7-of-8 shooting with a game high of 12 rebounds. Another Blue Devil, Greg Paulus, had nine assists and 13 points, making 7-of-8 free throws in the final 2 minutes to help the East hang on for a 115-110 win after the West came back strong in the second half from a 22-point deficit. The West team was led by Mario Chalmers (Kansas), scoring 20 points, while also adding five assists and five steals.

Teamwork was the name of the game during McDonald's 2005 All American Girls Game as the West played to a 80-64 victory over the East. Courtney Paris (Oklahoma) earned the title of MVP as she was a key contributor to the win with 16 points and a 20-5 run with back-to-back baskets. The East's Marissa Coleman, who committed to Maryland, was the leading scorer with 19 points. Carrem Gay also added 12 points for the East as Ashley Paris, Courtney's twin sister, added eight points and eight rebounds for the West.

The Game raised \$300,000 for Ronald McDonald House Charities of South Bend and Northern Indiana.

### **Oklahoma City, OK, 2004**

Several soon-to-be NBA rookies played their final high school basketball game at Oklahoma City's Ford Center for the 2004 Game. However, with former All American and Denver Nugget star Carmelo Anthony sitting courtside, the evening belonged to current NBA rookie J.R. Smith (New Orleans Hornets). Smith scored 25 points to lead the East to a 126-96 win against the West. Smith's performance was somewhat overshadowed by his NBA prospect teammates. The eventual number one pick in the NBA Draft, Dwight Howard (Orlando Magic), scored 19 points. Howard and Smith were named co-MVPs. DeMarcus Nelson (Duke) led the West with 22 points.

Earlier in the day, slam dunk winner, Candace Parker (Tennessee) led the West with 19 points and 10 rebounds in a losing effort as the East dominated in a 91-66 victory. Alexis Hornbuckle (Tennessee) scored a record 22 points for the East and was named MVP of the Game as she broke the scoring record previously held by Shanna Zolman (Tennessee) and Ann Strother (Connecticut) at 21 points. The East pulled away with the help of Wanisha Smith (Duke), who scored 10 of her 15 points during a 15-2 run with seven minutes to play. Eleven different girls scored for the East in the first half.

Approximately \$300,000 was raised for RMHC of Oklahoma City and RMHC of Tulsa.

### **Cleveland, OH, 2003**

One of the most talented groups in All American history put on a show at Cleveland's Gund Arena. Many of the record-setting crowd of 18,728 came to see local hero LeBron James (Cleveland Cavaliers) play his last high school game in the state of Ohio. Game MVP James didn't disappoint, leading all scorers with 27 points while grabbing seven rebounds and dishing out seven assists as the East defeated the West 122-107. James and the East squad took control of the game early and refused to let the West back in the game. Chris Paul (New Orleans Hornets) had a game high 10 assists and Charlie Villanueva (Toronto Raptors) scored 17 points and had some spectacular dunks for the East. Shannon Brown (Michigan State) scored 23 points and Leon Powe (California) had a game high 12 rebounds and scored 15 points to pace the West.

Earlier in the day, the second annual Girls Game tipped off at the Gund. For the second straight year, the West dominated the East winning 92-72. Game MVP Katie Gerald (Purdue) led the all scorers with 17 points, four assists and three rebounds for the West. Erin Lawless (Purdue) also contributed 16 points for the West. The East was lead by sharpshooter Ivory Latta (North Carolina) and Cori Chambers (Georgia) who had 12 points each.

Approximately \$300,000 was raised for RMHC of Northeastern Ohio.

### **New York, NY, 2002**

Historic Madison Square Garden was the site for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary Boys Game and the inaugural Girls Game. Home to the NBA New York Knicks and the WNBA New York Liberty, the 2002 McDonald's All American Teams only added to the rich tradition of this historic basketball mecca. The Inaugural Girls Game was one for the record books as the West defeated the East 94-85 behind co-MVP Ann Strother (Connecticut) and her 21 points. Co-MVP Shanna Zolman (Tennessee) contributed 21 points, seven steals and five assists for the East.

