

2008 President's Day Elite Invitational – 12U Event Recap



**NHBGC Blazers (CT) – (New Haven Boys & Girls Club)
2008 President's Day Elite Invitational 12U Champions**

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Sunday was a big day for eventual 12U Champions NHBGC Blazers as they dominated the President's Day Elite Invitational. The 6th grade all-star team from New Haven, CT had tremendous team speed and unlimited energy all weekend beating Trumbull Gardens (CT), NY Dream Team (NY), and the McGivney Center (CT).

The NHBGC Blazers won the 12U Championship Game with a score of 72-56 over the McGivney Center. NHBGC Blazers were led by Tournament MVP JG Moore with 17 Points in the Championship game win over the McGivney Center. Moore (pictured below) was very strong getting into the lane and finishing at the basket. He also showed a nice jump shot from the perimeter as he seemed to toy with the defense and was very confident and aggressive each time he touched the basketball. With earning the MVP honors, Moore was received a FREE invitation to the Spring adidas Phenom Basketball Camp on March 21-22 @ Sacred Heart University where he will be evaluated for a chance to earn an invitation to the National adidas Phenom Basketball Camp in San Diego, CA.

Other standouts for NHBGC were Justin McClendon who finished with 15 pts in the Championship game. McClendon is very quick and showed his speed through out the game by blowing by defenders and either finishing or dishing to teammates. McClendon is a very good ball handler and often pushed the ball up the floor before the defense could get back. Corey Barrett played very strong, finishing with 13 points, 8 rebounds, and 6 assists. Barrett spent most of the game penetrating into the lane and setting teammates up in scoring position.

Other contributions from Davis with 11 pts, Suggs with 8 pts, Walton with 5 pts, and Taylor with 3 pts.



Justin McClendon 12U Co-Tournament MVP



Corey Barrett



Je'vaughn Moore – 12U Co-Tournament MVP

The McGivney Center stayed in the game until about 4 minutes left when NHBC pulled away. The McGivney Center showed good outside shooting and toughness on the boards for the majority of the Championship Game. They were led by Jabari Deer's 19 points including five-3 pointers. Jones finished with 14 points, Cooper with 9 pts, and Langston with 8 pts.