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Stars coming out Saturday for basketball games at MCC

Boys basketball state Player of the Year Casey Benson will be the featured attraction Saturday at 6:15 p.m. when the Arizona Basketball Coaches Association boys underclassmen all-star game will be played at Mesa Community College.

Benson, who steered Tempe Corona del Sol to a second consecutive Division I title as a junior point guard, is part of a loaded 2014 class that includes Mesa Mountain View center Payton Dastrup, Gilbert Highland guard Jake Toolson, Scottsdale Desert Mountain point guard Rolando Rhymes and Phoenix Pinnacle guard Dorian Pickens.

There will be three boys all-star games played Saturday at MCC, starting with the Divisions III and IV seniors game at 3:30. There will be dunk and 3-point shooting contests at 5 p.m., before the boys underclassmen game is played. After that game will be the Divisions I and II seniors all-star game at 7:45.

All-Arizona swingman Paul Watson, who led Paradise Valley to the Division II championship, will highlight the D.I-II seniors all-star game. Former Desert Mountain coach Todd Fazio, now at Mesa Red Mountain, will be coaching the seniors North team, along with Paradise Valley's Mark MacGowan.

Phoenix Sunnyslope's Ray Portela and Dan Mannix will lead the South.

Two-time Coach of the Year Sam Duane Jr., of Corona del Sol, will lead the East underclassmen against the West, which will be

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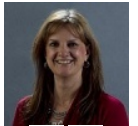
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coached by Gilbert Christian's Jerome Joseph.

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Joining Benson on the East squad are Corona del Sol's Cassius Peat, Gilbert Highland's Jake Toolson, Mesa Mountain View's Payton Dastrup, Chandler Valley Christian's Brandon Haagsma, Chandler Seton's Jake Rueter, Safford's Jordan Davis, Florence's Gavin Wood, Laveen Cesar Chavez's Pablo Rivas, Phoenix Cortez's Devon Macbeth, Scottsdale Christian's Connor Segneri and Phoenix Country Day's Andrew Ekmark.

On the West are Tucson Catalina Foothills' Chaz Mack, Sunnyslope's Michael Humphrey, Pinnacle's Dorian Pickens, Mesa Dobson's Kodi Justice, Gilbert Christian's Sam Jones, Catalina Foothills' Austin Nehls, Desert Mountain's Rolando Rhymes, Tucson Salpointe's Cameron Denson, Kearny Ray's Quentin Camacho, Duncan's Cale Merrell, Phoenix Shadow Mountain's Carlos Johnson, Gilbert Christian's Roberto Reyes.

The D.I-II North seniors:

Watson, Corona del Sol's Bryan Siefker, Tempe Marcos de Niza's Richaud Gittens, Desert Mountain's Diego Magana, Red Mountain's Travis Meeker, Mesa's D.J. Henderson, Gilbert's Connor Helvig, Sierra Vista Buena's Rashawn Avery, Avondale Agua Fria's Isaiah Lopez, Seton's Sam Engelbert.

D.I-II South seniors:

Sunnyslope's Isaiah Cota, Dobson's Jaron Hopkins, Phoenix Mountain Pointe's Khari Holloway, Phoenix Sierra Linda's Edgar Sarmiento, Sierra Linda's Damian Mendoza, Phoenix Greenway's Chris Miller, Poston Butte's Jalen Richard, Cesar Chavez's Will Holt, Shadow Mountain's Keegan Hansen, Phoenix Sandra Day O'Connor's Deshawn Miller.

D.III-IV North:

Sanders Valley's Corey Quigley, Thatcher's Nick Orr and Jacob Drage, Winslow's Michael Goldtooth, Florence's Jeremy Verhagen, Gilbert Christian's Dylan Bliss, Coolidge's Elliot Kisto, Phoenix Country Day's Alex Sylvester, Safford's Jalen Higgins, Scottsdale Christian's Clay Crookham. Coaches: Doug Meyer, Arizona Lutheran; Greg Haagsma, Valley Christian.

D.III-V South:

Cortez's Jorrell Smith, Glendale Joy Christian's Jeremiah April, Fort Defiance Window Rock's Kyler Ashley, Snowflake's Reggie Peterson, Phoenix Christian's Nick Johnson, Ray's Erik Goodwin, Snowflake's Chase Walden, Winkelman Hayden's Adrian Ochoa, Duncan's Camren Corona, St. David's Shane Bradford. Coaches: Scott Brown, Joy Christian; Tarik James, Cortez.

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