In the second game of the night, the boys celebrated 25 years of basketball excellence in a high scoring affair as the East overpowered the West 138-107. Game MVP, JJ Redick (Duke) of the East team poured in 26 points, while converting on five of six of his three point attempts. Rashad McCants (Minnesota Timberwolves) and Carmelo Anthony (Denver Nuggets) also contributed to the East victory by scoring 22 points and 19 points respectively. The West team was paced by Bracey Wright (Minnesota Timberwolves) who scored 16 points and pulled down 11 rebounds and Dee Brown (Illinois) who dished out eight assists to go along with four steals.

Approximately \$175,000 was raised for RMHC of New York and RMHC of Hudson Valley Greater New Jersey.

### **Durham, NC, 2001**

The 2001 team put on an all-star performance at Duke University's Cameron Indoor Stadium. The Game featured a fourth quarter West team comeback to win the Game, 131-125. Top-scorer Eddy Curry (New York Knicks) was named Game MVP and helped lead his team to victory with 28 points and eight rebounds. Teammates Kelvin Torbert (Michigan State) and David Lee (New York Knicks) each contributed 21 points. Leading the East with 25 points and seven rebounds was Dajuan Wagner. Team member James White (Cincinnati) scored 19 points, Kwame Brown (Los Angeles Lakers) and Julius Hodge (Denver Nuggets) each finished

the game with 17 points. The West and East are now neck-and-neck, both with 12 wins, just in time for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary Game.

Approximately \$465,000 was raised for RMHC of North Carolina.

### **Boston, MA, 2000**

Facing a sellout crowd of 18,624 at the FleetCenter in Boston and a live primetime national television audience, the 2000 team put on quite a show as the West defeated the East 146-120. Game MVP Zach Randolph (Portland Trailblazers) helped contribute to the West's win by posting 23 points and 15 rebounds. Teammate DeShawn Stevenson (Orlando Magic) had an equally impressive night with 25 points – the highest for the night. While the East team was not able to pull off a victory, they still had quite a successful night. Andre Barrett had 12 assists, the second highest in Game history – beating out Brett Nelson's 11 assists from the 1999 Game. Additionally, Darius Rice scored 24 points for the night.

Approximately \$250,000 was raised for RMHC of Eastern New England.

### **Ames, IA, 1999**

At the Hilton Coliseum on the campus of Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, the 1999 team displayed their talents in a record-breaking game before a crowd of more than 10,000. The West defeated the East in the highest-scoring Game in its 22-year history – 141-128. Jonathan Bender (Indiana Pacers) broke the record for the most points scored in a Game, hitting 31 points and beating Michael Jordan's 1981 Game high of 30 points. Bender also posted 10 rebounds, giving him the MVP honors of the Game. Carlos Boozer (Utah Jazz) and Casey Jacobsen also helped contribute to the West win by posting 22 points each. Brett Nelson added to the superior West team performance by tying the Game's second-highest assist record with 11. The Game was broadcast live on ESPN for the second consecutive year.

Approximately \$75,000 was raised for RMHC of Central Iowa.

### **Norfolk, VA, 1998**

The 21<sup>st</sup> Game took place before a sold-out crowd of 10,000-plus at the SCOPE Arena in Norfolk, Va., where the East defeated the West 128-112. Ronald Curry, the hometown hero, was the MVP after posting 19 points and 13 rebounds. East teammate Jason Capel contributed 22 points. Sharing West team high honors with 19 points each were Quentin Richardson (New York Knicks) and JaRon Rush. The Game, which was colored by slam dunks and no-look passes, was televised live on ESPN for the first time. Overall, the East leads the West with 12 wins to the West's nine.

Approximately \$50,000 was raised for RMHC of Norfolk, Va.

### **Colorado Springs, CO, 1997**

Celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Game at the United States Air Force Academy's Clune Arena in Colorado Springs before an energetic crowd, the East defeated the West 94-81. Elton Brand (Los Angeles Clippers) led the victorious East squad with 16 points and nine rebounds, while Dion Glover hit 15 points in only 17 minutes of action. MVP Kenny Gregory led his West teammates with 18 points and dazzled the crowd with several creative slam-dunks. West teammate Larry Hughes (Cleveland Cavaliers) contributed 17 points and a team

high nine rebounds. Leading all players, Lamar Odom (Los Angeles Lakers) brought in 11 rebounds.

From 1978-97 approximately \$2,000,000 was raised for RMHC through the McDonald's All American High School Basketball Game.

### **Pittsburgh, PA, 1996**

Before an enthusiastic Civic Arena crowd of 13,411, MVP Shaheen Holloway led the East to a 120-105 victory in this fast-paced, high-flying competition. Holloway (seven points, eight assists, six steals) brought the crowd to its feet with a fast-break, between-the-legs bounce pass to Vassil Evtimov (14 points, 11 rebounds) who capped off the play with one of the game's 27 thunderous dunks. Winfred Walton came off the bench to pace the West with 21 points and seven rebounds and Corey Benjamin added 17 points.

Stephen Jackson (Indiana Pacers) led the East in scoring with 21 points on eight of 10 shooting while Kobe Bryant (Los Angeles Lakers) added 13 points and three assists.

### **St. Louis, MO, 1995**

MVP Kevin Garnett (Minnesota Timberwolves) displayed his enormous talent before a record crowd of 16,201 enthusiastic fans, leading the West to a 125-115 victory. The 6-foot-10 forward finished with 18 points and 11 rebounds. Garnett garnered support from Paul Pierce (Boston Celtics), who put up a game-high of 28 points, one of eight players in double digits for the West. The East was paced by Ron Mercer, who contributed 19 points.

### **New York, NY, 1994**

Before a sell-out crowd of 6,008, MVP Felipe Lopez of New York City scored 24 points and Zendon Hamilton of Long Island scored 15 points as they led the East to a thrilling 112-110 victory at St. John's University. For the West, Jerod Ward led a balanced scoring attack with 23 points. Antoine Walker (Miami Heat) pitched in 18 points and Trajan Langdon, the first McDonald's All American™ from Alaska, scored 13. Three vicious dunks by Andrae Patterson helped the West cut a 13-point deficit in the final three minutes.

### **Memphis, TN, 1993**

A sell-out crowd of 10,225 watched high-flying Jerry Stackhouse (Dallas Mavericks) score 27 points to capture co-MVP honors with Jacque Vaughn (New Jersey Nets), who passed his way to an All American record with 13 assists. Stackhouse's East squad won the game, 105-95, as Keith Booth scored 15 points and Dontonio Wingfield added 13 points. Charles O'Bannon and Darnell Robinson led the West with 19 points each.

### **Atlanta, GA, 1992**

Before an Easter Sunday crowd in Georgia Tech's Alexander Memorial Coliseum, MVP Othella Harrington (Chicago Bulls) totaled 19 points and 21 rebounds to lead the West to a 100-85 victory. Teammates Corliss Williamson (Sacramento Kings) and Jason Kidd (New Jersey Nets) contributed 14 points and 10 rebounds; and 12 points, 6 assists, respectively. Big guns for the East included Carlos Strong with 19 points and Tony Delk (Atlanta Hawks) who poured in 15.

### **Springfield, MA, 1991**

After Springfield's own Travis Best hit the game-tying three-pointer for the East with 22 seconds remaining, the West's Chris Webber (Philadelphia Sixers) slammed home the decisive deuce in a thrilling 108-106 victory. Webber, co-MVP along with the East's Rick Brunson (Seattle Supersonics) scored 28 points (20 points from dunks) and pulled down 12 rebounds. Glenn Robinson added 20 points and eight rebounds to the winning effort. Brunson's 19 points, seven boards and six assists weren't enough for the losing East team. The Game was played in the sold-out Civic Arena in Springfield, the birthplace of basketball, as part of the sport's centennial celebration.

### **Indianapolis, IN, 1990**

East teammates Khalid Reeves and Clifford Rozier, each with 22 points, sparked a late rally that broke open what had been a close game and paced the East to a 115-104 victory. With his team nursing a two-point lead with just over three minutes left, Reeves scored nine straight points in a 1:18 span to ensure victory. Reeves, who also nabbed a record 10 steals, was named co-MVP with the West's Shawn Bradley, who scored 12 points, grabbed 10 boards and blocked six shots. East guard Adrian Autry contributed 11 assists.

### **Kansas City, MO, 1989**

Shaquille O'Neal (Miami Heat) had 18 points, 16 rebounds and six blocks to lead the West to a 112-103 victory, snapping the East's four-game winning streak. O'Neal shared MVP honors with the East's Bobby Hurley, who dished out 10 assists.

### **Albuquerque, NM, 1988**

Alonzo Mourning (Miami Heat) scored 16 points and Billy Owens grabbed 14 rebounds as the East made it four straight wins, 105-99 at The Pit on the campus of the University of New Mexico. Mourning and Owens shared the Wooden MVP Award.

### **Philadelphia, PA, 1987**

The Game celebrated its 10th anniversary in The Spectrum, site of the inaugural contest. Brian Shorter poured in 24 points in a 118-110 East triumph, but East teammate Mark Macon (14 points) was voted MVP. Marcus Liberty (18 points) and Larry Johnson led the losing West team.

### **Detroit, MI, 1986**

More than 15,500 fans descended on Joe Louis Arena as MVP J.R. Reid rallied the East from a 12-point deficit to a 104-101 win. The East team ran up 34 fourth-quarter points. Reid scored 23 points and was joined by Rumeal Robinson (19 points) and Steve Hood (16 points). Terry Mills led the West with 20; Derrick Coleman added 16 points and grabbed 15 rebounds.

### **Dallas, TX, 1985**

Moody Coliseum at SMU was sold out as Walker Lambiotte hit for 24 in a 128-98 East romp. Lambiotte drained his first seven shots and went 10-for-12 from the field in his MVP performance. Danny Ferry and Terry Dozier backed Lambiotte with 17 points apiece. Tito Horford and Lowell Hamilton paced the losing West team with 13 points each.

### **Los Angeles, CA, 1984**

The Game took place in the house that John Wooden built – UCLA's Pauley Pavilion. John Williams lit it up for the victorious West, with 27 points and 16 rebounds in a 131-106 final.

Williams received support from Indiana co-Mr. Basketballs Troy Lewis (18 points) and Delray Brooks (16 points).

### **Atlanta, GA, 1983**

In the Game's final eight seconds, the West came from behind to win 115-113. An Omni crowd of 15,000 saw Winston Bennett hit 21 points and Pearl Washington (11 points, eight assists) share MVP honors. James Blackmon helped the winners with 21 points, while Tom Sheehey added 22 points for the East.

### **Chicago, IL, 1982**

A crowd of 15,836 packed the Rosemont Horizon to witness a 103-84 West blowout victory. The West's Efreem Winters rocked the hometown fans with 19 points in an MVP performance. Only teammate Kenny Walker, with 20, outscored Winters. Dell Curry poured in 20 points for the East and teammate Billy Thompson added 15 points.

### **Wichita, KS, 1981**

With 11 seconds remaining, Michael Jordan hit both ends of a one-and-one to lead the underdog East team to a 96-95 thrilling victory. Jordan's 30 points, a record held for 18 years (broken by Jonathan Bender of the Indiana Pacers in 1999 with 31 points), wasn't enough to capture the MVP award, which was shared by the East's Adrian Branch (24 points) and the West's Aubrey Sherrod (19 points).

### **Oakland, CA, 1980**

Bay area fans witnessed a 135-111 West victory at the Oakland Coliseum, as Russell Cross scored 20 points to earn the Wooden Award. Doc Rivers also scored 20 points for the West. Sam Perkins added 12 points and grabbed a still-existing record 24 rebounds for the East.

### **Charlotte, NC, 1979**

Arguably the best senior class of all-time, the 1979 All American Game included: Ralph Sampson, Dominique Wilkins, Isiah Thomas, James Worthy, John Paxson and Byron Scott. Thomas and Paxson paced the East to a 106-105 overtime victory, scoring 19 and 14 points, respectively. Darren Daye's 22 points earned him MVP honors for the losing West.

### **Philadelphia, PA, 1978**

The first McDonald's All American Game took place at The Spectrum. Rudy Woods pulled down 16 rebounds to pace the West's 94-86 triumph and was named the first Wooden Award winner. Mark Aguirre scored 17 points for the West and Daryl Mitchell poured in a game-high 20 points for the losing East.

### **First McDonald's Team Named, 1977**

In 1977, the first McDonald's All American Team was named. Headlining the squad were future NBA stars Earvin "Magic" Johnson, Albert King and Gene Banks. The Team participated in the Capital Classic in Washington, D.C. against an all-star team from the Washington - Maryland - Virginia area.

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